

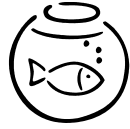
OLD FASHIONED STUDYING



un chien



un chat



un poisson



un oiseau



un lapin



une tortue

★ You are not allowed to say “French is hard...” until you’ve put in some practice time. Then you can decide if it’s difficult or not.

★ No matter which technique(s) work for you, the most important things are...

Figure out what you already know.

Be honest about what you don’t know .

Use your time wisely.

Practice, practice, practice!

★ So....here’s what you need to do:

- A. Try your best to pay attention and learn from what we do in class and keep your binder organized. That way you have everything you need.
- B. Set a regular time each evening to check the HW blog. Reminding yourself what we did that day helps you to keep it in your memory.
- C. If you have homework, do it with the goal of learning the material on the homework paper – not with the goal of “getting it done.” ALWAYS do your work with your notes out.
- D. If you have no French homework, decide what you want to learn and put a timer on for 15-20 minutes. Spend time learning JUST THAT. Use one of the study methods outlined here or use the online resources.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN TRY:

1. Flash Cards: You can make flash cards or print them from Quizlet. My favorite way to use flashcards is to figure out which ones I don’t know and place these around the house where I am sure to see them. EVERY TIME I pass one by, I peek at it.

2. **Copying:** Copying something 15 times and then walking away from it is not always a good study plan. If you are going to copy, you need to do it with intent. That means saying it and thinking about it while you copy. That also means doing a little, then walking away and doing some more later.

my dog	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
my cat	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
my fish	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
my bird	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
my rabbit	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. **Think, walk, look, walk, write:** After you've familiarized yourself with a vocabulary list, choose a few words that you really want to learn. Write them in English. Place your vocab list across the room. As you go to your list, think about how you think you would spell the word. When you get to your list, see if you're right. If so, great! You're done with that word. If not, stand there until you memorize that one word. Walk back saying it to yourself in your head, and write it down. Go back as many times as you need to. Repeat for all words, and then start over. You haven't learned them until you can walk over to the list **LATER IN THE DAY** or **THE NEXT DAY** and confirm that you know them all.
4. **Study AT your buddy:** Find someone to talk to – it can be an animal, a person, or an inanimate object. Set a timer for two minutes **TALK AT** your buddy about what you are studying. Look at the word(s) while you are talking.
5. **Mnemonic Devices:** Think of memory tricks for your hardest words. They only have to make sense to you. For example, maybe you can think about having a little chat with your "chat." You can also do this for gender. You can associate a masculine word with a boy you know and a feminine word with a girl you know. You can't do this for too many words, but it works in a pinch.
6. **Talk to yourself:** Whenever possible, switch out French words and English words. When you pick up your binder, say to yourself, "I am opening my classeur."