

Parce que et quand

Discoveries, reasons and sequences

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

Staying

French

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Discoveries, reasons and sequences

To give a simple reason, use **parce que**: **Je reste parce qu'ici tout le monde connaît mon nom.** This is one of the most useful connectors in everyday French.

To place actions in time, use **quand**: **Quand tu étais malade...** or **Quand je suis arrivé...** At A1, it is fine to keep both parts short.

To tell a sequence, French often uses simple connectors like **et**, **puis**, **après**. You do not need long complex sentences. Short steps are clearer.

Pronouns like **il**, **elle**, **le**, **la** can refer to people or things already mentioned. In stories, always check what the pronoun points to.

Form	Example	Meaning
parce que	Je reste parce qu'ici je suis bien.	I'm staying because I feel good here.
quand	Quand tu étais malade, ton thermomètre a disparu.	When you were ill, your thermometer disappeared.
puis	Il a pris la clé, puis il est parti.	He took the key, then he left.
il / elle / le / la	Julien cherche son embouchure. Il la cherche depuis le festival.	Julien is looking for his mouthpiece. He has been looking for it since the festival.

Je reste parce que tout le monde connaît mon nom.

I'm staying because everyone knows my name.

Quand tu étais malade, ton thermomètre a disparu.

When you were ill, your thermometer disappeared.

Il a trouvé la clé, puis il est allé au café.

He found the key, then he went to the café.

Julien cherche l'embouchure. Il la cherche depuis le festival.

Julien is looking for the mouthpiece. He has been looking for it since the festival.

Je suis revenue (**revenu**) parce que cette maison me manque.

I came back because I miss this house.

Le chat a pris la photo, et maintenant il dort dessus.

The cat took the photo, and now he is sleeping on it.

C'était son appartement pendant longtemps.

It was his flat for a long time.

Quand je suis arrivée (**arrivé**), j'ai vu ma valise ouverte.

When I arrived, I saw my suitcase open.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Je reste parce que tout le monde connaît mon nom.

Meaning: I'm staying because everyone knows my name.

- 2 Quand tu étais malade, ton thermomètre a disparu.

Meaning: When you were ill, your thermometer disappeared.

- 3 Il a trouvé la clé, puis il est allé au café.

Meaning: He found the key, then he went to the café.

- 4 Julien cherche l'embouchure. Il la cherche depuis le festival.

Meaning: Julien is looking for the mouthpiece. He has been looking for it since the festival.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Je reste _____ tout le monde connaît mon nom.

- ☐ (A) quand
- ☐ (B) parce que
- ☐ (C) mais

Meaning: I'm staying because everyone knows my name.

2 Quand tu étais malade, ton thermomètre a _____.

- ☐ (A) disparaît
- ☐ (B) disparaître
- ☐ (C) disparu

Meaning: When you were ill, your thermometer disappeared.

3 Il a trouvé la clé, _____ il est allé au café.

- ☐ (A) parce que
- ☐ (B) puis
- ☐ (C) ou

Meaning: He found the key, then he went to the café.

4 Julien cherche l'embouchure. Il _____ cherche depuis le festival.

- ☐ A le
- ☐ B la
- ☐ C les

Meaning: Julien is looking for the mouthpiece. He has been looking for it since the festival.

5 Je suis revenue _____ cette maison me manque.

- ☐ A quand
- ☐ B puis
- ☐ C parce que

Meaning: I came back because I miss this house.

6 Le chat a pris la photo, et maintenant il dort _____.

- ☐ A dessus
- ☐ B ici
- ☐ C demain

Meaning: The cat took the photo, and now he is sleeping on it.

7 C'était son appartement _____ longtemps.

- ☐ (A) pourquoi
- ☐ (B) depuis
- ☐ (C) pendant

Meaning: It was his flat for a long time.

8 Quand je suis _____, j'ai vu ma valise ouverte.

- ☐ (A) arriver
- ☐ (B) arrivés
- ☐ (C) arrivée

Meaning: When I arrived, I saw my suitcase open.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

parce que quand

Je reste _____ tout le monde connaît mon nom.

Meaning: I'm staying because everyone knows my name.

disparu disparaît

Quand tu étais malade, ton thermomètre a _____.

Meaning: When you were ill, your thermometer disappeared.

puis parce que

Il a trouvé la clé, _____ il est allé au café.

Meaning: He found the key, then he went to the café.

la le

Julien cherche l'embouchure. Il _____ cherche depuis le festival.

Meaning: Julien is looking for the mouthpiece. He has been looking for it since the festival.

parce que quand

Je suis revenue _____ cette maison me manque.

Meaning: I came back because I miss this house.

dessus demain

Le chat a pris la photo, et maintenant il dort _____.

Meaning: The cat took the photo, and now he is sleeping on it.

pendant depuis

C'était son appartement _____ longtemps.

Meaning: It was his flat for a long time.

arrivée arrivés

Quand je suis _____, j'ai vu ma valise ouverte.

Meaning: When I arrived, I saw my suitcase open.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 monde Je tout que parce connaît nom. reste
mon le

Meaning: I'm staying because everyone knows my name.

- 2 ton malade, tu disparu. étais a thermomètre
Quand

Meaning: When you were ill, your thermometer disappeared.

- 3 depuis cherche festival. l'embouchure. Il cherche
Julien la le
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Meaning: Julien is looking for the mouthpiece. He has been looking for it since the festival.

- 4 cette me Je parce que maison manque. suis
revenue
-

Meaning: I came back because I miss this house.

- 5 pendant longtemps. appartement C'était son
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Meaning: It was his flat for a long time.

- 6 suis ma valise Quand j'ai vu je ouverte.
arrivée,
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Meaning: When I arrived, I saw my suitcase open.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 I'm staying because everyone knows my name. You say:**
 - ☐ A Je reste parce que tout le monde connaît mon nom.
 - ☐ B Je reste quand tout le monde connaît mon nom.

- 2 When you were ill, your thermometer disappeared. You say:**
 - ☐ A Quand tu étais malade, ton thermomètre a disparait.
 - ☐ B Quand tu étais malade, ton thermomètre a disparu.

- 3 He found the key, then he went to the café. You say:**
 - ☐ A Il a trouvé la clé, parce que il est allé au café.
 - ☐ B Il a trouvé la clé, puis il est allé au café.

- 4 Julien is looking for the mouthpiece. He has been looking for it since the festival. You say:**
 - ☐ A Julien cherche l'embouchure. Il la cherche depuis le festival.
 - ☐ B Julien cherche l'embouchure. Il le cherche depuis le festival.

G6) CONNECT SENTENCES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Je suis revenue
parce que cette
maison me manque. | ⑤ A The cat took the photo, and
now he is sleeping on it. |
| ② Je reste parce que
tout le monde
connaît mon nom. | ⑥ B It was his flat for a long time. |
| ③ Le chat a pris la
photo, et
maintenant il dort
dessus. | ⑦ C When I arrived, I saw my
suitcase open. |
| ④ Quand je suis
arrivée, j'ai vu ma
valise ouverte. | ⑧ D I'm staying because everyone
knows my name. |
| ⑤ Quand tu étais
malade, ton
thermomètre a
disparu. | ⑨ E When you were ill, your
thermometer disappeared. |

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| ⑥ Julien cherche l'embouchure. Il la cherche depuis le festival. | ⑦ I came back because I miss this house. |
| ⑦ C'était son appartement pendant longtemps. | ⑧ Julien is looking for the mouthpiece. He has been looking for it since the festival. |
| ⑧ Il a trouvé la clé, puis il est allé au café. | ⑨ He found the key, then he went to the café. |