

FRENCH VERBS

AMENER

EMMENER

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Grammar topic: French Verbs - Amener vs Emmener

Curriculum: French Level A2

The French verbs "amener" and "emmener" both involve the action of bringing or taking someone or an animal along with you. However, there is a subtle difference in their usage, which lies in the direction of the movement.

The verb "amener" **typically** implies bringing someone along to a place, or bringing someone to another person.

Use “amener” when you’re bringing someone to a place, and you’re going to leave them there.

On the other hand, "emmener" suggests taking someone or an animal away from the current location. It indicates the action of taking someone or an animal with you to a place where you are not currently.

Use “emmener” when you’re bringing someone to a place, and you’re going to stay there with them.

Il amène son chien chez le vétérinaire.

He's bringing his dog to the vet.

He's leaving the dog there.

Les parents amènent leur fils à l'école.	The parents are bringing their son to school. They are leaving him there.
Elle m'emmène à la plage.	She's taking me to the beach. She's staying there with me.
Nous emmenons les enfants au parc.	We're taking the children to the park. We're staying there with them.
Ce bus nous amène à la gare. VEHICLE = INTERCHANGEABLE	This bus is bringing us to the train station. Interchangeable with emmener.
Ce bus nous emmène à la gare. VEHICLE = INTERCHANGEABLE	This bus is taking us to the train station. Interchangeable with amener.

Remember that "amener" implies bringing someone or an animal to a place and leaving them there, while "emmener" suggests taking someone or an animal to a place and staying there with them.

Sometimes, the verb "amener" can be used for bringing an object somewhere. In this case, the object will be something that can't be picked up and carried.

Il amène sa voiture chez le garagiste.	He is bringing his car to the mechanic.
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