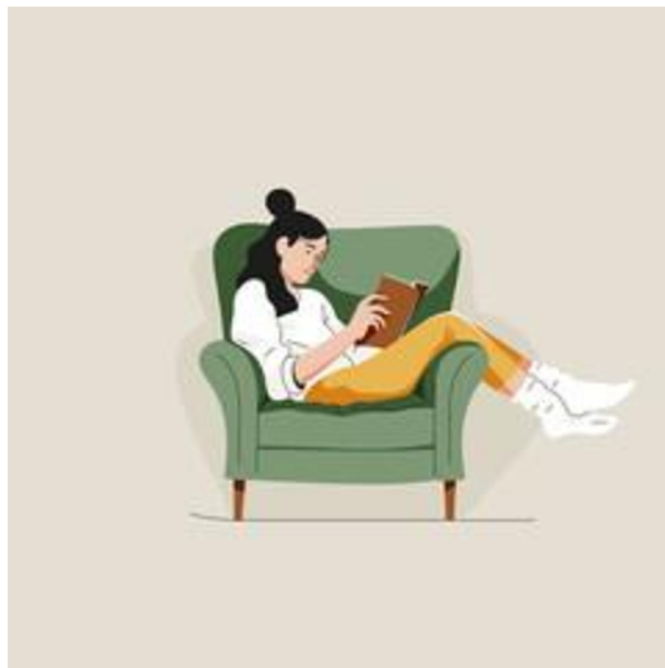


# French Grammar





## What you need to know

<i>Venir de</i> (To travel from) – present tense (To arrive from)	<i>Aller à</i> (to go to) – present tense
<i>Je viens de</i> → I am traveling from / I just arrived from <i>Tu viens de</i> → You are traveling <i>Il/elle vient de</i> → He/she is traveling <i>Nous venons de</i> → We are traveling <i>Vous venez de</i> → You are traveling <i>Ils/elles viennent de</i> → They are traveling	<i>Je vais à</i> → I am going to <i>Tu vas à</i> → You are going to <i>Il/elle va à</i> → He/she is going to <i>Nous allons à</i> → We are going to <i>Vous allez à</i> → You are going to <i>Ils/elles vont à</i> → They are going to

Prepositions
<b><i>de, d', du (de + le), des (de+les), à, en, au, aux</i></b>

Specific rules	
<b><i>à + le</i></b> → <b><i>au</i></b> (the article <i>le</i> is used before a singular-masculine noun) <b><i>à + les</i></b> → <b><i>aux</i></b>	<b><i>de + le</i></b> → <b><i>du</i></b> <b><i>de + les</i></b> → <b><i>des</i></b>
When <b><i>DE</i></b> is before a vowel (a, e, i, o, u, y), it becomes <b><i>D'</i></b> <b><i>DE L'</i></b> + vowels	



Origin (Venir de)	
<b>de</b> before the name of a country (feminine) that begins with a consonant	- <i>Ils viennent <b>de</b> France</i> They come from France - <i>Ils arrivent juste <b>de</b> France</i> They just arrived from France
<b>d'</b> before the name of a country (feminine) that begins with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u, y)	- <i>Vous venez <b>d'</b>Italie</i> You come from Italy - <i>Vous arrivez juste <b>d'</b>Italie</i> You just arrived from Italy
<b>du</b> before the name of a country (masculine) that begins with a consonant	- <i>Nous venons <b>du</b> Brésil</i> We come from Brazil - <i>Nous arrivons juste <b>du</b> Brésil</i> We just arrived from Brazil
<b>d'</b> before the name of a country (masculine) that begins with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u, y)	- <i>Vous venez <b>d'</b>Ouzbékistan</i> You come from Uzbekistan - <i>Vous arrivez juste <b>d'</b>Ouzbékistan</i> You just arrived from Uzbekistan
<b>de</b> before the name of a country with no articles	- <i>Ils viennent <b>de</b> Chypre</i> They come from Cyprus - <i>Ils arrivent juste <b>de</b> Chypre</i> They just arrived from Cyprus
<b>des</b> before the name of a country (plural)	- <i>Tu viens <b>des</b> Etats-Unis</i> You come from the United States - <i>Tu arrives juste <b>des</b> Etats-Unis</i> You just arrived from the United States



Destination ( <i>Aller à</i> )	
<i>en</i> before the name of a country (feminine) that begins with a consonant	<p><i>Elle va <b>en</b> Grèce</i> She is going to Greece</p> <p><b>Exceptions :</b> <i>Nous allons <b>à</b> la Barbade</i> We are going to Barbados</p> <p><i>Vous allez <b>à</b> la Grenade</i> You are going to Grenada</p>
<i>en</i> before the name of a country (feminine) that begins with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u, y)	<p><i>Elles vont <b>en</b> Allemagne</i> They are going to Germany</p>
<i>au</i> before the name of a country (masculine) that begins with a consonant	<p><i>Ils vont <b>au</b> Maroc</i> They are going to Morocco</p>
<i>en</i> before the name of a country (masculine) that begins with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u, y)	<p><i>Je vais <b>en</b> Inde</i> I am going to India</p>
<i>à</i> before the name of a country with no articles	<p><i>Elle va <b>à</b> Madagascar</i> She is going to Madagascar</p> <p><b>Exceptions :</b> <i>Il va <b>à/en</b> Haïti</i> He is going to Haiti</p> <p><i>Tu vas <b>en</b> Israël</i> You are going to Israel</p>
<i>aux</i> before the name of a country (plural)	<p><i>Tu vas <b>aux</b> Seychelles</i> You are going to the Seychelles</p>



Countries : feminine and masculine





## Countries (feminine)

They start with a consonant

Article *la* + they end with the letter *-e*

*(La) L'Île Maurice* → Mauritius  
*La Barbade* → Barbados  
*La Belgique* → Belgium  
*La Biélorussie* → Belarus  
*La Birmanie* → Burma  
*La Bolivie* → Bolivia  
*La Bosnie-Herzégovine* → Bosnia and Herzegovina  
*La Bulgarie* → Bulgaria  
*La Chine* → China  
*La Colombie* → Colombia  
*La Corée du Nord* → North Korea  
*La Corée du Sud* → South Korea  
*La Côte d'Ivoire* → Ivory Coast  
*La Croatie* → Croatia  
*La Dominique* → Dominica  
*La Finlande* → Finland  
*La France* → France  
*La Gambie* → the Gambia  
*La Géorgie* → Georgia  
*La Grèce* → Greece  
*La Grenade* → Grenade  
*La Guinée Equatoriale* → Equatorial Guinea  
*La Guinée-Bissau* → Guinea-Bissau  
*La Hongrie* → Hongrie  
*La Jamaïque* → Jamaica  
*La Jordanie* → Jordan  
*La Lettonie* → Latvia  
*La Libye* → Libya  
*La Lituanie* → Lithuania  
*La Macédoine* → Macedonia  
*La Malaisie* → Malaysia  
*La Mauritanie* → Mauritania  
*La Micronésie* → Micronesia  
*La Moldavie* → Moldova



*La Namibie* → Namibia  
*La Norvège* → Norway  
*La Nouvelle-Zélande* → New Zealand  
*La Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée* → Papua New Guinea  
*La Pologne* → Poland  
*La République Centrafricaine* → Central African Republic  
*La République démocratique du Congo* → the Democratic Republic of Congo  
*La République Dominicaine* → Dominican Republic  
*La République Tchèque* → Czech Republic  
*La Roumanie* → Romania  
*La Russie* → Russia  
*La Serbie* → Serbia  
*La Sierra Leone* → Sierra Leone  
*La Slovaquie* → Slovakia  
*La Slovénie* → Slovenia  
*La Somalie* → Somalia  
*La Suède* → Sweden  
*La Suisse* → Switzerland  
*La Syrie* → Syria  
*La Tanzanie* → Tanzania  
*La Thaïlande* → Thailand  
*La Tunisie* → Tunisia  
*La Turquie* → Turkey

6 exceptions : countries (masculine)  
Article *le* + they end with the letter *-e*

*Le Belize* → Belize  
*Le Cambodge* → Cambodia  
*Le Mexique* → Mexico  
*Le Mozambique* → Mozambique  
*Le Suriname* → Suriname  
*Le Zimbabwe* → Zimbabwe



They start with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u, y)

Article *l'* + they end with the letter *-e*

*L'Albanie* → Albania  
*L'Algérie* → Algeria  
*L'Allemagne* → Germany  
*L'Andorre* → Andorra  
*L'Angleterre* → England  
*L'Arabie Saoudite* → Saudi Arabia  
*L'Argentine* → Argentina  
*L'Arménie* → Armenia  
*L'Australie* → Australia  
*L'Autriche* → Austria  
*L'Égypte* → Egypt  
*L'Erythrée* → Eritrea  
*L'Espagne* → Spain  
*L'Estonie* → Estonia  
*L'Éthiopie* → Ethiopia  
*L'Inde* → India  
*L'Indonésie* → Indonesia  
*L'Irlande* → Ireland  
*L'Islande* → Iceland  
*L'Italie* → Italia  
*L'Ukraine* → Ukraine





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Countries : feminine and masculine





## Countries (masculine)

They start with a consonant

Article *le* + they end with another letter than *-e*

*Le Bangladesh* → Bangladesh  
*Le Bénin* → Benin  
*Le Bhoutan* → Bhutan  
*Le Botswana* → Botswana  
*Le Brésil* → Brazil  
*Le Burkina Faso* → Burkina Faso  
*Le Burundi* → Burundi  
*Le Cameroun* → Cameroon  
*Le Canada* → Canada  
*Le Chili* → Chile  
*Le Congo* → Congo  
*Le Costa Rica* → Costa Rica  
*Le Danemark* → Denmark  
*Le Gabon* → Gabon  
*Le Ghana* → Ghana  
*Le Guatemala* → Guatemala  
*Le Honduras* → Honduras  
*Le Japon* → Japan  
*Le Kazakhstan* → Kazakhstan  
*Le Kenya* → Kenya  
*Le Kirghizistan* → Kyrgyzstan  
*Le Kosovo* → Kosovo  
*Le Koweït* → Kuwait  
*Le Laos* → Laos  
*Le Liban* → Lebanon  
*Le Libéria* → Liberia  
*Le Liechtenstein* → Liechtenstein  
*Le Luxembourg* → Luxembourg  
*Le Malawi* → Malawi  
*Le Mali* → Mali  
*Le Maroc* → Morocco  
*Le Monténégro* → Montenegro  
*Le Népal* → Nepal



*Le Nicaragua* → Nicaragua  
*Le Niger* → Niger  
*Le Nigéria* → Nigeria  
*Le Pakistan* → Pakistan  
*Le Panama* → Panama  
*Le Paraguay* → Paraguay  
*Le Pérou* → Peru  
*Le Portugal* → Portugal  
*Le Qatar* → Qatar  
*Le Royaume-Uni* → United Kingdom  
*Le Rwanda* → Rwanda  
*Le Salvador* → Salvador  
*Le Sénégal* → Senegal  
*Le Soudan* → Sudan  
*Le Sri Lanka* → Sri Lanka  
*Le Swaziland* → Swaziland  
*Le Tadjikistan* → Tajikistan  
*Le Tchad* → Chad  
*Le Togo* → Togo  
*Le Turkménistan* → Turkmenistan  
*Le Venezuela* → Venezuela  
*Le Vietnam* → Vietnam  
*Le Yémen* → Yemen  
*Le Zimbabwe* → Zimbabwe

They start with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u, y)

Article *l'* + they end with another letter than *-e*

*L'Afghanistan* → Afghanistan  
*L'Angola* → Angola  
*L'Azerbaïdjan* → Azerbaijan  
*L'Equateur* → Ecuador  
*L'Irak* → Iraq  
*L'Iran* → Iran  
*L'Ouganda* → Uganda  
*L'Ouzbékistan* → Uzbekistan  
*L'Uruguay* → Uruguay



Countries : feminine and masculine





## Countries (plural)

When the name is plural → Article *les* + name of the country

*Les Bahamas* → the Bahamas  
*Les Bermudes* → the Bermuda  
*Les Comores* → the Comoros  
*Les Émirats arabes unis* → the United Arab Emirates  
*Les États-Unis* → the United States (of America)  
*Les Fidji* → the Fiji  
*Les Îles Féroé* → the Faroe Islands  
*Les Îles Salomon* → the Solomon Islands  
*Les Maldives* → the Maldives  
*Les Pays-Bas* → the Netherlands  
*Les Philippines* → the Philippines  
*Les Seychelles* → the Seychelles  
*Les Tonga* → the Tonga (islands)



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### Countries (without articles)

- Bahreïn* → Bahrain
- Chypre* → Cyprus
- Cuba* → Cuba
- Djibouti* → Djibouti
- Haïti* → Haiti
- Israël* → Israel
- Kiribati* → Kiribati
- Madagascar* → Madagascar
- Malte* → Malta
- Monaco* → Monaco
- Nauru* → Nauru
- Oman* → Oman
- Sainte-Lucie* → St Lucia
- Saint-Marin* → San Marino
- Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines* → the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (islands)
- Sao Tomé-et-Principe* → Sao Tome and Principe
- Singapour* → Singapore
- Trinité-et-Tobago* → Trinidad and Tobago
- Tuvalu et Vanuatu* → the Tuvalu and Vanuatu (islands)