

INTERMEDIATE. LESSON #2. VICTOR EST MALADE

- Victor est malade. Il toussait déjà hier mais comme il semblait en forme, je ne m'inquiétais pas.
- Oui.
- Mais ce matin, il ne se levait pas alors j'ai pris sa température. 39°. C'est beaucoup trop. Aujourd'hui, il n'ira pas à l'école et je resterai avec lui.
- Oui, je comprends.
- On se voit samedi de toute façon ?
- Oui.
- Bien, à samedi. Bisou.
- Bisou.

TRANSLATION

- Victor is sick. He was coughing yesterday but he seemed healthy so I wasn't worried.
- Yes.
- But, this morning, he didn't get up so I took his temperature. 39°. It's too much. Today he won't go to school and i'll stay with him.
- Yes, I understand.
- We'll see each other on Saturday, anyway ?
- Yes.
- Good. See you on Saturday. Bye.
- Bye.



In France, two lovers send kisses to each other even over the phone.



Tousser : to cough.
 Sembler : to seem.
 Température (fém.) : temperature.
 Degré [°] (masc.) : degree.
 De toute façon : anyway.



A lot of verbs are conjugated at the *imparfait* tense in this lesson 2 :
Il toussait, il semblait, je ne m'inquiétais pas, il ne se levait pas.

Let's see how to form this new tense.

It's quite easy : you take any verb you want, you conjugate it at the present with *nous*, then you remove the ending (-*ons*) and you now have the stem it uses for the *imparfait*.

Tousser → *nous toussons* → *touss-*

Lever → *nous levons* → *lev-*

Then you just have to add the *imparfait* endings :

-ais, -ais, -ait, -ions, -iez, -aient

These endings are the same for every verb of every group. No exception.

Sembler (sembl-)	Tousser (touss-)
<i>Je semblais</i>	<i>Je toussais</i>
<i>Tu semblais</i>	<i>Tu toussais</i>
<i>Il semblait</i>	<i>Il toussait</i>
<i>Nous semblions</i>	<i>Nous toussions</i>
<i>Vous sembliez</i>	<i>Vous toussiez</i>
<i>Ils semblaient</i>	<i>Ils toussaient</i>



Translate in French :

1. He was.
2. We were here.
3. You were alone.
4. They were happy.
5. He was coughing so I took his temperature.

Fièvre (fém.) : fever.