

# FRENCH LESSON

# COI + IOP

## WHAT IS A COI ?

COI means **Complément d'Objet Indirect**. It is usually preceded by the preposition **À**. We found the COI by asking the question **À QUOI** or **À QUI**. The COI is usually placed after the COD and the verb, unless it is a pronoun, also called IOP - Indirect Object Pronoun (see next point).

It usually follows this pattern :

SUBJECT + VERB + COD + COI

Il donne un cadeau à sa sœur - He gives a gift to his sister

Il donne un cadeau à qui ? - Who does he give a gift to ?

À sa sœur - His sister

À sa sœur is the COI

Elle lit un livre à son frère - She is reading a book to her brother

Elle lit un livre à qui ? - Who is she reading a book to ?

À son frère - Her brother

À son frère is the COI

## WHAT IS A IOP ?

IOP means Indirect Object Pronoun. It is simply the COI under the form of a pronoun.

Let's see an example in English only :

She is reading a book **to her brother** - She is reading **him** a book

To her brother is the COI but can be turned into a pronoun which is **him**

## THE INDIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

### FRENCH                    ENGLISH

Me / M'	Me
Te / T'	You
Lui	Him / Her / It
Nous	Us
Vous	You
Leur	Them

## WHERE TO PLACE THE DOP ?

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

She is reading a book **to her brother** - She is reading **him** a book  
**Elle lit un livre à son frère** - **Elle lui lit un livre**

## COI - IOP - Practice

**Il donne un cadeau à sa sœur** - He gives a gift to his sister

**Il donne un cadeau à qui ?** - Who does he give a gift to ?

**À sa sœur** is the COI

**À sa sœur** is the equivalent of **HER = lui**

**Il lui donne un cadeau**

**Elle lit un livre à son frère** - She is reading a book to her brother

**Elle lit un livre à qui ?** - Who is she reading a book to ?

**À son frère** is the COI

**À son frère** is the equivalent of **HIM = lui**

**Elle lui lit un livre**

Elle pose une question aux enfants - She is asking the children a question

Elle pose une question à qui ? - Who is she is asking to ?

Aux enfants is the COI

Aux enfants is the equivalent of THEM = leur

Elle **leur** pose une question

Il <b>me</b> parle	He is talking to me
Il <b>te</b> parle	He is talking to you
Il <b>lui</b> parle	He is talking to her
Il <b>lui</b> parle	He is talking to him
Il <b>nous</b> parle	He is talking to us
Il <b>leur</b> parle	He is talking to them

## VERBS WHO TAKE AN IOP

Acheter à - To buy for

Emprunter à - To borrow from

Prêter à - To lend to

Offrir à - To give to

Rendre à - To give back to

Donner à - To give to

Vendre à - To sell to

Parler à - To talk to

Demander à - To ask for

Dire à - To say / To tell

Téléphoner à - To call

Écrire à - To write to

Etc...