

WAYS TO USE «DONC»



Grammar topic: French Adverb / Conjunction DONC

Curriculum: French Level A1

It's important to know how to use *donc*, because it is very commonly used in French.

The French word *donc* can be used in several ways, but its main function is to express consequence or logical deduction. *Donc* is a versatile word that can be used in various contexts to link ideas or provide reasoning.

English equivalents: therefore, so, hence, thus, consequently

Synonyms: Since *donc* is such a commonly used word, it's good to have some other options so that you won't always sound like you're saying the same thing.

Donc has several synonyms that can be used **interchangeably** to convey similar meanings and provide some variety:

- Alors (informal)
- C'est pourquoi (informal)

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- Du coup (informal)
- En conséquence (formal)
- Par conséquent (formal)
- Ainsi (formal)

Many of the English translations in the chart below sound very formal, and of course it's more natural to say so instead of the other options.

Elle étudie beaucoup, **donc** elle réussit ses examens.

She studies a lot, **therefore** she succeeds in her exams.

Nous sommes en retard, **donc** nous allons manquer le début du film.

We are late, **so** we will miss the beginning of the movie.

Il pleut, **donc** nous devrions prendre nos parapluies.

It's raining, **hence** we should take our umbrellas.

J'ai bien révisé, **donc** je suis confiant pour l'examen.

I have revised thoroughly, **thus** I am confident for the exam.

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Tu as travaillé dur, **donc** tu mérites une récompense.

You worked hard, **therefore** you deserve a reward.

Je suis fatigué, donc je vais me coucher.

I am tired, so I am going to bed.

Il pleut, **donc** prenez votre parapluie.

It's raining, **so** take your umbrella.

Vous avez fini votre travail, **donc** vous pouvez partir maintenant.

You have finished your work, **therefore** you can leave now.

Il est malade, **donc** il ne viendra pas à la fête.

He is sick, **thus**, he won't come to the party.

Donc is a versatile word that helps to convey logical connections, consequences, and emphasis. Remember that if you're considering how to use *donc*, you can pretty much use it the same way you would use the English word *so* to make the same kind of connections when speaking.

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