

# Penser à vs Penser de



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At first glance, **penser à** and **penser de** look almost the same, but they express two very different ideas. The preposition completely changes what you're saying, whether you're talking about what's on your mind or giving your opinion.

## 1. Penser à - To think of / about

Use **penser à** when you're talking about **the person, thing, or idea that's on your mind**. It means *to think of* or *to think about*.

### Examples:

- Je pense **à toi**. I'm thinking of you.
- Elle pense **à ses vacances**. She's thinking about her vacation.

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- Tu penses **à fermer la porte?** Are you thinking about closing the door?

It's often used when you're remembering, considering, or focusing on something or someone.

If you could replace it with “*to think of/about*” without giving an opinion in English, use **penser à**.

## **2. Penser de - To think of something in the sense of *having an opinion***

Use **penser de** when you're asking for or giving an **opinion or judgment** about something.

### **Examples:**

- Qu'est-ce que tu penses **de ce film ?** What do you think of this movie?
- Je ne pense pas grand-chose **de son idée.** I don't think much of his idea.
- Que penses-tu **de la politique actuelle?** What do you think of current politics?

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If you could replace it with “*what do you think of...*” or “*your opinion about...*”, it’s **penser de**.

### 3. Simple way to remember

- **Penser à** - what’s on your mind
- **Penser de** - your opinion about something

Think of **à** as pointing *toward* what you’re thinking about, and **de** as describing *what you think of it*.

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