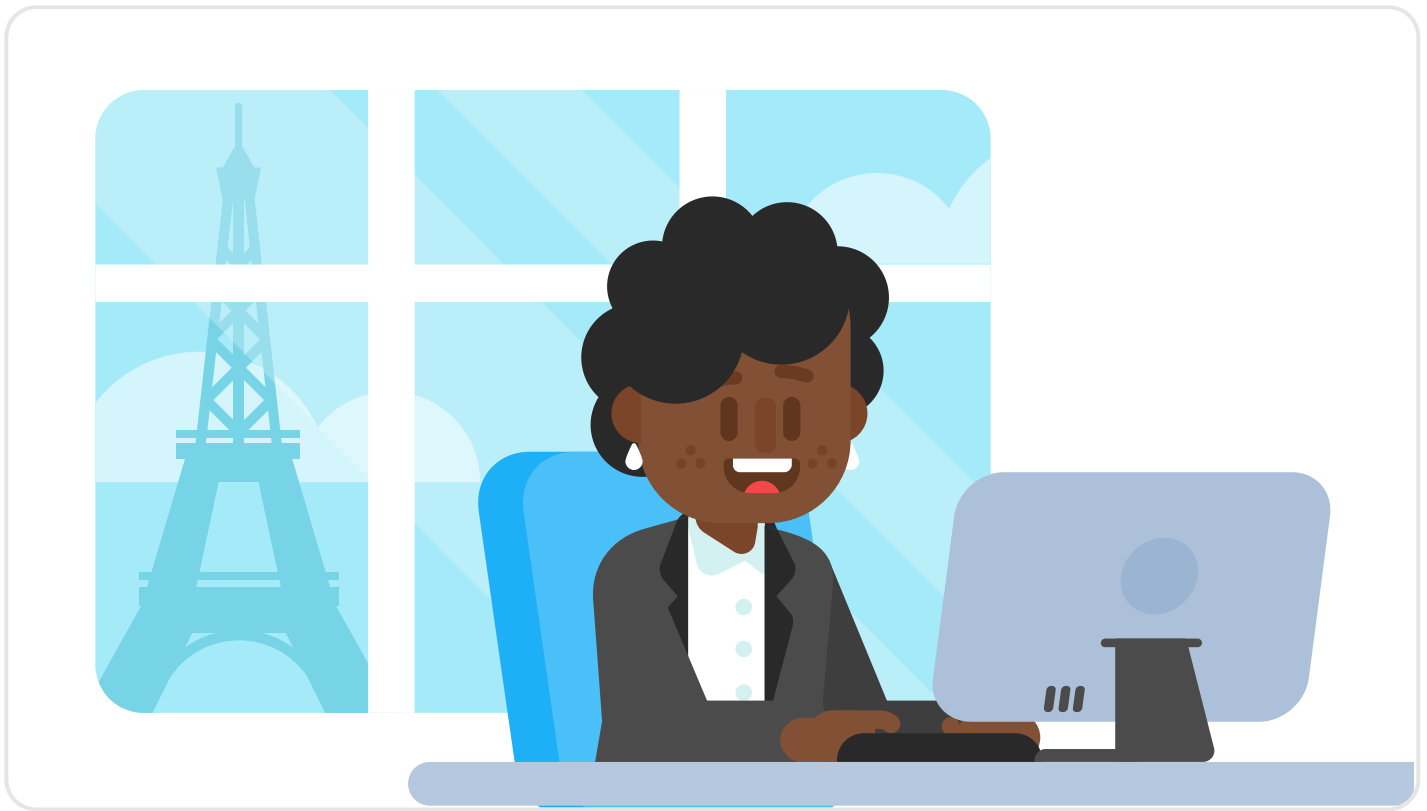



Welcome and bienvenue!



 Salut !

Hi!

Did you know? French is an official language in 29 different countries! Let's get started with the basics. Welcome and **bienvenue** to the French course.

French sounds

A lot of French sounds are similar to English ones! Let's look at some vowels.

a

chat, salut (as in "father")

je



je (as in "petition")

i

nuit, pizza (as in "Lisa")

o

homme, gros (as in "or")

To practice the French **u**, round your lips (pucker up, buttercup!) and say **ee**.

u

tu, salut (say "ee" while puckering your lips)

Gender

In French, all nouns are either masculine or feminine. Masculine nouns use **un**, and feminine nouns use **une**.

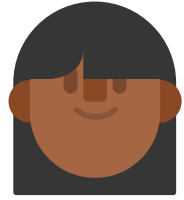


un garçon





 **une** fille
a girl



 **un** homme
a man

 **une** femme
a woman

 **un** chien
a dog

 **une** pizza
a pizza

I think, therefore...

In English, we say **I am** but **you are**. In French, you do the same thing!

subject	verb (être)
je i	suis am
tu you	es are



Je **suis** un garçon.

I am a boy.