

Keeping French Alive This Summer!

A guide for parents of FLE2 students



Just 15 minutes a day is enough to keep the language alive!

The goal over summer is not to advance: it's to not forget. Keep it fun and pressure-free!



Books & Reading

You don't need to understand French to help: just encourage your child to read a little each day. You can ask questions and have them retell in English.

Highly recommended bilingual comic series:

- **Filou & Pixie:** A brilliant bilingual comic series (ages 6-10) where Filou speaks French and Pixie replies in English. Your child can follow both languages at once! By Mellow & Pauline Duhamel, published by Talents Hauts.

Other great books at this level:

- **Le Petit Nicolas:** short, funny stories perfect for CM1/CM2. Easy to find online or in libraries.
- **La Cabane Magique:** French version of Magic Tree House. Great for CE2 and CM1.

Comics (bandes dessinées / BD):

- Astérix, Tintin, Les Schtroumpfs (The Smurfs), Tom-Tom et Nana, Ariol
- Pictures help with understanding: great for all levels, even beginners.

Listening to stories in French:

- <https://www.onf.ca/collection/les-petits-conteurs/>



Movies & Shows

Tip: On Netflix or Disney+, you can change the audio or subtitle language to French in the settings. Try French audio + French subtitles for best results!

- **Miraculous Ladybug:** Available on Netflix in French. A favorite with this age group!
- **Disney / Pixar films dubbed in French:** Ratatouille, Zootopie (Zootopia), Encanto, Le Roi Lion (The Lion King)...
- **Kirikou:** A beautiful French animated film with simple, clear language.

Free on YouTube:

- **1 jour, 1 question:** Very short videos (2-3 min) on everyday topics in simple, clear French.
- **Quelle histoire!:** history for kids



Tips for Parents

You don't need to speak French to support your child!

- A little every day is far better than a long session once a week.
- If something feels too hard, go easier: enjoyment is the goal.
- Encourage them to keep a small notebook of new French words they discover.
- Let them watch their favorite shows, in French: it doesn't feel like studying!
- French music counts too! Artists like Stromae or Zaz are popular with young learners.

Bonnes vacances ! 🌞 Have a wonderful summer!