

SCENE 28 • GRAMMAR

En train / à vélo / notre

Transport, tickets and shared possessions

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

Around town

French

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Use **en train**, **en bus** and **en voiture** for common transport, but **à vélo** and **à pied**. Timetables use twenty-four-hour readings: **neuf heures douze, dix-sept heures quarante**. A return ticket is **un aller-retour**.

Transport	Example	Meaning
en train	Nous allons au lac en train.	We go to the lake by train.
à vélo	Je vais à la gare à vélo.	I go to the station by bicycle.
à pied	Nous allons à la gare à pied.	We walk to the station.

Our and our (plural)

Use **notre** with one singular noun: **notre plan, notre carte, notre train**. Use **nos** with plural nouns: **nos billets, nos pommes**.

Like **mon/ma/mes** and **votre/vos**, these words agree with the thing owned, not with the owner. So **notre maison** is singular because **maison** is singular, and **nos amis** is plural because **amis** is plural.

French often uses these words in everyday talk about shared things: **notre café, notre ville, nos places**. They are very frequent and worth learning early.

At this level, the most useful contrast is simple: one thing = **notre**;
more than one thing = **nos**.

Form	Example	Meaning
notre	notre plan	our plan
notre	notre ville	our town
nos	nos billets	our tickets
nos	nos enfants	our children

Voilà notre plan B.

Here is our plan B.

Où sont nos billets ?

Where are our tickets?

Le lac, c'est notre idée pour dimanche.

The lake is our idea for Sunday.

Voici nos pommes de terre et notre fromage.

Here are our potatoes and our cheese.

Karim et Hélène aiment leur magasin.

Karim and Hélène like their shop.

Lukas, où est notre carte ?

Lukas, where is our map?

Lena, ce sont nos places dans le train ?

Lena, are these our seats in the train?

Zoé a sa carte, et nous avons notre carte.

Zoé has her map, and we have our map.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Voilà notre plan B.

Meaning: Here is our plan B.

- 2 Où sont nos billets ?

Meaning: Where are our tickets?

- 3 Le lac, c'est notre idée pour dimanche.

Meaning: The lake is our idea for Sunday.

- 4 Voici nos pommes de terre et notre fromage.

Meaning: Here are our potatoes and our cheese.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Voilà _____ plan B.

- ☐ A notre
- ☐ B votre
- ☐ C nos

Meaning: Here is our plan B.

2 Où sont _____ billets ?

- ☐ A nos
- ☐ B votre
- ☐ C notre

Meaning: Where are our tickets?

3 Le lac, c'est _____ idée pour dimanche.

- ☐ A nos
- ☐ B notre
- ☐ C votre

Meaning: The lake is our idea for Sunday.

4 Voici _____ pommes de terre et notre fromage.

- ☐ A nos
- ☐ B notre
- ☐ C votre

Meaning: Here are our potatoes and our cheese.

5 Karim et Hélène aiment _____ magasin.

- ☐ A nos
- ☐ B leur
- ☐ C notre

Meaning: Karim and Hélène like their shop.

6 Lukas, où est _____ carte ?

- ☐ A notre
- ☐ B nos
- ☐ C votre

Meaning: Lukas, where is our map?

7 Lena, ce sont _____ places dans le train ?

- ☐ A nos
- ☐ B votre
- ☐ C notre

Meaning: Lena, are these our seats in the train?

8 Zoé a _____ carte, et nous avons notre carte.

- ☐ A sa
- ☐ B leur
- ☐ C nos

Meaning: Zoé has her map, and we have our map.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

notre nos

Voilà _____ plan B.

Meaning: Here is our plan B.

nos notre

Où sont _____ billets ?

Meaning: Where are our tickets?

notre nos

Le lac, c'est _____ idée pour dimanche.

Meaning: The lake is our idea for Sunday.

nos notre

Voici _____ pommes de terre et notre fromage.

Meaning: Here are our potatoes and our cheese.

leur notre

Karim et Hélène aiment _____ magasin.

Meaning: Karim and Hélène like their shop.

notre nos

Lukas, où est _____ carte ?

Meaning: Lukas, where is our map?

nos notre

Lena, ce sont _____ places dans le train ?

Meaning: Lena, are these our seats in the train?

sa nos

Zoé a _____ carte, et nous avons notre carte.

Meaning: Zoé has her map, and we have our map.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 plan Voilà B. notre

Meaning: Here is our plan B.

2 sont ? nos billets Où

Meaning: Where are our tickets?

3 idée c'est dimanche. Le notre pour lac,

Meaning: The lake is our idea for Sunday.

4 pommes de et notre nos Voici fromage. terre

Meaning: Here are our potatoes and our cheese.

5 magasin. et Hélène aiment leur Karim

Meaning: Karim and Hélène like their shop.

6 où est Lukas, carte ? notre

Meaning: Lukas, where is our map?

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Here is our plan B. You say:

- ☐ A Voilà notre plan B.
- ☐ B Voilà nos plan B.

2 Where are our tickets? You say:

- ☐ A Où sont notre billets ?
- ☐ B Où sont nos billets ?

3 The lake is our idea for Sunday. You say:

- ☐ A Le lac, c'est notre idée pour dimanche.
- ☐ B Le lac, c'est nos idée pour dimanche.

4 Here are our potatoes and our cheese. You say:

- ☐ A Voici nos pommes de terre et notre fromage.
- ☐ B Voici notre pommes de terre et notre fromage.

G6) CONNECT SENTENCES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|---|
| ① Lukas, où est notre carte ? | ④ A The lake is our idea for Sunday. |
| ② Lena, ce sont nos places dans le train ? | ⑤ B Where are our tickets? |
| ③ Voici nos pommes de terre et notre fromage. | ⑥ C Here are our potatoes and our cheese. |
| ⑦ Voil   notre plan B. | ① D Karim and H  l  ne like their shop. |
| ⑧ Zo   a sa carte, et nous avons notre carte. | ② E Lukas, where is our map? |
| ⑨ Le lac, c'est notre id  e pour dimanche. | ③ F Here is our plan B. |

- ⑦ Où sont nos billets ? ⑦ Zoé has her map, and we have our map.
- ⑧ Karim et Hélène ⑧ Lena, are these our seats in the
aiment leur train?
magasin.