

BEGINNER2. LESSON #17. AU BOIS DE BOULOGNE

- Regarde les arbres. Ils ont perdu toutes leurs feuilles.
- Oui, nous sommes en automne et c'est bientôt l'hiver.
- Les enfants courent dans tous les sens. Les enfants où allez-vous ?
- Tu as peur qu'ils se perdent ?
- Il n'ont pas mis leurs gants. Il est plus prudent d'en mettre. Il fait à peine 6°.
- Nous allons aussi fermer leur manteau.
- Les enfants revenez !

TRANSLATION

- Look at the trees. They lost all their leaves.
- Yes, it's autumn and it'll be winter soon.
- The children are running everywhere. Kids, where are you going ?
- Are you afraid they get lost ?
- They didn't put they gloves on. It's wiser to put on glove. barely 6° out there.
- We are closing their coats too.
- Kids, come back !



Arbre (masc.) : tree.
Perdre : to loose.
Automne (masc.) : autumn, fall.
Hiver (masc.) : winter.
Courir : to run.
Se perdre : to get lost.
Gant (masc.) : glove.
Prudent, prudente : wise, careful.
A peine : hardly, barely.
Fermer : to close.
Revenir : to come back.



GRAMMAR

Let's talk about **seasons**.

In this lesson, you met *automne* (autumn) and *hiver* (winter).

Here the followings seasons : we say *printemps* for spring and *été* for summer.

Leurs is the **possessive determinant** corresponding to *their*.

Gender doesn't change for this word but number does. You say *leur* if the owner has only one of the thing we're speaking about, and you say *leurs* if he owns two or more.

leurs feuilles (each tree owns lots of leaves)

leurs gants (each kid owns two gloves)

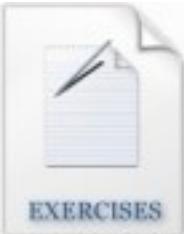
leur manteau (each kid owns one coat)



CIVILIZATION

The **Bois de Boulogne** is a park located along the western edge of Paris, near the suburb of Boulogne-Billancourt and Neuilly-sur-Seine. The Bois de Boulogne covers an area of 8.459 km².

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EXERCISES

Read the vocabulary below and try to catch it in this short talk about the Bois de Boulogne.

Chasse (fém.) : hunting.

Devenir : to become.

Arbre (masc.) : tree.

Chêne (masc.) : oak tree.

Vélo (masc.) : bicycle.

Ancien terrain de chasse des rois de France, le bois de Boulogne est devenu le grand lieu de détente de l'ouest parisien. Vous pouvez y voir de nombreux arbres, comme de nombreux chênes qui couvrent plus de la moitié de la surface du bois. Les chevaux et les vélos aussi sont les bienvenus.

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