

Réussir vs Réussir à

RÉUSSIR = TO SUCCEED / TO MANAGE / TO DO WELL

The French verb *réussir* can be used with or without the preposition *à*, depending on the context and the structure of the sentence. This verb has many different meanings that don't always directly translate to English.

Without à: When *réussir* is followed by a direct object (noun or pronoun), it does not require the preposition "à." *Réussir* does not require *à* when followed by other prepositions like *dans* or *sans*.

With à: When *réussir* is followed by an infinitive, it requires the preposition *à*. *Réussir* also requires *à* when followed by an indirect object (noun or pronoun).

WITHOUT À	WITH À
J'ai réussi <u>l'examen</u>. ↓ direct object ↓	J'ai réussi à <u>comprendre</u>. ↓ infinitive ↓
I passed the exam.	I managed to understand.
Tu as bien réussi <u>ta crème brûlée</u>. ↓ direct object ↓	Max réussi toujours à <u>être en retard</u>. ↓ infinitive ↓
You did a great job with your crème brûlée.	Max always manages to be late.

<p>Il a réussi <u>son coup</u>. <i>idiomatic expression</i></p> <p>↓ direct object ↓</p>	<p>La vie en France réussit à <u>Roger</u>.</p> <p>↓ indirect object (person) ↓</p>
<p>He pulled it off.</p>	<p>Life in France is going well for Roger.</p>
<p>Ma soeur a bien réussi <u>sa vie</u>.</p> <p>↓ direct object ↓</p>	<p>Ça ne réussit pas à <u>Stéphane</u> de ne pas assez dormir.</p> <p>↓ indirect object (person) ↓</p>
<p>My sister has done very well for herself.</p>	<p>It doesn't suit Stéphane not to get enough sleep.</p>
<p>Elle a réussi <u>dans</u> sa vie personnelle et professionnelle.</p> <p>↓ preposition dans ↓</p>	<p>Le fromage ne réussit pas bien à <u>Léa</u>!</p> <p>↓ indirect object (person) ↓</p>
<p>She has thrived in her personal and professional life.</p>	<p>Cheese doesn't agree with Léa!</p>
<p>Comment réussir <u>sans</u> s'épuiser?</p> <p>↓ preposition sans ↓</p>	<p>Je ne réussirai jamais à <u>apprendre à skier</u>.</p> <p>↓ infinitive ↓</p>
<p>How to succeed without burning out?</p>	<p>I'll never manage to learn to ski.</p>

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