

INTERMEDIATE. LESSON #20. WHAT DO I KNOW ?

Lessons 11 to 19 allowed you to meet the **conditional mood**. Let's have a quick look on what you've learnt about this mood.

1. The conditional mood is easy to form : you take the same stem you use at the future tense then you add the imparfait endings. That's it : you can now conjugate every verb you want at the conditional mood.
2. There is also a **past conditional** in French : *le conditionnel passé*. It is also really easy to form : you put the auxiliary *être* ou *avoir* at the present conditional mood then you add the past participle of the main verb. That's it : you can now conjugate every verb you want at the past conditional.

3. The conditional mood has different uses :

- We use it to **express a wish** or when we want **to be polite** (the conditional mood is useful to weaken the expression of a request, of a desire).

*J'aimerais aller à Paris cet été.
Pourriez-vous me donner un verre d'eau ?
Je voudrais un verre de vin.*

- We use it **to suggest** or **to recommend** something to someone.

Tu devrais vider les cartons, cela m'aiderait.

- We use it **to express a possibility** or **to tell something we are not sure about** :

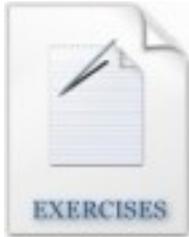
Un appartement serait libre près de la Tour Eiffel.

- Then, we use it **in si clauses** in conjunction with the *imparfait* tense.

Si tu venais me voir, je serais très heureuse.

In these lessons you also met other numbers and you can now count to a million if you want to ! We saw together some useful adverbs such as *assez, trop, tout, plutôt*. We spoke about the pronoun *où*. And of course you learnt some new vocabulary and heard about French civilization.

In the next ten lessons we will discover the subjunctive mood and some other useful stuff !



Translate in English :

1. Il aimerait un verre de jus d'orange.
2. S'ils recevaient un cadeau, les enfants seraient ravis.
3. J'aurais aimé venir.
4. Mille sept cent vingt-cinq.
5. Cette chambre est toute petite.
6. Ce vin est plutôt bon.
7. Voici la ville où nous avons longtemps vécu.

Translate in French :

1. The cupboard is very practical.
2. 965.
3. If I knew what he wants for Christmas, I would buy it gladly.
4. They could have made an effort !
5. You can go where you want with this new car.
6. She'd like a new necklace for her birthday.
7. He should have seen a doctor.
8. Could you help me, please ?

Volontiers : gladly.