**Spice up your writing and speaking in French**

**Linking words / connectives**

**et** *and*

**mais** *but*

**quand** *when*

**ou** *or*

**qui** *who,which*

**parce que/ car** *because*

**puisque** *as,since*

**cependant** *however*

**néanmoins** *nevertheless*

**puis** *then*

**si** *if*

**donc** *therefore*

**où** *where*

**par conséquent** *as a result*

**alors** *then/ so /at that time*

**tandis que** *whereas*

**par contre** *on the other* *hand*

**d’’un côté** *on one hand*

**de l’autre côté** *on the other**hand*

**Expressing opinions**

 **C’était-***it was* **/ C’est-***it is* **/ Ce sera-***it will be*

**Positive Negative**

**chouette** *great* **affreux (euse)** *horrible*

**super** *super* **ennuyeux (euse) *b****oring*

**amusant (e)** *funny* **nul (le)** *rubbish*

**intéressant (e)** *interesting* **dégoûtant (e)** *disgusting*

**pratique** *practical* **difficile** *difficult*

**fantastique** *fantastic* **dangereux (euse)** *dangerous*

**parfait (e)** *perfect* **mauvais (e)** *bad*

**passionnant (e)** *fascinating* **effrayant (e)** *scary*

**délicieux (euse)** *delicious* **bête** *silly*

**sympa *n****ice*  **une perte de temps** *waste of time*

**bien** *good* **laid (e)** *ugly*

**fabuleux (euse)** *fabulous* **impoli (e)** *rude*

**excellent (e)** *excellent* **désastreux (euse)** *desastrous* **relaxant (e)** *relaxing*

 **So-so**

 **assez+adj** *quite+adj*

 **pas mal** *not bad*

 **rien de spécial** *nothing special*

 **ordinaire** *ordinary*

**Time expressions**

l**e matin** *in the morning*

**l’après-midi** *in the afternoon*

**le soir** *in the evening*

**la nuit** *at night*

**le lundi** *on Monday(s)*

**lundi dernier** *last Monday*

**lundi prochain** *next Monday*

**le week-end** *the week-end*

**le week-end prochain** *next week-end*

**le week-end dernier** *last week-end*

**en été** *in summer*

**en automne** *in autumn*

**en hiver** *in winter*

**au printemps** *in spring*

**l’année dernière** *last year(past)*

**le mois dernier** *last month(past)*

**la semaine dernière** *l ast week*

**hier** *yesterday*

**il y a deux jours** *2 days ago*

**le lendemain** *the day after*

**après-demain** *day after tomorrow*

**demain** *tomorrow*

**dans deux jours** *in 2 days(time)*

**la semaine prochaine** *next week*

**le mois prochain** *next month*

**l’année prochaine** *next year*

**maintenant** *now*

**aujourd’hui** *today*

**plus tard** *later*

**à huit heures** *at 8 o’clock*

**Where**

**en + feminine country**

en France, en Angleterre

**au + masculine country**

au Japon, au Portugal,

 au Brésil, au Pays de Galles,

au Maroc, au Canada

**aux + plural name of country**

aux Ėtats-Unis, aux Canaries

**à + islands, cities**

à Paris, à Loughton, à Chypre

**au/à la/ à l’/aux + places in town**

au café, à la piscine, à l’hôtel,

 aux toilettes

**chez + name**

***chez John*** *= at John’s house*

**chez moi =** *at**my house*

##### Opinions

 J’adore

 J’aime beaucoup

 J’aime bien

 J’aime + le/la/les/l’

 J’aime assez or

 Je n’aime pas beaucoup + **infinitive**

 Je n’aime pas

 Je n’aime pas du tout

 Je déteste

I prefer je préfère

I would prefer je préférerais

I would have preferred j’aurais préféré

**Adverbs**

**malheureusement** *unfortunately*

**heureusement** *fortunately*

**d’abord** *firstly*

**normalement** *normally*

**généralement** *generally*

**de temps en temps** *from time to time*

**souvent** *often*

**finalement** *finally*

**Interjections**

**Quelle surprise!** *W*hat a surprise !

**Quelle horreur!** How awful !

**Quel désastre!** What a disaster !

**Quel dommage !** What a shame !

**Quelle galère !** What bad luck !

**Quelle joie !** What joy !

**The negative**

Goes around the verb

**ne/n’…..pas** *not*

**ne….. aucun** *not any/not one*

**ne…..guère** *hardly*

**ne…. jamais** *never*

**ne…..nulle part** *nowhere*

**ne …personne** *nobody*

**ne…..plus** *no more/no longer*

**ne…..que** *only*

**ne…..rien** *nothing, not anything*

**ne….pas encore** *not yet*

**ne…ni…ni…** *neither nor*

**Give your opinion and justify it**

**je pense que** I think that

**je crois que** I believe that

**à mon avis** in my opinion

**selon moi** in my opinion + **parce que / car….**

**je trouve que** I find that

**j’ai trouvé que** I found that

**j’ai pensé que** I thought that

 **Intensifiers - put one of these words in front of your adjectives**

**vraiment** *really* **trop** *too*

**incroyablement *u****nbelievably* **très** *very*

**assez** *quite* **tout à fait**  *completely*

 **un peu** *a bit*

**After having done something**

Use PP of the verb

**après avoir regardé =** *after watching*

**après avoir fini =** *after finishing*

**après avoir attendu =** *after waiting*

**après être allé(e)(s)(es) =** *after going*

**après être sorti(e)(s)(es) =** *after going out*

**après être rentré(e)(s)(es) =** *after coming home*

**après m’être habillé(e)(s)(es)***=*

 *after getting dressed*

**après m’être lavé(e)(s)(es) =** *after having a wash*

**Qui / Que**

**Qui = who / which / that**

 **is followed by a verb**

J’ai un frère **qui** est serveur =

 *I have a brother* ***who*** *is a waiter*

**Que = whom / which / that**

**is followed by a noun / pronoun and a verb**

 Le garçon **que** je préfère s’appelle Ben =

 *The boy that I prefer is Ben*

**While / by doing something**

**en jouant** *while playing*

**en mangeant** *while eating*

**en faisant** *while doing*

**en allant** *while going*

**en visitant** *while visiting*

**en regardant** *while watching*

**en buvant** *while drinking*

**en bavardant** *while chatting*

**en prenant** *while taking*

**en travaillant** *while writing*

**en voyageant** *while travelling*

**en lisant** *while reading*

**If and conditional tense Si j’avais + pp, j’aurais +pp**

 ***= If I had… I would have***

**Si j’avais su…………… .. j’aurais été**…= *If I had known, ….....I would have been*

**Si j’avais commencé …. .. j’aurais pu …**= *If I had started …… I would have been able to*

**Si j’avais pu …………….. j’aurais eu …=** *If I had been able…..I would have had*

**Si j’avais vu ……………..j’aurais dit**…..= *If I had seen ………I would have said*

**Remember to include the present, past and future tenses into your writing and speaking How about trying to get in the imperfect and the conditional too?**

**Superlative (the best, the worst, the biggest)**

**Just add the correct definite article (le, la, les) in front of plus or moins + adjective**

**le plus grand** sac: *the biggest bag*

**la plus grande fille** : *the tallest girl*

**les** **matières les plus intéressantes :** *the most interesting subjects*

**Comparative (bigger, smaller, more expensive than)**

**plus …que =** *more …than -* **je suis plus grand(e) que toi =** *I am bigger than you*

**moins …que =** *less … than -* ***e*lle est moins grande que moi** *= she is less tall than me*

**aussi …que =** *as…as-* **nous sommes aussi grand(e)s que notre père** = *we are as tall as our dad*

***BUT*** *Good =* **bon** *better=* ***meilleur(e)*** *bad =* **mauvais(e)** *worse=* **pire**

**Adjectives**

Put adjectives **behind** your noun to make your

writing more descriptive, remember to agree it with the noun.

**moderne**  *modern*

**blanc (he*)*** *white*

**anglais (e*)*** *English*

**heureux (euse*)*** *happy*

**Remember these go in front**

**vieux (vieille)** *old*

**nouveau (nouvelle)** *new*

**grand (e)** *big*

**petit (e*)*** *small*

**beau (belle*)*** *beautiful*

**haut(e)** *high*

**bon (ne)** *good*

**mauvais(e)** *bad*

**joli(e)** *pretty*

**jeune** *young*

**Direct Object Pronouns: avoid repetitions (A grade)**

Find if the word you are refering to is **feminine**, masculine, or *plura*l and choose your pronoun : **La**, Le, *Les then*  follow the rules below

It goes in front of the verb: **Je les aime** = *I like them*

 **Je l’aime** = *I like it, I like him, I like her*

In a negative sentence it goes between ‘ne’ and the verb:

**Je ne les adore pas**= *I don’t love them* **je ne l’adore pas** = *I dont love it, him, her*

When using a verb followed by an infnitive, the pronoun goes in front of the infinitive **Je veux la manger** = *I want to eat it*

In the perfect tense it goes in front of ‘avoir’

**Je l’ai mangé(e)=** *I ate it* **je les ai vu(e)s** = *I saw them*

**I decided to**

**J’ai décidé de /d ‘ + infinifive (verb ending ER, IR, RE)**

**J’ai décidé d’aller** au cinéma = *I decided to go to the cinema*

**J’ai décidé de** jouer au volley = *I decided to play volley ball*

**Before doing something**

**avant de / d’+ infinitive form (verb ending with ER, IR, RE)**

**avant de manger =** *before eating*

**avant d’aller** *= before going*

**avant de me coucher =** before going to bed

**Y means ‘there’**

**It goes in front of the verb. Useful to avoid repetitions**

**of a name of a place already mentioned.**

**J’y vais demain**= *I go/ I am going there tomorrow*.

**J’y suis allé (e) en vacances** = *I went there on holiday*

**Je vais y aller** = *I am going to go there*

**Je n’y suis jamais allé(e)**= *I have never been there*