



FRENCH TABLE

Prépositions à and de



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Some useful adjectives, nouns, and verbs followed by the prepositions à or de or both!

ADJECTIVES

Adjectives followed by à		
French	English	Examples
<i>allergique à</i>	allergic to	<i>Elle est allergique au pollen.</i> She is allergic to pollen.
<i>déterminé à</i>	determined to	<i>Je suis déterminé à réussir.</i> I am determined to succeed.
<i>habitué à</i>	used to	<i>Ils sont habitués au bruit.</i> They are used to noise.
<i>prêt à</i>	ready to	<i>Prêt à porter.</i> literally means "Ready to be worn"

Adjectives followed by de		
French	English	Examples
<i>content de</i>	happy with	<i>Elle est contente de son travail.</i> She is happy with her job.
<i>déçu de</i>	disappointed to	<i>Êtes-vous déçus de rentrer ?</i> Are you disappointed to come back?
<i>fou de</i>	crazy about	<i>Elles sont folles de films d'horreur.</i> They are crazy about horror movies.
<i>fier de</i>	proud of	<i>Ils sont fiers de leurs enfants.</i> They are proud of their children.
<i>nécessaire de</i>	necessary to	<i>Il est nécessaire d'attendre.</i> It is necessary to wait.
<i>possible de</i>	possible to	<i>Il est possible de partir avant.</i> It is possible to leave early.



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NOUNS

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<i>faire attention à</i>	to take care of	<i>Fais attention à tes affaires !</i> Take care of your belongings!
<i>prendre garde à</i>	to be careful of	<i>Prends garde au vent !</i> Be careful of the wind!

Nouns followed by de		
French	English	Examples
<i>avoir envie de</i>	feeling like	<i>Il a envie de chocolat.</i> He feels like eating chocolate.
<i>avoir besoin de</i>	to need	<i>J'ai besoin d'argent.</i> I need money.
<i>avoir faim de</i>	to be hungry for	<i>Il a faim de pizza.</i> He's hungry for pizza.
<i>avoir soif de</i>	to be thirsty for	<i>Elles ont soif de limonade.</i> They are thirsty for lemonade.
<i>prendre soin de</i>	to take care of	<i>Prends soin de ton petit frère !</i> Look after your little brother!



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Verbs followed by only à or only de

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<i>arriver à</i>	to manage	<i>Ils sont arrivés à entrer.</i> They managed to get in.
<i>commencer à</i>	to start	<i>Il a commencé à pleuvoir.</i> It started raining.
<i>continuer à</i>	to continue, keep on	<i>Je continue à écrire.</i> I keep on writing.
<i>passer du temps à</i>	to spend time	<i>Il passe son temps à jouer.</i> He spends his time playing.
<i>réfléchir à</i>	to think over	<i>Tu réfléchis à quoi ?</i> What are you thinking of?

Verbs followed by de		
French	English	Examples
<i>essayer de</i>	to try to	<i>Il essaie de comprendre.</i> He's trying to understand.
<i>éviter de</i>	to avoid, to try not to	<i>Elle évite de manger tard.</i> She tries not to eat late.
<i>permettre de</i>	to allow, to enable	<i>Ils m'ont permis de sortir.</i> They allowed me to go out.
<i>refuser de</i>	to refuse to	<i>On refuse de payer.</i> We refuse to pay.
<i>oublier de</i>	to forget to	<i>J'ai oublié de l'appeler.</i> I forgot to call him.



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Verbs followed by either à or only de

Verbs used with à		
French	English	Examples
<i>s'amuser à</i> (+ verb)	to have fun doing something	<i>Je m'amuse à chanter.</i> I'm having fun singing.
<i>jouer à</i>	to play (sports)	<i>Il joue au rugby.</i> He plays rugby.
<i>manquer à</i>	to miss (someone)	<i>Il manque à son père.</i> His father misses him.
<i>parler à</i>	to talk to	<i>Tu parles à qui ?</i> Who are you talking to?
<i>penser à</i>	to think of	<i>Tu penses à quoi ?</i> What are you thinking of?

Verbs used with de		
French	English	Examples
<i>s'amuser de</i> (+ noun)	to have fun with	<i>Je m'amuse d'un rien.</i> I have fun with not much.
<i>jouer de</i>	to play (instruments)	<i>Il joue du piano.</i> He plays the piano.
<i>manquer de</i>	to lack	<i>Il manque de confiance.</i> He lacks confidence.
<i>parler de</i>	to talk about	<i>Tu parles de qui ?</i> Who are you talking about?
<i>penser de</i>	to think about	<i>Qu'est-ce que tu penses de lui ?</i> What do you think about him?



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Verbs that use a different preposition when reflexive

Non-reflexive verb		
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<i>attendre de</i>	to wait for	<i>Il attend de gagner.</i> He's waiting to win.
<i>décider de</i>	to decide to	<i>Elle a décidé de venir.</i> She decided to come over.
<i>servir à</i>	to be used for	<i>Ça sert à quoi ?</i> What is it used for?
<i>essayer de</i>	to try	<i>Il essaie de jouer de la guitare.</i> He's trying to play the guitar.

Reflexive verb		
French	English	Examples
<i>s'attendre à</i>	to expect	<i>Il s'attend à gagner.</i> He expects to win.
<i>se décider à</i>	to make up one's mind	<i>Elle s'est décidée à partir.</i> She decided to leave.
<i>se servir de</i>	to use	<i>Tu te sers de quoi ?</i> What are you using?
<i>s'essayer à</i>	to have a go	<i>Il s'essaie à la guitare.</i> He's having a go at the guitar.

