

French Disjunctive / Stress Pronouns - Lesson Guide

Stressed pronouns – Use them to add emphasis

Use stressed pronouns to add emphasis to what you want to say. Use these pronouns when you want to change the tone of your voice (as we do in English). You can place them either at the beginning or at the end of a sentence.

English	French	Example
me	moi	Moi, je parle français. Je parle français, moi.
you	toi	Toi, tu parles français? Tu parles français, toi?
him	lui	Lui, il parle français. Il parle français, lui.
her	elle	Elle, elle parle français. Elle parle français, elle?
us	nous	Nous, nous parlons français. Nous parlons français, nous.

you	vous	Vous, vous parlez français? Vous parlez français, vous?
them (masculine)	eux	Eux, ils parlent français? Ils parlent français, eux?
them (feminine)	elles	Elles, elles parlent français. Elles parlent français, elles?

Stress pronouns – Use them after prepositions or [prepositions of location](#)

Careful: You won't use disjunctive pronouns with À + A PERSON because that would require an indirect object pronoun. Many times POUR + A PERSON will also require an indirect object pronoun if something is actually being done for that person.

moi	avec – with	avec moi with me
toi	pour – for	pour toi for you
lui	chez – at the home of	chez lui at his house

elle	avant – before	avant elle before her
nous	devant – in front of	devant nous in front of us
vous	après – after	après vous after you
eux	derrière – behind	derrière eux behind them
elles	à côté de – next to	à côté d’elles next to them

Stressed pronouns – Emphasize who is doing something

When you want to say something like “*I* am the one who is going to the store”, just use the following model. You must be sure to **make the verb agree with the stress / disjunctive pronoun** being used. Even though we don’t say it like this in English, here’s a direct translation. It’s as if you were saying “It is *me* who am going to the store”. Weird, huh? But that’s how you do it in French, and it makes sense.

English	French	Example
me	moi	C'est moi qui vais au magasin. I'm the one who is going to the store.
you	toi	C'est toi qui vas au magasin. You're the one who is going to the store.
him	lui	C'est lui qui va au magasin. He's the one who is going to the store.
her	elle	C'est elle qui va au magasin. She's the one who is going to the store.
us	nous	C'est nous qui allons au magasin. We're the ones going to the store.

you	vous	C'est vous qui allez au magasin.
them (masculine)	eux	Ce sont eux qui vont au magasin. They're the ones who are going to the store.
them (feminine)	elles	Ce sont elles qui vont au magasin. They're the ones who are going to the store.

Stressed pronouns – Use them to say “also” or “neither / either”

English	French	Example
me too	moi aussi	Je vais au magasin, moi aussi. I'm also going to the store.
moi non plus	me neither	Je ne vais pas au magasin, moi non plus. I'm not going to the store either.
you too	toi aussi	Tu vas au magasin, toi aussi. You're also going to the store.

you neither	toi non plus	Tu ne vas pas au magasin, toi non plus. You're not going to the store either.
him too	lui aussi	Il va au magasin, lui aussi. He's also going to the store.
him either	lui non plus	Il ne va pas au magasin, lui non plus. He's not going to the store either.
her too	elle aussi	Elle va au magasin, elle aussi. She's also going to the store.
her either	elle non plus	Elle ne va pas au magasin, elle non plus. She's not going to the store either.
us too	nous aussi	Nous allons au magasin, nous aussi. We're also going to the store.
us either	nous non plus	Nous n'allons pas au magasin, nous non plus. We're not going to the store either.
you too	vous aussi	Vous allez au magasin, vous aussi. You're also going to the store.
you either	vous non plus	

		<p>Vous n'allez pas au magasin, vous non plus.</p> <p>You're not going to the store either.</p>
them too (masculine)	eux aussi	<p>Ils vont au magasin, eux aussi.</p> <p>They're also going to the store.</p>
them either (masculine)	eux non plus	<p>Ils ne vont pas au magasin, eux non plus.</p> <p>They're not going to the store either.</p>
them too (feminine)	elles aussi	<p>Elles vont au magasin, elles aussi.</p> <p>They're also going to the store.</p>
them either (feminine)	elles non plus	<p>Elles ne vont pas au magasin, elles non plus.</p> <p>They're not going to the store either.</p>