

# MY FRENCH ROUTINE

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## INTRODUCTION

Hey there, French learner. Bonjour and welcome to the sixth and final volume of the *My French Routine* learning series. Whether you started with the previous volumes or bought this e-book separately, I would like to start by saying thank you for buying a copy. I would also like to wish you the best of luck as you embark on a 4-week journey to brush up on the French language.

If you have started out with the earlier volumes, you will notice that this book immediately picks up where the fifth volume ended. Just as with volumes one to five, you now have in your hands a complete step-by-step learning method for you to practice your French with.

Here's how this book works.

The entirety of this book is divided into twenty lessons. You will find that it is designed for you to work on a single lesson each day, five days a week, for four weeks, with a recap lesson for the weekends.

Each daily lesson contains the following:

- One to three topics per day
- Sample dialogues recorded by native French speakers to illustrate the different grammar points
- MP3 guides for help with pronunciation
- Exercises and practice activities
- Vocabulary lists
- So much more!

The topics are carefully selected and the lessons are arranged to ensure that comprehension flows naturally. The lessons are short enough to grab your interest but still challenging enough to keep you going and make you feel a sense of progress day after day.

What makes this e-book different?

I know, I know. The market is overloaded with French language books. But what makes the *My French Routine* learning series different is the method.

### A Strong Focus on Listening

Throughout my years as a French teacher, I have always emphasized listening as a key skill that needs to be focused on. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced learner, practicing your listening skills in French is very important. But just any type of listening is not enough. I want you to have audio materials that are specially crafted and inserted in all the right places to help boost your learning. These are embedded into the material itself.

Unlike all the other audio books you can find on the market, the listening exercises that I included in this book have been merged with the daily lessons in order to fully maximize your comprehension. As part of the lessons, you can listen to and follow along with French conversations that illustrate the grammar topics, as well as practice your pronunciation of the vocabulary. The audio material is narrated by native French speakers and recorded for you to easily follow along with.

## Create a Learning Habit

Learning French is no walk in the park. It requires you to sustain a certain level of enthusiasm and commitment. French learners know that some days are harder than others, and some moments your motivation is so low that you feel as if you cannot go any further.

How do you remedy this? Break the tasks into small, daily doses and build a learning habit as you go along.

This is the core concept behind all of my products at [www.talkinfrench.com](http://www.talkinfrench.com). This book, like the rest of the Talk in French resources, builds on that idea. I believe that if you spend time everyday consistently following a daily lesson, you can learn so much more and progress more quickly than if you do it irregularly. This book — plus all of the previous volumes in this series — will help you with that.

So, if you are an intermediate or advanced French learner, you are looking at the book that is ideal for your level. However, if you are a complete beginner, I suggest you begin with the previous volumes and make your way from there.

After studying the lessons in this book, you should be able to:

- Convey your ideas very clearly and have meaningful conversations in French with native speakers
- Demonstrate boosted knowledge and polished skills in the French language
- Confidently navigate different scenarios while using the French language
- Pull from an arsenal of 1500 vocabulary words for use in your daily conversations

I sincerely hope you will find this book helpful.

Bonne chance, good luck!

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# WEEK 21, DAY 1 :

## EXPRESSING LIKES AND DISLIKES

Bonjour! Here we are on the first day of an entire month of fun learning. Kudos to you for taking the first step toward learning French. Today, we will learn about two things:

- How to express likes and dislikes in French
- Vocabulary related to books and reading

Learning how to express what you like and what you dislike is important no matter what language you speak. In French, it's relatively easy, but there are many ways to express likes and dislikes. Let's take a look at the following examples:

### Listen to Track 1

- J'aime lire. — I like / love to read.
- J'aime le vin. — I like / love wine.
- J'aime beaucoup ma mère. — I love my mother very much.
- Je t'aime. — I love you.

Other ways to say you like / love something:

- j'aime (vraiment) ... — I (really) like....
- J'aime mieux... — I prefer...
- Je préfère... — I prefer...
- J'adore... — I adore / love

### Listen to Track 2

LÉA: J'aime vraiment la musique.

JEAN: Je préfère la peinture.

*LÉA: I really like music.*

*JEAN: I prefer painting.*

LÉA: J'adore le champagne.

JEAN: J'aime mieux le vin.

*LÉA: I love Champagne.*

*JEAN: I prefer wine.*

To express how you want something, just as in English, there are different ways to say it, with varied levels of politeness.

### Listen to Track 3

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|--|--|
| 1. Je veux un chocolat.                      | <i>I want a chocolate.</i>               |
| 2. Je voudrais un chocolat.                  | <i>I would like a chocolate.</i>         |
| 3. Je voudrais un chocolat, s'il vous plaît. | <i>I would like a chocolate, please.</i> |

Now, on to expressing dislike. There are also a variety of ways to express hate or dislike.

- You can negate any positive statements about liking something by using *ne... pas*.

Examples:

### Listen to Track 4

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|--|----------------------------------|
| J'aime le fromage.                             | <i>I like / love cheese.</i>     |
| Je n'aime <b>pas</b> le fromage.               | <i>I don't like cheese.</i>      |
| Je veux un chocolat.                           | <i>I want a chocolate.</i>       |
| Je <b>ne</b> veux <b>pas</b> un (de) chocolat. | <i>I don't want a chocolate.</i> |

- To express how strongly you hate something, you can say "je déteste..."

Examples:

### Listen to Track 5

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Je déteste le chocolat chaud. | <i>I strongly hate / detest hot chocolate.</i> |
| Je déteste la natation.       | <i>I strongly hate / detest swimming.</i>      |

- For a more expressive or colourful way to explain how much you loathe something, you can say "J'ai horreur de..." which literally means "I have a horror of..."

Examples:

### Listen to Track 6

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| J'ai horreur des souris!          | <i>I strongly hate / I abhor mice!</i>             |
| J'ai horreur de faire le ménage ! | <i>I strongly hate / I abhor doing house work!</i> |

## Listen to Track 7

Je déteste les poireaux, mangeons des frites !	<i>I strongly hate leeks; eat some fries!</i>
J'ai horreur des frites, je ne veux pas de frites !	<i>I abhor fries; I don't want some fries!</i>
Je n'aime pas les haricots rouges.	<i>I don't like red beans.</i>
Je ne veux pas de fruits.	<i>I don't want fruit.</i>

Now that you have learned how to express likes and dislikes, let's talk about books. Books and reading always come up in conversation at some point. Whether or not you love reading, you might want to stock up on the following vocabulary:

## Listen to Track 8

French	English
Le livre	book
la bibliothèque	library
la revue	magazine
la revue de mode	fashion magazine
le roman policier	murder mystery, detective story
le journal	newspaper
le roman	novel
la lecture	reading
le roman d'amour	romantic novel
le livre de science fiction	science fiction story/book
lire	to read
un rat de bibliothèque	book worm
le personnage	character (in a play/book)
le héros/l'héroïne	hero / heroine
le lecteur / la lectrice	reader
l'auteur (m)	author
le livre électronique	e-book or electronic book
imprimé	print
le titre	title

## Listen to Track 9

- - As-tu lu le dernier roman de J.K Rowling ?
- - Non, en ce moment je lis un roman policier.
- - Tu as une version imprimée ou un livre électronique ?
- - Je possède les deux, mais je ne me rappelle plus du titre.
  
- - *Have you read the latest novel by Rowling J.K?*
- - *No, right now I'm reading a detective story.*
- - *Do you have a print copy or an eBook?*
- - *I have both, but I do not remember the title.*

### EXERCISE:

Make links to match the sentences with their correct vocabulary words :

- a. Je possède le (I have the)
- b. Tous les matins, je lis le (Every morning, I read the)
- c. C'est un livre de (It's a book of)
- d. Harry Potter est le (Harry Potter is the)
  
- e. science-fiction (science-fiction)
- f. journal (newspaper)
- g. livre imprimé (print book)
- h. héros du livre (hero of the book)

### RÉPONSES/ ANSWERS:

## Listen to Track 10

a - g / b - f / c - e / d - h



*Additional Exercises***Listening Corner****Listen to Track 11**

*Answer the questions about the dialogue:*

Qu'est-ce que Léa aime bien et que Jean déteste? (What does *Léa really like and Jean hate?*)

- a. la sauce tomate (tomato sauce)
- b. le parmesan (parmesan)
- c. les artichauts (artichokes)
- d. les pâtes (pasta)

Qu'est-ce que Léa ne veut pas manger? (What doesn't Léa want to eat?)

- a. des frites (fries)
- b. des poireaux (leeks)
- c. des tomates (tomatoes)
- d. des pâtes (pasta)

Qu'est-ce que voudrait Jean pour ses pâtes? (What would Jean like for his pasta?)

- a. du fromage (cheese)
- b. des artichauts (artichokes)
- c. de la sauce tomate (tomato sauce)
- d. du parmesan (parmesan)

**Réponses/ Answers:**

*c - a - d*

**Transcription**

LÉA: J'aime bien les artichauts.

JEAN: Ah non ! Je ne veux pas d'artichauts, je déteste les artichauts !

LÉA: C'est d'accord, mais alors on ne mange pas de frites, je déteste les frites !

JEAN: Je préfère les pâtes à la sauce tomate.

LÉA: Oui, j'aime mieux cela !

JEAN: Je voudrais le parmesan s'il te plaît, c'est très bon avec les pâtes.

LÉA: Ah ! J'ai horreur du parmesan !

*LÉA: I like artichokes.*

*JEAN: Oh no! I don't want artichokes, I hate artichokes!*

*LÉA: It's okay, but we can't eat fries then; I strongly hate fries!*

*JEAN: I prefer pasta with tomato sauce.*

*LÉA: Yes, I prefer that!*

*JEAN: I would like Parmesan please; it is very good with pasta.*

*LÉA: Oh! I strongly hate parmesan!*

## Writing Corner

*Write five sentences related to books and reading.*

**Example:**

### Listen to Track 12

Je lis un roman d'amour. (I read a romantic novel.)

Je préfère lire des revues. (I prefer to read magazines.)

Je déteste les personnages de ce livre. (I hate the characters of this book.)

Je suis une grande lectrice, j'adore lire. (I'm a great reader; I love reading.)

Je n'aime pas lire des livres électroniques. (I don't like to read ebooks.)

## Grammar Corner

*Fill in the gaps using the correct "Expressing Likes and Dislikes" vocabulary:*

voudrais / mieux / horreur / pas / déteste

### Listen to Track 13

1. Je n'aime \_\_\_\_ le chocolat. (I don't like chocolate.)
2. J'aime \_\_\_\_ manger des fruits. (I prefer to eat fruit.)
3. Je \_\_\_\_\_ faire à manger. (I strongly hate cooking.)
4. Je \_\_\_\_\_ un verre d'eau s'il vous plaît. (I would like a glass of water, please.)
5. J'ai \_\_\_\_\_ du mauvais temps! (I abhor bad weather!)

**Réponses/ Answers:**

1. pas    2. mieux    3. déteste    4. voudrais    5. horreur

## Vocabulary Corner

Make links to match the sentences with their correct vocabulary words:

### Listen to Track 14

- Hermione Granger est un (Hermione Granger is a)
- Je suis un grand (I'm a big)
- J'aime lire les (I like to read)
- Demain, je vais à (Tomorrow, I'm going to)
- personnage de livre (book's character)
- la bibliothèque (the library)
- revues (magazines)
- lecteur de roman policier (reader of detective stories)

Réponses/ Answers:

a - e / b - h / c - g / d - f

## Additional Vocabulary

### Listen to Track 15

riche	rich
pauvre	poor
malade	ill, sick
en bonne santé	healthy
grand	big
petit	small
vite (adv)	quickly (adv)
lentement(adv)	slowly (adv)
rapide	fast
lent	slow
joyeux	cheerful
triste	sad

### A QUICK RECAP OF THIS LESSON:

Today, we discussed two topics: expressing likes and dislikes, and vocabulary related to books and reading.

- To express likes, you can use "J'aime...", "J'adore...", and "Je préfère.."
- To express hate or dislike, you can use "ne...pas" to negate a statement about liking something, or you can say "je déteste...", or even "J'ai horreur de..."