

BEGINNER1. LESSON #5. AU CAFÉ

Au café.

- Comment vous appelez-vous ?
- Je m'appelle Marie. Vous vous appelez Jean, n'est-ce pas ?
- Oui. Aimez-vous le café ?
- Oui, j'aime le café.
- Deux cafés, s'il vous plait !

TRANSLATION

At the coffee house.

- What's your name ?
- My name is Marie. Your name is Jean, isn't it ?
- Yes. Do you like coffee ?
- Yes, I do like coffee.
- Two coffees, please !



N'est-ce pas is not very popular in French. Nothing compared to isn't it, aren't you, have you... You want to use this instead : *Vous vous appelez Jean, c'est ça ?*



Café (masc.) : coffee, coffee house (sometimes bar).
Comment : How.
Aimer : like, love.
Un, deux : One, two.
S'il vous plait : Please.



A lot of things in this lesson. Let's start with *Comment vous appelez-vous* ? We'll talk about the way to ask a question later. Let's talk about the *vous*. First, it will be use to address to a group of people.

Vous, maman et papa, vous êtes extraordinaires
You, mom and dad are amazing.

But it will be use also in an uncasual way, to address someone you don't know (the first guy in the street), someone you have to show some respect to (your boss), someone you know but with whom you have to keep a certain distance (a colleague from another department, a neighbour you call Mister). This *vous* will be called *vous de politesse* ou *vouvoiement*.

Marie and Jean are about the same age, they clearly want to know each other but it would be rude not to use the *vous*, at least at first.

J'aime (I like). You certainly noticed that the *je* (I) has been transformed. The reason is : *Je* ends with a vowel, *aime* starts with a vowel. *Je aime* is impossible. It sounds like something a child would say. Thus, we use *j'*.

Let's have a first sight on how to conjugate a simple verb like *aimer*. One thing to notice : the 's' at the end of *tu aimes*.

J'aime	I like
Tu aimes	You like
Il aime, elle aime	He likes, she likes



Translate in English

1. Comment vous appelez-vous ?
2. Je m'appelle Arthur.
3. Aimez-vous le café.

Translate in French

1. Do you like tea ? (to your boss)
2. I like tea and coffee
3. Three coffees, please !

Thé (masc.) : tea.

Trois : three.