

Translation Test 1

Instructions: Find a partner. Decide who will do Test 1 and Test 2. Fill in the blanks. When finished, review both tests and discuss your answers.

In French

In English

Je travaille actuellement sur un projet.

I am _____ working on a project

En fait, je ne peux pas le faire.

_____, I can't do it.

J'ai assisté à la classe.

I _____ the class.

J'ai aidé l'enseignant.

I _____ the teacher.

J'ai attendu pendant vingt minutes.

I _____ for twenty minutes.

Ils ont blessé des gens.

They _____ people.

Le prêtre a béni notre enfant.

The priest _____ our child.

Ce meuble a du caractère.

This piece of furniture has _____.

Romeo est un personnage tragique.

Romeo is a tragic _____.

Je n'ai pas eu l'occasion de dire au revoir.

I didn't have the _____ to say goodbye.

J'ai eu de la chance.

I was _____.

Les résultats du vote ont été une déception.

The results of the vote were a _____.

Le rapport de la CDC était une tromperie.

The CDC's intelligence report was a _____.

Elle m'a demandé d'apporter son livre.

She _____ me to bring her book.

Elle a exigé que je trouve son livre.

She _____ that I find her book.

Excusez-moi de vous déranger.

I am sorry to _____ you.

Les terroristes sont des malades mentaux.

Terrorists are mentally _____.

Je n'ai pas envie de manger.

I don't _____ eating.

Je n'envie pas la petite amie de Jack, il est si infidèle.

I don't _____ Jack's girlfriend. He's so unfaithful.

J'ai beaucoup d'expérience dans ce domaine.

I have a lot of _____ in this field.

J'ai fait une expérience.

I did an _____.

Mon grand défaut c'est ma générosité excessive.

My biggest _____ is my excessive generosity.

Le mot de passe pour le système est « admin » par défaut.

The _____ system password is "admin".

Les stagiaires reçoivent une formation générale.

Interns receive general _____.

On connaît peu de mécanismes de synthèse pour la formation de la thyroglobuline.

Little is known of the synthetic mechanisms for the _____ of thyroglobulin.

Ce groupe est formidable !

This is a _____ band!

Il était un adversaire redoutable.

He was a _____ opponent.

Elle a un mot gentil pour tous ceux qu'elle rencontre.

She has a _____ word for everyone she meets.

Mon dentiste était très doux. Je n'ai rien senti.

My dentist was very _____. I didn't feel anything.

C'est un gros problème.

That's a _____ problem.

Quelle est cette odeur dégoûtante?

What is that _____ smell?

Translation Test 2

Instructions: Find a partner. Decide who will do Test 1 and Test 2. Fill in the blanks. When finished, review both tests and discuss your answers.

In French

J'ignore tout de ce sujet.

Je ne tiens pas compte de ce que les politiciens disent pendant les élections.

J'ai acheté mon dictionnaire à la librairie.

J'ai emprunté ce roman à la bibliothèque.

En prison, les cigarettes sont utilisées comme monnaie.

J'ai besoin d'un meilleur travail pour que je puisse gagner plus d'argent.

J'ai acheté une voiture d'occasion.

Leur mariage sera certainement une occasion mémorable.

Ils discutaient à savoir s'il était opportun de déclencher des élections au printemps.

C'est une bonne occasion de faire un investissement stratégique.

Il est mon professeur d'anglais au collège.

Il est professeur de psychologie à l'université.

J'ai vu une publicité hilarante à la télévision hier.

Nous avons organisé une manifestation nue pour augmenter la visibilité de notre cause.

J'ai quitté le travail plus tôt que d'habitude aujourd'hui.

J'ai démissionné de mon travail parce que je détestais mon patron.

Je ne supporte pas les tricheurs.

Cette poutre n'a pas été conçue pour soutenir autant de poids.

Il a réalisé son rêve de devenir un joueur de hockey professionnel.

Il a pris conscience de son erreur après que l'examen était terminé.

Elle est restée à la maison.

Il est important de se reposer avant le grand match.

J'étais en retard à la réunion départementale.

Après avoir vécu à l'étranger pendant vingt ans, John est revenu au Canada pour une réunion d'anciens élèves.

In English

I _____ about this subject.

I _____ what politicians say during elections.

I bought my dictionary at the _____.

I borrowed this novel from the _____.

In prison, cigarettes are used as _____.

I need a better job so that I can earn more _____.

I bought a _____ car.

Their wedding will certainly be a memorable _____.

They were discussing the _____ of calling a spring election.

This is a good _____ to make a strategic investment.

He is my English _____ at college.

He is a _____ of Psychology at university.

I saw a hilarious _____ on television yesterday.

We staged a protest in the nude to get more _____ for our cause.

I _____ work earlier than usual today.

I _____ my job because I hated my boss.

I _____ cheaters.

This beam was not meant to _____ so much weight.

He _____ his lifelong dream to become a professional hockey player.

He _____ his mistake after the exam was over.

She _____ home.

It is important to _____ before the big game.

I was late for the department _____.

Having lived abroad for twenty years, John returned to Canada for a school _____.

False Cognates

The word “cognate” comes from Latin and means born together. False cognates or *faux amis* are words in one language that look similar to words in another language but have different meanings and uses. In this guide, English words are red. Les mots en français sont en bleu.

Cognates	In French	In English
<i>Actuellement</i>	<i>Je travaille <u>actuellement</u> sur un projet.</i>	I am <u>currently</u> working on a project
<i>Actually</i>	<i><u>En fait</u>, je ne peux pas le faire.</i>	<u>Actually</u> , I can't do it.
<i>Assister</i>	<i>J'ai <u>assisté</u> à la classe.</i>	I <u>attended</u> the class.
<i>Assist</i>	<i>J'ai <u>aidé</u> l'enseignant.</i>	I <u>assisted</u> the teacher.
<i>Attendre</i>	<i>J'ai <u>attendu</u> pendant vingt minutes.</i>	I <u>waited</u> for twenty minutes.
<i>Blesser</i>	<i>Ils ont <u>blesé</u> des gens.</i>	They <u>hurt</u> people.
<i>Bless</i>	<i>Le prêtre a <u>béni</u> notre enfant.</i>	The priest <u>blessed</u> our child.
<i>Caractère</i>	<i>Ce meuble a du <u>caractère</u>.</i>	This piece of furniture has <u>character</u> .
<i>Character</i>	<i>Romeo est un <u>personnage</u> tragique.</i>	Romeo is a tragic <u>character</u> .
<i>Chance</i>	<i>Je n'ai pas eu l'<u>occasion</u> de dire au revoir.</i>	I didn't have the <u>chance</u> to say goodbye.
<i>Chance</i>	<i>J'ai eu de la <u>chance</u>.</i>	I was <u>lucky</u> .
<i>Déception</i>	<i>Les résultats du vote ont été une <u>déception</u>.</i>	The results of the vote were a <u>disappointment</u> .
<i>Deception</i>	<i>Le rapport de la CDC était une <u>tromperie</u>.</i>	The CDC's intelligence report was a <u>deception</u> .
<i>Demander</i>	<i>Elle m'a <u>demandé</u> d'apporter son livre.</i>	She <u>asked</u> me to bring her book.
<i>Demand</i>	<i>Elle a <u>exigé</u> que je trouve son livre.</i>	She <u>demanded</u> that I find her book.
<i>Déranger</i>	<i>Excusez-moi de vous <u>déranger</u>.</i>	I am sorry to <u>bother</u> you.
<i>Derange</i>	<i>Les terroristes sont des <u>malades mentaux</u>.</i>	Terrorists are mentally <u>deranged</u> .
<i>Avoir envie</i>	<i>Je n'ai pas <u>envie</u> de manger.</i>	I don't <u>feel like</u> eating.
<i>Envy</i>	<i>Je n'<u>envie</u> pas la petite amie de Jack, il est si infidèle.</i>	I don't <u>envy</u> Jack's girlfriend. He's so unfaithful.
<i>Défaut</i>	<i>Mon grand <u>défaut</u> c'est ma générosité excessive.</i>	My biggest <u>fault</u> is my excessive generosity.
<i>Default</i>	<i>Le mot de passe pour le système est « admin » par <u>défaut</u>.</i>	The <u>default</u> system password is “admin”.
<i>Embrasser</i>	<i>Si vous-même êtes enrhumé, n'<u>embrassez</u> pas votre bébé sur le visage.</i>	If you have a cold, do not <u>kiss</u> your baby on the face.
<i>Embrace</i>	<i>Les supporters se sont <u>étreints</u> après la victoire de leur équipe.</i>	The supporters <u>embraced</u> after their team won.
<i>Formation</i>	<i>Les stagiaires reçoivent une <u>formation</u> générale.</i>	Interns receive general <u>training</u> .
<i>Formation</i>	<i>On sait peu de mécanismes de synthèse pour la <u>formation</u> de la thyroglobuline.</i>	Little is known of the synthetic mechanisms for the <u>formation</u> of thyroglobulin.
<i>Formidable</i>	<i>Ce groupe est <u>formidable</u> !</i>	This is a <u>great</u> band!
<i>Formidable</i>	<i>Il était un adversaire <u>redoutable</u>.</i>	He was a <u>formidable</u> opponent.
<i>Gentil</i>	<i>Elle a un mot <u>gentil</u> pour tous ceux qu'elle rencontre.</i>	She has a <u>kind</u> word for everyone she meets.
<i>Gentle</i>	<i>Mon dentiste était très <u>doux</u>. Je n'ai rien senti.</i>	My dentist was very <u>gentle</u> . I didn't feel anything.
<i>Gros</i>	<i>C'est un <u>gros</u> problème.</i>	That's a <u>big</u> problem.
<i>Gross</i>	<i>Quelle est cette odeur <u>dégoûtante</u>?</i>	What is that <u>gross</u> smell?

Cognates	In French	In English
<i>Ignorer</i>	<i>J'<u>ignore</u> tout de ce sujet.</i>	I <u>know nothing</u> about this subject.
<i>Ignore</i>	<i>Je ne <u>tiens pas compte</u> de ce que les politiciens disent pendant les élections.</i>	I <u>ignore</u> what politicians say during elections.
<i>Librairie</i>	<i>J'ai acheté mon dictionnaire à la <u>librairie</u>.</i>	I bought my dictionary at the <u>bookstore</u> .
<i>Library</i>	<i>J'ai emprunté ce roman à la <u>bibliothèque</u>.</i>	I borrowed this novel from the <u>library</u> .
<i>Monnaie</i>	<i>En prison, les cigarettes sont utilisées comme <u>monnaie</u>.</i>	In prison, cigarettes are used as <u>currency</u> .
<i>Money</i>	<i>J'ai besoin d'un meilleur travail pour que je puisse <u>gagner plus d'argent</u>.</i>	I need a better job so that I can earn more <u>money</u> .
<i>Occasion</i>	<i>J'ai acheté une voiture <u>d'occasion</u>.</i>	I bought a <u>used</u> car.
<i>Occasion</i>	<i>Leur mariage sera certainement une <u>occasion</u> mémorable.</i>	Their wedding will certainly be a memorable <u>occasion</u> .
<i>Opportun</i>	<i>Ils discutaient à savoir s'il était <u>opportun</u> de déclencher des élections au printemps.</i>	They were discussing the <u>ap- propriateness</u> of calling a spring election.
<i>Opportunity</i>	<i>C'est une bonne <u>occasion</u> de faire un investissement stratégique.</i>	This is a good <u>opportunity</u> to make a strategic investment.
<i>Professeur</i>	<i>Il est mon <u>professeur</u> d'anglais au collège.</i>	He is my English <u>teacher</u> at college.
<i>Professor</i>	<i>Il est <u>professeur</u> de psychologie à l'université.</i>	He is a <u>professor</u> of Psychology at university.
<i>Publicité</i>	<i>J'ai vu une <u>publicité</u> hilarante à la télévision hier.</i>	I saw a hilarious <u>advertisement</u> on television yesterday.
<i>Publicity</i>	<i>Nous avons organisé une manifestation nue pour augmenter <u>la visibilité</u> de notre cause.</i>	We staged a protest in the nude to get more <u>publicity</u> for our cause.
<i>Quitter</i>	<i>J'ai <u>quitté</u> le travail plus tôt que d'habitude aujourd'hui.</i>	I <u>left</u> work earlier than usual today.
<i>Quit</i>	<i>J'ai <u>démissionné</u> de mon travail parce que je détestais mon patron.</i>	I <u>quit</u> my job because I hated my boss.
<i>Supporter</i>	<i>Je ne <u>supporte pas</u> les tricheurs.</i>	I can't <u>stand</u> cheaters.
<i>Support</i>	<i>Cette poutre na pas été conçue pour <u>soutenir</u> autant de poids.</i>	This beam was not meant to <u>support</u> so much weight.
<i>Surnom</i>	<i>Son <u>surnom</u> était Goofy.</i>	His <u>nickname</u> was Goofy.
<i>Surname</i>	<i>Cette poutre na pas été conçue pour <u>soutenir</u> autant de poids.</i>	This beam was not meant to <u>support</u> so much weight.
<i>Raisin</i>	<i>Elle a cuit mes biscuitsavoine et <u>raisins</u> favoris.</i>	She baked my favourite oatmeal <u>raisin</u> cookies.
<i>Grape</i>	<i>Le champagne est un vin mousseux produit à partir de <u>raisins</u> cultivés dans la région de Champagne en France.</i>	Champagne is a sparkling wine produced from <u>grapes</u> grown in the Champagne region of France.
<i>Réaliser</i>	<i>Il a <u>réalisé</u> son rêve de devenir un joueur de hockey professionnel.</i>	He <u>achieved</u> his lifelong dream to become a professional hockey player.
<i>Realize</i>	<i>Il a <u>pris conscience</u> de son erreur après que l'examen était terminé.</i>	He <u>realized</u> his mistake after the exam was over.
<i>Rester</i>	<i>Elle est <u>restée</u> à la maison.</i>	She <u>stayed</u> home.
<i>Rest</i>	<i>Il est important de <u>se reposer</u> avant le grand match.</i>	It is important to <u>rest</u> before the big game.
<i>Réunion</i>	<i>J'étais en retard à la <u>réunion</u> départementale.</i>	I was late for the department <u>meeting</u> .
<i>Reunion</i>	<i>Après avoir vécu à l'étranger pendant vingt ans, John est revenu au Canada pour une <u>réunion</u> d'anciens élèves.</i>	Having lived abroad for twenty years, John returned to Canada for a school <u>reunion</u> .

Translation Card Game

Play this card game in groups of three or four. Shuffle the cards and place the deck in the middle. Player 1 takes a card and reads the French sentence. Players 2 and 3 try to provide the best translation of that sentence into English. Player 1 gives the card to the player whose translation matches the translation on the card. If both players answer correctly, Player 1 returns the card to the bottom of the deck. If neither player answers correctly, Player 1 reads the answer and returns the card to the bottom of the deck. The player to the left takes the next turn. The player with the most cards at the end is the winner.

This serious game provides useful practice translating false cognates. Since only correct answers can win the card, this game provides opportunities for peer-feedback on form in a safe and structured way. With French sentences where more than one correct English translation is possible, players learn the value of persistent guessing.



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How do you translate this sentence into English?

Je travaille **actuellement** sur un projet.

English translation:

I am **currently** working on a project.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

En fait, je ne peux pas le faire.

English translation:

Actually, I can't do it.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'**ai assisté** à la classe.

English translation:

I **attended** the class.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'**ai aidé** l'enseignant.

English translation:

I **assisted** the teacher.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'**ai attendu** pendant vingt minutes.

English translation:

I **waited** for twenty minutes.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Ils **ont blessé** des gens.

English translation:

They **hurt** people.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Le prêtre **a béni** notre enfant.

English translation:

The priest **blessed** our child.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Ce meuble a du **caractère**.

English translation:

This piece of furniture has **character**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Romeo est un **personnage** tragique.

English translation:

Romeo is a tragic **character**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Je n'ai pas eu l'**occasion** de dire au revoir.

English translation:

I didn't have the **chance** to say goodbye.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'ai eu de la **chance**.

English translation:

I was **lucky**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Les résultats du vote ont été une **déception**.

English translation:

The results of the vote were a **disappointment**.

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Le rapport de la CDC était une **tromperie**.

English translation:

The CDC's intelligence report was a **deception**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Elle m'**a demandé** d'apporter son livre.

English translation:

She **asked** me to bring her book.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Elle **a exigé** que je trouve son livre.

English translation:

She **demande**d that I find her book.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Excusez-moi de vous **déranger**.

English translation:

I am sorry **to bother** you.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Les terroristes sont des **malades mentaux**.

English translation:

Terrorists are mentally **deranged**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Je n'ai pas **envie** de manger.

English translation:

I don't **feel like** eating.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Je n'**envie** pas la petite amie de Jack, il est si infidèle.

English translation:

I don't **envy** Jack's girlfriend. He's so unfaithful.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Si vous-même êtes enrhumé, n'**embrassez** pas votre bébé sur le visage.

English translation:

If you have a cold, do not **kiss** your baby on the face.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Les supporters se sont **étreints** après la victoire de leur équipe.

English translation:

The supporters **embraced** after their team won.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'ai beaucoup d'**expérience** dans ce domaine.

English translation:

I have a lot of **experience** in this field.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'ai fait une **expérience**.

English translation:

I did an **experiment**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Mon grand **défaut** c'est ma générosité excessive.

English translation:

My biggest **fault** is my excessive generosity.

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How do you translate this sentence into English?

Le mot de passe pour le système est « admin »
par **défaut**.

English translation:

The **default** system password is “admin”.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Les stagiaires reçoivent une **formation** générale.

English translation:

Interns receive general **training**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

On connaît peu de mécanismes de synthèse
pour la **formation** de la thyroglobuline.

English translation:

Little is known of the synthetic mechanisms for the
formation of thyroglobulin.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Ce groupe est **formidable** !

English translation:

This is a **great** band!

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Il était un adversaire **redoutable**.

English translation:

He was a **formidable** opponent.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Elle a un mot **gentil** pour tous ceux qu'elle
rencontre.

English translation:

She has a **kind** word for everyone she meets.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Mon dentiste était très **doux**. Je n'ai rien senti.

English translation:

My dentist was very **gentle**. I didn't feel anything.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

C'est un **gros** problème.

English translation:

That's a **big** problem.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Quelle est cette odeur **dégoûtante**?

English translation:

What is that **gross** smell?

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'**ignore** tout de ce sujet.

English translation:

I **know nothing** about this subject.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Je **ne tiens pas compte** de ce que les politiciens
disent pendant les élections.

English translation:

I **ignore** what politicians say during elections.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'ai acheté mon dictionnaire à la **librairie**.

English translation:

I bought my dictionary at the **bookstore**.

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How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'ai emprunté ce roman à la **bibliothèque**.

English translation:

I borrowed this novel from the **library**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

En prison, les cigarettes sont utilisées comme **monnaie**.

English translation:

In prison, cigarettes are used as **currency**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'ai besoin d'un meilleur travail pour que je puisse gagner plus d'**argent**.

English translation:

I need a better job so that I can earn more **money**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'ai acheté une voiture d'**occasion**.

English translation:

I bought a **used** car.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Leur mariage sera certainement une **occasion** mémorable.

English translation:

Their wedding will certainly be a memorable **occasion**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Ils discutaient à savoir s'il **était opportun** de déclencher des élections au printemps.

English translation:

They were discussing the **appropriateness** of calling a spring election.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

C'est une bonne **occasion** de faire un investissement stratégique.

English translation:

This is a good **opportunity** to make a strategic investment.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Il est mon **professeur** d'anglais au collège.

English translation:

He is my English **teacher** at college.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Il est **professeur** de psychologie à l'université.

English translation:

He is a **professor** of Psychology at university.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'ai vu une **publicité** hilarante à la télévision hier.

English translation:

I saw a hilarious **advertisement** on television yesterday.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Nous avons organisé une manifestation nue pour augmenter la **visibilité** de notre cause.

English translation:

We staged a **protest** in the nude to get more **publicity** for our cause.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'**ai quitté** le travail plus tôt que d'habitude aujourd'hui.

English translation:

I **left** work earlier than usual today.

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How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'**ai démissionné** de mon travail parce que je détestais mon patron.

English translation:

I **quit** my job because I hated my boss.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Je **ne supporte pas** les tricheurs.

English translation:

I **can't stand** cheaters.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Cette poutre na pas été conçue **pour soutenir** autant de poids.

English translation:

This beam was not meant **to support** so much weight.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Elle a cuit mes biscuits avoine et **raisins** favoris.

English translation:

She baked my favourite oatmeal **raisin** cookies.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Le champagne est un vin mousseux produit à partir de **raisins**.

English translation:

Champagne is a sparkling wine produced from **grapes**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Il **a réalisé** son rêve de devenir un joueur de hockey professionnel.

English translation:

He **achieved** his lifelong dream to become a professional hockey player.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Il **a pris conscience** de son erreur après que l'examen était terminé.

English translation:

He **realized** his mistake after the exam was over.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Elle **est restée** à la maison.

English translation:

She **stayed** home.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Il est important de **se reposer** avant le grand match.

English translation:

It is important **to rest** before the big game.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'étais en retard à la **réunion** départementale.

English translation:

I was late for the department **meeting**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

Après avoir vécu à l'étranger pendant vingt ans, John est revenu au Canada pour une **réunion** d'anciens élèves.

English translation:

Having lived abroad for twenty years, John returned to Canada for a school **reunion**.

How do you translate this sentence into English?

J'**ai passé** la nuit dans une tente.

English translation:

I **spent** the night in a tent.

