



Les Vêtements

Although we can see some of the articles and nouns in French, we are going to be speaking in sentences. So instead of saying a pair of sandals, or **des sandales**, we can say, 'I am wearing...'



If you are having trouble with speaking in sentences, you can always break up the sentence.



I wear a pair of shoes.
 Je porte des chaussures.
 (verb) (article) (noun)

VOCABULARY

porter = to wear

je porte = I am wearing

je ne porte pas = I am not wearing

et = and

You could use **et** to expand your sentence. For example, 'Je porte une vest et un pantalon'.

à l'école = at school

You could use **à l'école** to expand your sentence. For example, 'At school I wear a tie'.

WEATHER WORDS

quand il neige = when it snows

quand il fait beau = when it is nice

quand je suis en vacances = when I'm on holiday

aujourd'hui je porte = today I am wearing



Masculine or Feminine?

Nouns in French can either be masculine or feminine. We refer to this as the 'gender' of a noun. It has nothing to do with what the noun looks like.

In this unit, the singular indefinite article of a noun tells us its gender. The singular indefinite article is the equivalent of our English word 'a' or 'an'. This is shown below with 'un' and 'une'.

un manteau

This is a SINGULAR MASCULINE noun.



une jupe



This is a SINGULAR FEMININE noun.

'Des' in French shows a plural noun. This is similar to our English words such as pants, glasses, or socks. These show **pairs** of clothes.

des gants

This is a PLURAL noun.



French Phonic Sounds

É sound in **écharpe**

É sounds like 'EY' like hey or café

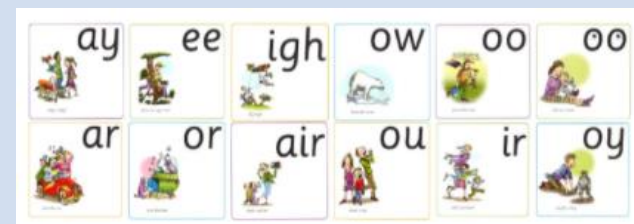
E sound in **chemise** and **chemisier**

E sounds like 'UH' like shut

This is much different to the E you see in French

EAU sound in **manteau**

EAU sounds like 'OH' like throw or pillow



Silent Letters and Liaison

The final letter 's' in **gants**, **sandales** and **vancances**. 'S' is often silent when it is the final consonant of a word in French.

Guttural 'R'. When you say some of the 'R' sounds in French, you don't use a harsh sounding 'R' as we do in English. Instead, you use the back of the mouth, not the front. Try saying the guttural 'R' when saying words such as **rouge**, **robe**, **écharpe** and **orange**.