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LANGUAGES · CHEAT SHEET

French grammar cheat sheet

Articles, agreement, verb groups, pronoun order and a learning order

1 Articles

	Masculine	Feminine	Before a vowel	Plural
Definite (the)	*le livre*	*la table*	*l'ami*	*les livres*
Indefinite (a)	*un livre*	*une table*	*un ami, une amie*	*des livres*
Partitive (some)	*du pain*	*de la soupe*	*de l'eau*	*des épinards*

2 Core rules

Gender — Learn every noun with its article: *un livre*, *une idée*.

Agreement — +e feminine, +s plural: *vert, verte, verts, vertes*.

Position — Most adjectives follow: *un livre vert*. BAGS go before: *une belle maison*, *un jeune homme*, *une bonne idée*, *une petite maison*.

Contractions — *à + le* = ***au***, *à + les* = ***aux***, *de + le* = ***du***, *de + les* = ***des***.

3 Verbs and negation

Verb groups — 1st *parler*, 2nd *finir* (*nous finissons*), 3rd the rest (*aller, faire*).

Passé composé — Most verbs: ***j'ai*** *mangé*. Être: pronominal verbs and *aller, arriver, partir*: ***je suis*** *allé*.

Negation — *Je* ***ne*** *le vois* ***pas***. (I don't see him.) *Je n'ai pas mangé* ***de*** *pain.* (I didn't eat any bread.)

4 Pronoun order before the verb

- *me, te, se, nous, vous → le, la, les → lui, leur → y → en*
- *Il* ***me les*** *montre.* (He's showing them to me.)
- *Je* ***le lui*** *ai donné.* (I gave it to him.)
- Positive command: after the verb, *Montre-****le-moi****.* (Show it to me.)

5 An order to learn it in

Stage	Topics
1. Foundations	Gender, articles, être, avoir, present, *ne … pas*
2. Past and future	Passé composé, imparfait, futur proche
3. Pronouns	Object pronouns, *y, en, qui, que, dont*
4. Moods	Conditional, *si* clauses, subjunctive

TIP

Learn *je voudrais* (I would like) as a phrase on day one. After *si* it's *si vous voulez*, not *si vous voudriez*.