



Unit Objective:

To apply knowledge of key questions, adjectival agreement, conjunctions and intensifiers in French.

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

- Name and label a map of the Solar System in French.
- Apply the rules of adjectival agreement to describe the Solar System in French.
- Use conjunctions and intensifiers to extend descriptions of the Solar System.
- Ask key questions in French in order to conduct an interview with an astronaut.
- Answer the questions in French in order to present themselves as an astronaut.

It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from 'Phonics & Pronunciation' lessons 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- Language introduced from Early Language and Intermediate units such as 'Presenting Myself', 'My Home', and 'Clothes'.
- What an adjective is in English.
- Basic adjectival agreement rules in French from Intermediate units like 'Je me présente' and 'Les vêtements'.

Skills we will develop:

To be able to say and write with improved accuracy short phrases describing the Solar System in the foreign language. Starting to pay more attention to the changes involved in adjectival agreement and applying these rules when using adjectives in different topics and with different language.

Activities we will complete:

The unit starts with the nouns for 10 key elements of the Solar System and quickly moves to longer phrases describing these nouns. There will be plenty of activities in all 4 skills to help understand better the rules connected to adjectival agreement in French and to allow for the development of more complex sentences using conjunctions and intensifiers. Role-play task conducting an interview in French between an astrophysicist and an astronaut.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Adjectival agreement. Further work explaining and consolidating how adjectives can (and often do) change spelling in French depending if the noun they are describing is masculine or feminine.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: QU Ç GNE EN AN

- QU sound in quel & pourquoi
- AN sound in grand(e)
- EN sound in combien
- Silent letters. The 's' is not pronounced in planètes, and the 't' is not pronounced in et. These two consonants are often silent when seen at the ends of words in French.
- Guttural 'R'. Becoming more familiar with the French 'r' sound as seen in Uranus, Terre, Mercury, Saturne, Jupiter, Mars and rouge. Made from the back of the mouth, not the front.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

The nouns for the 10 key elements of the Solar System with a range of appropriate adjectives to describe them, as well as a new set of adjectives to describe qualities/character of the astronauts. All listed on the Unit Glossary.

