

Les verbes pronominaux et aimer + infinitif

Reflexive routines

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The first week at work

French

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Reflexive routines

Many daily routine verbs are reflexive in French: **se lever, se coucher, se doucher**. The reflexive word changes with the subject: **je me lève, tu te lèves, il se lève, nous nous levons, vous vous levez, ils se lèvent**.

When another verb follows, the reflexive part stays with the infinitive: **je vais me coucher**. This is a useful chunk at A1 level.

To say what you like doing, use **aimer** + infinitive: **j'aime lire, j'aime cuisiner, j'aime dormir**. No extra word is needed between **aimer** and the second verb.

With the imperative, reflexive verbs change position: **Lève-toi ! / Levez-vous !** This comes again in the imperative section.

Form	Example	Meaning
je me lève	Je me lève à six heures et demie.	I get up
je vais me coucher	À sept heures, je vais me coucher.	I am going to bed
vous vous levez	Vous vous levez quand ?	you get up
j'aime lire	J'aime lire et cuisiner.	I like reading

Je me douche le matin.

I have a shower in the morning.

Il est sept heures.

It is seven o'clock.

Vous vous levez quand, d'habitude ?

When do you get up, usually?

J'aime lire le soir.

I like reading in the evening.

Nous nous couchons tard.

We go to bed late.

Thomas se lève à six heures.

Thomas gets up at six o'clock.

Le matin, je me lève à six heures et demie.

In the morning, I get up at half past six.

J'aime cuisiner et courir.

I like cooking and running.

Reflexive: A pronoun referring back to the subject, as in **je me lave**.

Imperative: A command or request form: **viens, venez**.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Je me douche le matin.

Meaning: I have a shower in the morning.

- 2 Julien va se coucher à sept heures.

Meaning: Julien is going to bed at seven o'clock.

- 3 Vous vous levez quand, d'habitude ?

Meaning: When do you get up, usually?

- 4 J'aime lire le soir.

Meaning: I like reading in the evening.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Je _____ le matin.

- ☐ (A) me couche
- ☐ (B) vous levez
- ☐ (C) me douche

Meaning: I have a shower in the morning.

2 Julien va _____ à sept heures.

- ☐ (A) se lever
- ☐ (B) se coucher
- ☐ (C) se doucher

Meaning: Julien is going to bed at seven o'clock.

3 Vous _____ quand, d'habitude ?

- ☐ (A) vous levez
- ☐ (B) te lèves
- ☐ (C) se lève

Meaning: When do you get up, usually?

4 J'aime _____ le soir.

- ☐ A lire
- ☐ B lecture
- ☐ C lit

Meaning: I like reading in the evening.

5 Nous _____ tard.

- ☐ A se couchent
- ☐ B nous couchons
- ☐ C vous couchez

Meaning: We go to bed late.

6 Thomas _____ à six heures.

- ☐ A se lève
- ☐ B me lève
- ☐ C te lèves

Meaning: Thomas gets up at six o'clock.

7 Le matin, je _____ à six heures et demie.

- ☐ A nous levons
- ☐ B se lève
- ☐ C me lève

Meaning: In the morning, I get up at half past six.

8 J'aime _____ et courir.

- ☐ A cuisiner
- ☐ B cuisiné
- ☐ C cuisine

Meaning: I like cooking and running.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

te lèves vous levez

Vous _____ quand, d'habitude ?

Meaning: When do you get up, usually?

lit lire

J'aime _____ le soir.

Meaning: I like reading in the evening.

vous couchez nous couchons

Nous _____ tard.

Meaning: We go to bed late.

me lève se lève

Thomas _____ à six heures.

Meaning: Thomas gets up at six o'clock.

se lève me lève

Le matin, je _____ à six heures et demie.

Meaning: In the morning, I get up at half past six.

cuisine cuisiner

J'aime _____ et courir.

Meaning: I like cooking and running.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 matin. le me Je douche

Meaning: I have a shower in the morning.

2 Il sept est heures.

Meaning: It is seven o'clock.

3 d'habitude quand, ? vous levez Vous

Meaning: When do you get up, usually?

4 soir. le lire J'aime

Meaning: I like reading in the evening.

5 nous Nous couchons tard.

Meaning: We go to bed late.

- 6 heures. se à Thomas six lève

Meaning: Thomas gets up at six o'clock.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have a shower in the morning. You say:

- ☐ A Je me couche le matin.
- ☐ B Je me douche le matin.

2 It is seven o'clock. You say:

- ☐ A Julien va se lever à sept heures.
- ☐ B Il est sept heures.

3 When do you get up, usually? You say:

- ☐ A Vous te lèves quand, d'habitude ?
- ☐ B Vous vous levez quand, d'habitude ?

4 I like reading in the evening. You say:

- (A) J'aime lire le soir.
- (B) J'aime lit le soir.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Thomas se lève à six heures. | (A) We go to bed late. |
| (2) J'aime cuisiner et courir. | (B) In the morning, I get up at half past six. |
| (3) Nous nous couchons tard. | (C) I like reading in the evening. |
| (4) Je me douche le matin. | (D) It is seven o'clock. |
| (5) Le matin, je me lève à six heures et demie. | (E) I like cooking and running. |
| (6) Il est sept heures. | (F) I have a shower in the morning. |

- ⑦ J'aime lire le soir. ⑧ When do you get up, usually?
- ⑧ Vous vous levez ⑨ Thomas gets up at six o'clock.
quand, d'habitude ?