

Unit Objective:

To say what instrument you play in French
By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Name and recognise up to 10 instruments in French.
- Attempt to spell some of these nouns with their correct definite article/determiner in French.
- Learn how to say I play an instrument in French.

Skills we will develop:

To work on improving memory skills. Learning to recognise and learn cognates such as **triangle**, **piano**, **clarinette** first. Starting to build a short phrase in French using personal pronoun (**je**), conjugated verb 1st person verb (**joue**), and partitive article (**du**, **de la** or **des**). Choosing and ordering these words accurately.

Activities we will complete:

A number of activities with speaking, reading, listening and written tasks to help learn and retain the new vocabulary including word puzzles, word searches, crosswordsto help the final task of recalling from memory in oral and written form **je joue** plus the partitive article/determiner and an instrument.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Nouns, definite articles/determiners and high frequency verb 'jouer' in first person singular only. Using a noun (instrument) with the correct definite article and 1st person singular of verb to play (**jouer**) **je joue**. Learning that nouns in French can have different articles based on their gender (masculine/ feminine nouns) and plurality. Introduction to three definite articles **le**, **la** and **les** ('l' is not seen in this unit). Learning how to categorise nouns in French by their determiner, gender and plurality.

It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from 'Phonics & Pronunciation' lesson 1.
- Vocabulary from the 'I Am Learning French' unit.
- What a noun and article/determiner is in English.
- What a verb is in English.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

 Recommended phonics focus: **CH OU ON OI**

- **OU** sound in **joue**
- **ON** sound in **non** & **violon**
- **Contractions & Silent letters.** When the preposition **de** is followed by the definite article **les** it becomes **des** but the 's' in **des** is silent.
- **Nasal sounds.** Starting to explore the four French nasal sounds (**on**, **un**, **in** and **an**). These sounds do not exist in English and are made through the nose not the mouth! Words like **violon** and **instruments**.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

10 common instruments with their appropriate definite article first and then in a short phrase using the partitive article. First person conjugation of the verb **jouer** (**je joue**). All listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.

