



FRENCH TABLE

The Pronoun 'En'



Common verbs followed by the preposition *de* that can be used with *en* to avoid repetition.

s'occuper de	to deal with	<i>Nous nous occupons de la mise à jour.</i> → <i>Nous nous en occupons.</i> We are dealing with the update. → We are dealing with it.
parler de	to speak of, to talk about	<i>Elle parle de la vague de chaleur.</i> → <i>Elle en parle.</i> She is talking about the heat wave. → She is talking about it.
remercier de	to thank for	<i>Je vous remercie de votre offre.</i> → <i>Je vous en remercie.</i> I thank you for your offer. → I thank you for it.
revenir de*	to return from	<i>Je reviens de Berlin.</i> → <i>J'en reviens.</i> I've just returned from Berlin. → I've just come back from there.
venir de*	to come from	<i>On vient de la pizzeria.</i> → <i>On en vient.</i> We're coming from the pizza parlour. → We're coming from it.
penser de	to think of	<i>Qu'est-ce que tu penses de cette vidéo ?</i> → <i>Qu'est-ce que tu en penses ?</i> What do you think of this video? → What do you think of it?
avoir besoin de	to need	<i>Vous avez besoin de monnaie ?</i> → <i>Vous en avez besoin ?</i> Do you need change? → Do you need any?
avoir peur de	to be afraid of	<i>Je n'ai pas peur des araignées.</i> → <i>Je n'en ai pas peur.</i> I am not afraid of spiders. → I'm not afraid of them.
couvrir de	to cover with	<i>Le cerisier est couvert de fleurs.</i> → <i>Le cerisier en est couvert.</i> The cherry tree is covered in flowers. → The cherry tree is covered in them.
s'apercevoir de	to notice	<i>Ils se sont aperçu de leur erreur.</i> → <i>Ils s'en sont aperçu.</i> They realized their mistake. → They realized it.
arriver de*	to arrive from	<i>Vous arriverez de Paris demain.</i> → <i>Vous en arriverez demain.</i> You will arrive from Paris tomorrow. → You will arrive from there tomorrow.
démunir (quelqu'un) de	to deprive (someone) of	<i>Le ministre a été démuní de ces fonctions.</i> → <i>Le ministre en a été démuní.</i> The minister has been deprived of his duties. → The minister has been deprived of them.



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dépendre de	to depend on	<i>Le prix de la livraison dépend <u>de la destination</u>. → Le prix de la livraison <u>en</u> dépend.</i> The delivery cost depends on the destination. → The delivery cost depends on it.
douter de	to doubt	<i>Je doute <u>de son histoire</u>. Ça ressemble à un mensonge. → J'<u>en</u> doute. Ça ressemble à un mensonge.</i> I doubt her story. It sounds like a lie. → I doubt it. It sounds like a lie.
s'emparer de	to grab	<i>Le voleur s'est emparé <u>du portefeuille</u>. → Le voleur s'<u>en</u> est emparé.</i> The thief grabbed hold of the wallet. → The thief grabbed hold of it.
s'étonner de	to be amazed by	<i>Vous vous étonnez <u>de son intelligence</u>. → Vous vous <u>en</u> étonnez.</i> You are amazed by her intelligence. → You are amazed by it.
jouer de	to play	<i>Il joue très bien <u>de la guitare</u>. → Il <u>en</u> joue très bien.</i> He plays the guitar very well. → He plays it very well.
manquer de	to lack	<i>Nous manquons <u>de beaucoup de connaissances pour ce poste</u>. → Nous <u>en</u> manquons beaucoup.</i> We lack many of the skills for the job. → We lack many of them.
se moquer de	to mock	<i>Le petit garçon se moque <u>de l'expression de sa sœur</u>. → Le petit garçon s'<u>en</u> moque.</i> The little boy mocks the expression of his sister. → The little boy mocks it.
partir de*	to leave from	<i>Ils partent <u>du Québec</u> dans la soirée. → Ils <u>en</u> partent dans la soirée.</i> They leave from Quebec in the evening. → They leave from there in the evening.
se plaindre de	to complain about	<i>Simone se plaint <u>de la quantité de devoirs</u>. → Simone s'<u>en</u> plaint.</i> Simone complains about the amount of homework. → Simone complains about it.
rêver de	to dream of	<i>Anna rêve <u>de squelettes dansants</u>. → Anna <u>en</u> rêve.</i> Anna dreams of dancing skeletons. → Anna dreams of it.
se souvenir de	to remember	<i>Tu te souviens <u>de ta présentation</u> sans notes. → Tu t'<u>en</u> souviens sans notes.</i> You remember your presentation without notes. → You remember it without notes.

* you can see in these examples that *en* also replaces "de + location."



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En in set phrases



The pronoun *en* appears in many French expressions. They are set expressions so here the pronoun doesn't have a function like replacing a noun. It's just part of the expression 😊. Here, *en* is followed by the verb.

Let's take a look at some of them. Which one will you be able to use next time you have a conversation in French?

Expression in the infinitive form	English	Example	English
<i>s'en aller</i>	to go away	<i>Je m'en vais.</i>	I'm off.
<i>en avoir assez de</i>	to have had enough (of)	<i>J'en ai assez des grèves.</i>	I've had enough of strikes.
<i>en avoir marre de</i>	to be fed up (with)	<i>J'en ai marre des bouchons !</i>	I'm fed up with traffic jams!
<i>en avoir ras-le-bol</i>	to have had it up to here (with)	<i>J'en ai ras-le-bol de faire mes devoirs.</i>	I've had it up to here with doing my homework.
<i>n'en avoir rien à faire</i>	to not care	<i>Je n'en ai rien à faire !</i>	I don't care!
<i>s'en fiche</i>	to not care	<i>Je m'en fiche !</i>	I don't care!
<i>ne pas en être question</i>	to be certain of	<i>Il n'en ai pas question !</i>	There is no way!
<i>en vouloir à quelqu'un</i>	to be upset with	<i>Je t'en veux.</i>	I'm mad at you.
<i>ne pas s'en faire</i>	to not care, worry	<i>Ne t'en fais pas.</i>	Don't worry.
<i>s'en sortir</i>	to get by	<i>Je ne m'en sors pas !</i>	I can't cope.
<i>en vouloir</i>	to really want to win/succeed	<i>J'en veux !</i>	I want to succeed!
<i>en rêver</i>	to dream of	<i>J'en rêve !</i>	I dream of it!

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