

# FRENCH VERB «METTRE»



## Irregular French Verb Mettre

The irregular French verb METTRE is an important one to learn. Many times this verb is idiomatic in nature which means you wouldn't necessarily think of using it if you come from an English speaking background.

In this lesson we will look at six different ways to use the verb METTRE in the *present* and *passé composé* tenses.

### Present Tense Conjugation - Mettre

je mets	nous mettons
tu mets	vous mettez
il - elle - on met	ils - elles mettent

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## Passé Composé Conjugation - Mettre - Avoir Helping Verb

j'ai mis	nous avons mis
tu as mis	vous avez mis
il - elle - on a mis	ils - elles mettent

## Passé Composé - Se Mettre - Être Helping Verb

je me suis mis(e)	nous nous sommes mis(e)(s)
tu t'es mis(e)	vous vous êtes mis(e)(s)
il - elle - on s'est mis(e)(s)	ils - elles se sont mis(es)

## Examples

<p>METTRE - TO PUT</p>	<p>Je mets mon sac sur la table.</p> <p>I put my bag on the table.</p> <p>I am putting my bag on the table.</p>
<p>METTRE - TO PUT ON</p>	<p>Tu mets ton tee-shirt bleu.</p> <p>You put on your blue t-shirt.</p> <p>You are putting on your blue t-shirt.</p>

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METTRE - TO SPEND TIME DOING SOMETHING	Il met quinze minutes pour aller à l'école.  He spends fifteen minutes going to school.
METTRE - TO SET THE TABLE	Nous mettons la table.  We set the table.  We are setting the table.
METTRE - TO TURN SOMETHING ON	Vous mettez la radio.  You turn on the radio.  You are turning on the radio.
SE METTRE À - TO START DOING SOMETHING	Ils se mettent à faire leurs devoirs.  They are starting to do their homework.  They're starting their homework.

## Other ways to use the French verb METTRE

METTRE - TO HANG; TO PUT UP	Je mets les tableaux au mur.
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	I'm hanging the paintings on the wall.
METTRE - TO GIVE; TO AWARD	D'habitude, ce professeur met de bonnes notes.  Usually, this teacher gives (awards) good grades.
SE METTRE - TO APPLY; TO PUT ON	Elles se mettent de la crème solaire.  They are putting on sunscreen.
SE METTRE - TO WEAR; TO DRESS	Ils se mettent souvent en jean.  They often wear jeans.
SE METTRE - TO SIT; TO STAND	Nous nous mettons toujours au premier rang.  We always sit at the front.
METTRE À JOUR - TO UPDATE	Je mettrai le site à jour demain.  I will update the site tomorrow.

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