

Unit Objective:

To remember and recall from memory 10 action verbs in French and put them into positive and negative sentences.

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Recognise, remember and spell 10 action verbs in French.
- Use these verbs in the infinitive to form positive and negative sentence structures with 'je peux' (I am able) and 'je ne peux pas' (I am not able).
- Attempt to combine positive and negative sentence structures to form longer and more complex sentences using the conjunctions 'et' (and) & 'mais' (but).

Skills we will develop:

We will work on improving our memory skills using imagery, sound, or mime so that we remember the new vocabulary in French after the lesson. Using a greater variety of high frequency verbs whilst learning to expand, looking up other similar action verbs not covered in the lesson using the English to French section of a dictionary. Learning how to build sentences in French using the 1st person conjugated verb je peux (I am able) or je ne peux pas (I am not able), using pictures to help. Extra challenge of attempting to extend sentences with the conjunctions et (and) & mais (but) in French.

Activities we will complete:

Simple reading, listening and written tasks to help learn and remember the new vocabulary. There will be more focus on remembering the spellings of the action verbs with more accuracy with a choice of written tasks and general desk-based activities. The final task will be to say/write what activities we are able, and not able to do, with conjunctions for more able pupils.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

Ten different high frequency action verbs linked to common activities. First person conjugation of the modal verb pouvoir (to be able), in the positive and negative plus ten common infinitive verbs. All listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.

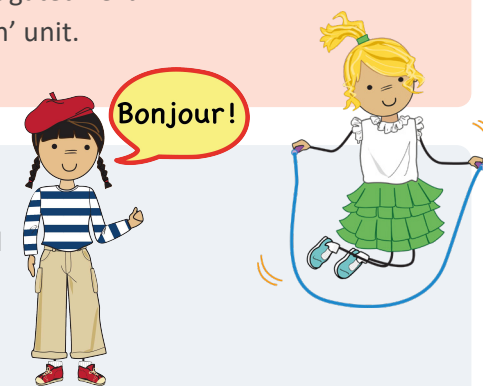
It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from 'Phonics & Pronunciation' lesson 1.
- Language introduced from units like 'Animals', 'Instruments', 'Fruits' and 'Vegetables' and in particular 'je plus conjugated verb'.
- Vocabulary from the 'I Am Learning French' unit.
- What a verb is in English.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: CH OU ON OI

- CH sound in chanter.
- OU sound in jouer d'un instrument.
- Silent letters. 'X' is one of the 6 most commonly silent consonants in French. The "x" in *peux* is therefore not pronounced.
- Nasal sounds. Starting to explore the four French nasal sounds (on, un, in, and an). This sound does not exist in English and is made through the nose not the mouth! Words like *danser* and *chanter*.



Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Modal verb plus infinitive. Learning that je peux (that comes from the modal verb pouvoir and translates as 'I am able') is ALWAYS followed by a verb in its infinitive form in French.

The negative sentence structure in French follows the rule of ne plus the conjugated MODAL verb, *peux*, plus *pas*, and finally followed by the INFINITIVE verb.