

# FRENCH LESSON

# COD + DOP

## WHAT IS A COD ?

COD means **Complément d'Objet Direct**. We found the COD by asking the question **QUOI** (what) or **QUI** (who). The COD is usually placed after the verb, unless it is a pronoun, also called **DOP** - Direct Object Pronoun (see next point).

**It usually follows this pattern :**

SUBJECT + VERB + COD

**Examples with QUOI :**

**Je mange une pomme** - I am eating an apple

**Je mange quoi ?** - What am I eating ?

**Une pomme** - An apple

**Une pomme** is the COD

**Elle lit un livre** - She is reading a book

**Elle lit quoi ?** - What is she reading ?

**Un livre** - A book

**Un livre** is the COD

**Examples with QUI :**

**Il attend Paul** - He is waiting for Paul

**Il attend qui ?** - Who is he waiting for ?

**Paul**

**Paul** is the COD

**Nous connaissons Marie** - We know Marie

**Nous connaissons qui ?** - Who do we know ?

**Marie**

**Marie** is the COD

## WHAT IS A DOP ?

DOP means Direct Object Pronoun. It is simply the COD under the form of a pronoun.

Let's see 2 examples in English only :

I know **Marie** - I know **her**

Marie is the COD but can be turned into a pronoun which is **her**

He is waiting for **Paul** - He is waiting for **him**

Paul is the COD but can be turned into a pronoun which is **him**

## THE DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

FRENCH	ENGLISH
Me / M'	Me
Te / T'	You
Le / L'	His / It
La / L'	Her / it
Nous	Us
Vous	You
Les	Them

## Where to place the DOP ?

In French, in contrary as in English, the **DOP** is always before the verb.

I know **Marie** - I know **her**

Je connais **Marie**

Je **la** connais

## COD - DOP - Practice

**Je mange une pomme** - I am eating an apple

**Je mange quoi ?** - What am I eating ?

**Je mange une pomme** - Une pomme is the COD

**Une pomme** is feminine singular - DOP = **la**

**Je la mange** - I am eating it

**Tu manges un croissant** - You are eating a croissant

**Tu manges quoi ?** - What are you eating ?

**Tu manges un croissant** - Un croissant is the COD

**Un croissant** is masculine singular - DOP = **le**

**Tu le manges** - You are eating it

**Elle mange des cerises** - She is eating cherries

**Elle mange quoi ?** - What is she eating ?

**Elle mange des cerises** - Des cerises is the COD

**Des cerises** is feminine plural (but it doesn't matter if it's feminine or masculine) - DOP = **les**

**Elle les mange** - She is eating them

**Nous écrivons une phrase** - We are writing a sentence

**Nous écrivons quoi ?** - What are we writing ?

**Nous écrivons une phrase** - Une phrase is the COD

**Une phrase** is feminine singular - DOP = **la** but it turns into **L'** because the verb starts with a vowel

**Nous l'écrivons** - We are writing it

**Elle me connaît**                    She knows me

**Je te connais**                    I know you

**Je le connais**                    I know him

**Je la connais**                    I know her

**Il nous connaît**                    He knows us

**Je vous connais**                    I know you

**Je les connais**                    I know them

## COD - DOP with Passé composé

J'ai mangé une pomme - I ate an apple

Je **l**'ai mangée ? - I ate it

=> Because LA POMME is feminine and it's before the verb, MANGÉ takes a E

J'ai mangé des cerises - I ate cherries

Je **les** ai mangées ? - I ate them

=> Because LES CERISES is feminine / plural and it's before the verb, MANGÉ takes ES

Tu as lu des livres - You read books

Tu **les** as lus ? - You read them

=> Because DES LIVRES is masculine / plural and it's before the verb, LU takes a S

Elle a attendu Marie et Marc pendant deux heures - She waited two hours

for Marie and Marc

Elle **les** a attendus pendant deux heures - She waited two hours for them

Elle a attendu Marc pendant deux heures - She waited two hours

for Marc

Elle **l**'a attendu pendant deux heures - She waited two hours for him