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PREFACE

Welcome to “**French Short Stories**,” a carefully curated collection of 30 French short stories with **translations, vocabulary, and comprehension questions**. This book has been thoughtfully designed to provide an engaging and effective way for English learners to enhance their language skills while exploring the captivating world of French literature.

With **30 stories** in total, this book provides you with enough learning material for the next **30 days** if you learn one story a day. Suitable for higher beginners, this book is tailored to those who already possess a basic knowledge of French grammar and sentence structures. Each story in the book includes **multiple choice and short answer questions** that are designed to test comprehension and retention of the material. Additionally, an audio download for each story, recorded by a native French speaker (me), is included to provide learners with an opportunity to practice their listening skills at a comfortable pace.

The book features both multiple choice and short answer questions for each story. The multiple choice questions are suitable for learners of all levels, while the short answer questions are designed to challenge those with a higher level of proficiency. This allows for a more personalized learning experience that caters to the needs of learners at different stages of their language journey.

The stories cover a range of topics inspired by daily life, from a day in Paris to family, health, and more. By reading these short stories, you will be able to improve your language proficiency and gain confidence in your French abilities.

Whether you are a beginner or an intermediate learner, this book is the perfect tool to help you improve your reading, listening, and speaking skills.

I hope that you find this book to be a valuable resource in your French learning journey and that it inspires you to continue exploring the rich world of French literature.

Thank you for choosing “French Short Stories,” and happy reading! Bonne lecture!

Dylane

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

If you're looking to enhance your reading comprehension skills and vocabulary, then this book is ideal for you. To maximize your learning experience, here are some helpful tips:

- **Take advantage of the notes pages throughout the book.** Keep track of the vocabulary you learned, the questions you got right and the ones you got wrong. Come back to your notes often to review them.
- **Pace Yourself:** Instead of reading all the stories in one sitting, try reading one story per day. This way, you can take your time and focus on understanding each story thoroughly.
- **Answer the Questions:** For each story, there are two types of questions: multiple-choice and short answer. If you're a beginner, start with the multiple-choice questions, and as you progress, challenge yourself with the short answer questions. You can answer with a single word, a group of words, or even a complete sentence.
- **Pay Attention to Vocabulary:** Each story contains bolded words that are important to understanding the text. Make sure to pay attention to these words and refer to the vocabulary list provided at the end of each story to learn their meaning.
- **Improve Your Listening Skills:** Take advantage of the free audio download and listen to each story while simultaneously reading the text. This technique will help you connect spoken and written French and may even improve your pronunciation.

By following these tips, you'll be well on your way to improving your French reading and listening skills after 30 days.

Haven fun learning!

How to Use the Vocabulary Lists?

Each vocabulary list contains the relevant words for the topic and is presented following the story. The words are highlighted in bold within the text for easy identification. To optimize your learning experience, here are some important things to consider when using the vocabulary list:

- Whenever possible, all nouns are converted to their singular form so you can easily recognize their gender. Some nouns, such as profession, have masculine and feminine forms.
- All adjectives are presented in both masculine and feminine forms.
- Verbs are listed in their infinitive form to help you recognize their base form.
- Additionally, each vocabulary word is accompanied by its part of speech when possible, which is indicated in the legend below.

Legend:

adj - adjective - **adjectif**

adv - adverb - **adverbe**

n - noun - **nom** (when both genders are given)

nf - feminine noun - **nom féminin**

nm - masculine noun - **nom masculin**

prép - preposition - **préposition**

v - verb - **verbe**

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To download the audio for the stories, visit [\[redacted\]](#) or scan the **QR code** below. After entering your email, the audio download will be sent directly to your inbox.



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CHAPTER 1

On va prendre un café

Aujourd'hui, je vais **prendre un café** avec **mon amie Léa**. On **s'est rencontrées à l'université** il y a dix ans. On a **passé** beaucoup de **temps ensemble**. On **habitait** même ensemble pendant notre **dernière année** d'université. Maintenant, on habite dans deux villes différentes mais on essaye de se voir **de temps en temps**, au moins **une fois par mois** ou **tous les deux mois**.

Cet après-midi, on est allées dans **un petit café** qui vient juste d'ouvrir dans la rue principale. On a eu de la chance car il n'y avait pas beaucoup de monde. On a choisi **une petite table** près de la fenêtre.

J'avais un peu faim quand je suis arrivée **au comptoir** donc j'ai commandé **un café** avec **un peu de lait** et **un morceau de tarte aux pommes**. Léa a commandé **un espresso** et **un pain au chocolat**. La **serveuse** nous a apporté nos cafés et **nos pâtisseries** après quelques minutes. Pendant qu'on buvait notre café, on a parlé de notre **vie quotidienne** et de notre **travail**. Je viens de **déménager** et Léa vient de commencer un **nouveau** travail donc on avait beaucoup de choses à se raconter aujourd'hui.

Après deux heures à discuter, on a décidé d'aller **se promener au parc** situé à côté du café. On s'est promenées pendant une heure avant de nous dire **au revoir**. Léa devait aller chercher **ses enfants à l'école** et moi je devais **rentrer** pour préparer **le dîner**.

On va se voir au même café le mois prochain.



We Are Going For Coffee

Today, I'm going to have coffee with my friend Léa. We met at university ten years ago and spent a lot of time together. We even lived together during our last year of university. Now, we live in different cities, but we try to see each other from time to time, at least once a month or every two months.

This afternoon, we went to a small coffee shop that had just opened on the main street. We were lucky because there weren't many people there. We chose a small table near the window.

When I got to the counter, I was a little hungry, so I ordered a coffee with a bit of milk and a piece of apple pie. Léa ordered an espresso and a "pain au chocolat." The waitress brought us our coffees and pastries after a few minutes. While drinking our coffee, we talked about our daily lives and work. I just moved, and Léa just started a new job, so we had a lot to catch up on.

After two hours of chatting, we decided to take a walk in the park next to the café. We walked for an hour before saying goodbye. Léa had to pick up her kids from school, and I had to go home to prepare dinner.

We're going to meet at the same coffee shop next month.

Vocabulary

Prendre un café - To have coffee

Un ami - Une amie n - A friend

Se rencontrer v - To meet

L'université nf - The university

Passer du temps ensemble -

To spend time together

Habiter v - To live

La dernière année - The last year

De temps en temps prép - From time to time

Une fois par mois - Once a month

Tous les deux mois - Every two months

Un café nm - A coffee shop - A coffee

Une table nf - A table

Le comptoir nm - The counter

Un peu de lait - A little bit of milk

Un morceau nm - A piece

Une tarte aux pommes nf - Apple pie

Un expresso nm - An espresso

Un pain au chocolat nm -

A "pain au chocolat" - A pastry

La serveuse nf - The waitress

Une pâtisserie nf - A pastry

La vie nf - Life

Quotidien - Quotidienne adj - Daily

Le travail nm - Work

Déménager v - To move

Nouveau - Nouvelle adj - New

Une chose nf - A thing

Se promener v - To take a walk

Le parc nm - The park

Au revoir - Goodbye

Les enfants nm - The children

L'école nf - The school

Rentrer v - To go back home

Le dîner nm - Dinner

Multiple Choice Questions

1. **Qu'est-ce qu'elle va faire aujourd'hui ?**

What is she going to do today?

- Ⓐ **Prendre un café avec son amie Léa** - *Have coffee with her friend Léa*
- Ⓑ **Aller au travail** - *To go to work*
- Ⓒ **Aller faire du shopping** - *Go shopping*

2. **Où se situe le café dans lequel les deux amies sont allées ?**

Where is the café where the two friends went located?

- (A) **Dans un centre commercial** - *In a shopping center*
- (B) **Dans la rue principale** - *On the main street*
- (C) **Dans un parc** - *In a park*

3. **Qu'est-ce qu'elle commande au comptoir ?**

What did she order at the counter?

- (A) **Un café avec du lait et un pain au chocolat** - *Coffee with milk and a pain au chocolat*
- (B) **Un thé et une tarte aux pommes** - *Tea and an apple pie*
- (C) **Un café avec un peu de lait et un morceau de tarte aux pommes** -
Coffee with a bit of milk and a piece of apple pie

4. **Quand est-ce qu'elles vont se revoir ?**

When will they see each other again?

- (A) **Jamais** - *Never*
- (B) **L'année prochaine** - *Next year*
- (C) **Le mois prochain** - *Next month*

5. **Qu'est-ce que Léa doit faire après ?**

What does Léa have to do afterwards?

- (A) **Léa doit aller chercher ses enfants à l'école** - *Léa has to pick up her children from school*
- (B) **Léa doit aller chercher son mari au travail** - *Léa has to pick up her husband from work*
- (C) **Léa a un rendez-vous important** - *Léa has an important appointment*

Short Answer Questions

1. **Avec qui est-ce qu'elle va prendre un café aujourd'hui ?**

With whom is she going to have a coffee today?

2. **Où est-ce qu'elles se sont rencontrées pour la première fois ?**

Where did they first meet?

3. Est-ce qu'elles habitent encore ensemble ?

Do they still live together?

4. Qu'est-ce que Léa a commandé au comptoir ?

What did Léa order at the counter?

5. Où est-ce qu'elles sont allées après ?

Where did they go afterwards?

More in the book!



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