

# FRENCH PREPOSITIONS «À» and «DE»



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## **Grammar topic:** French Prepositions À and DE

There are many ways in which the French prepositions "à" and "de" can be used. The chart is a big mix of different ways to use "à" and "de". This will give you a good idea of just some of the many ways that these prepositions can be used.

French	English
Un verre <b>à</b> vin <i>purpose or use</i>	A wine glass
Un verre <b>de</b> vin <i>contents</i>	A glass of wine
Fait <b>à</b> la main <i>manner, style, or characteristic</i>	Made by hand
Un sac <b>de</b> couchage <i>description</i>	A sleeping bag
Une chambre <b>à</b> coucher <i>purpose or use</i>	A bedroom

<p>Aller <b>à</b> l'école</p> <p><i>location or destination</i></p>	<p>Go to school</p>
<p>Arriver <b>de</b> l'école</p> <p><i>starting point or origin</i></p>	<p>Arriving from school</p>
<p>Venir <b>de</b> France</p> <p><i>starting point or origin</i></p>	<p>Come from France</p>
<p>Parler <b>à</b> quelqu'un</p> <p><i>verb - à - noun</i></p>	<p>Talk to someone</p>
<p>Parler <b>de</b> quelqu'un</p> <p><i>verb - de - noun</i></p>	<p>Talk about someone</p>
<p>Avoir peur <b>de</b> quelque chose</p> <p><i>verb - de - noun</i></p>	<p>Be afraid of something</p>
<p>Faire peur <b>à</b> quelqu'un</p> <p><i>verb - à - noun</i></p>	<p>To scare someone</p>
<p>Vivre <b>à</b> la française</p> <p><i>manner, style, or characteristic</i></p>	<p>To live the French way</p>
<p>Participer <b>à</b> un événement</p> <p><i>verb - à - noun</i></p>	<p>Participate in an event</p>

<p>Se souvenir <b>de</b> quelque chose</p> <p><i>verb - de - noun</i></p>	<p>Remember something</p>
<p>Un souvenir <b>de</b> vacances</p> <p><i>description</i></p>	<p>A vacation memory</p>
<p>Un souvenir <b>à</b> chérir</p> <p><i>action to be done to something</i></p>	<p>A memory to treasure</p>
<p>Répondre <b>à</b> une question</p> <p><i>verb - à - noun</i></p>	<p>Answer a question</p>
<p>Une fille <b>aux</b> yeux bleus</p> <p><i>manner, style, or characteristic</i></p>	<p>A girl with blue eyes</p>
<p>Prendre des photos <b>de</b> paysages</p> <p><i>description</i></p>	<p>Take photos of landscapes</p>
<p>Prendre le temps <b>de</b> faire quelque chose</p> <p><i>verb - de - infinitive</i></p>	<p>Take time to do something</p>
<p>Une tasse <b>à</b> café</p> <p><i>purpose or use</i></p>	<p>A coffee cup</p>
<p>Une tasse <b>de</b> café</p> <p><i>contents</i></p>	<p>A cup of coffee</p>

Habiter <b>à</b> Paris <i>location or destination</i>	Live in Paris
Aller <b>au</b> musée <i>location or destination</i>	To go to the museum
Venir <b>de</b> Paris <i>starting point or origin</i>	Come from Paris
Se servir <b>de</b> quelque chose <i>verb - de - noun</i>	Use something
Se servir <b>à</b> rien <i>expression</i>	To serve no purpose
Jouer <b>au</b> football <i>verb - à - noun</i>	Play football
Jouer <b>de la</b> guitare <i>verb - de - noun</i>	Play the guitar
Un livre <b>d'</b> histoire <i>description</i>	A history book
Un livre <b>à</b> lire <i>action to be done to something</i>	A book to read

<p>Une chanson <b>d'</b>amour <i>description</i></p>	<p>A love song</p>
<p>Une chanson <b>à</b> chanter <i>action to be done to something</i></p>	<p>A song to sing</p>
<p>Faire attention <b>à</b> quelque chose <i>verb - à - noun</i></p>	<p>Pay attention to something</p>
<p>Une tranche <b>de</b> gâteau <i>expression of quantity</i></p>	<p>A slice of cake</p>
<p>Sortir <b>de la</b> maison <i>verb - de - noun</i></p>	<p>To go out of the house</p>
<p>Écouter <b>de la</b> musique <i>verb - de - noun</i></p>	<p>To listen to music</p>
<p>Appartenir (Être) <b>à</b> quelqu'un <i>possession - ownership</i></p>	<p>To be owned by someone</p>
<p>La clé <b>de la</b> voiture <i>possession</i></p>	<p>The key to the car</p>
<p>Un cadeau <b>d'</b>anniversaire <i>description</i></p>	<p>A birthday present</p>

<p>C'est <b>à</b> 50 mètres</p> <p><i>distance in time or space</i></p>	<p>50 meters away</p>
<p>C'est <b>à</b> 5 minutes</p> <p><i>distance in time or space</i></p>	<p>5 minutes away</p>
<p>Un cadeau <b>à</b> offrir</p> <p><i>action to be done to something</i></p>	<p>A present to give</p>
<p>Un film <b>d'</b>horreur</p> <p><i>description</i></p>	<p>A horror movie</p>
<p>Un film <b>à</b> regarder</p> <p><i>action to be done to something</i></p>	<p>A movie to watch</p>
<p>Un problème <b>de</b> santé</p> <p><i>description</i></p>	<p>A health problem</p>
<p>Un problème <b>à</b> régler</p> <p><i>action to be done to something</i></p>	<p>A problem to solve</p>
<p>Faire confiance <b>à</b> quelqu'un</p> <p><i>verb - à - noun</i></p>	<p>To trust someone</p>
<p>Prendre soin <b>de</b> quelque chose</p> <p><i>verb - de - noun</i></p>	<p>To take care of something</p>

Participer **à** une réunion

*verb - à - noun*

To participate in a meeting

Un endroit **à** visiter

*action to be done to something*

A place to visit

Un endroit **de** rêve

*description*

A dream location

Le livre **de** Marie

*possession / belonging*

Marie's book

Aller **à** pied

*manner of going somewhere  
without a motor (exception: à  
moto / à scooter)*

To go on foot

Un cours **de** français

*description*

A French class

La vue **de** ma chambre

*starting point or origin*

The view from my room

Je pars **à** midi

*point in time*

I'm leaving at noon

Elle lit **à** haute voix

*manner of doing something*

She's reading aloud

La maison est loin <b>de</b> l'hôpital <i>preposition of location</i>	The house is far from the hospital
Une soupe <b>de</b> poisson <i>indispensable ingredient - food</i>	A fish soup
Une tarte <b>aux</b> pommes <i>defining ingredient - food</i>	An apple pie
Une course <b>à</b> faire <i>action to be done to something</i>	An errand to run

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