

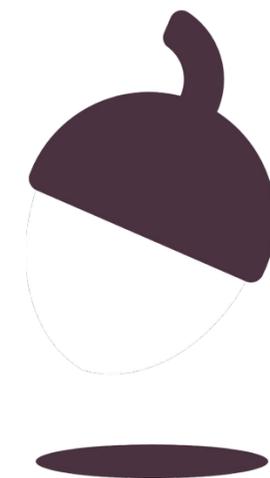
**French**

# Talking about what you do to earn money (Part 1/2)

- Recognising and forming the present tense
- The possessive *de*

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le petit boulot	casual job
aider à la maison	to help/helping at home
passer l'aspirateur	to vacuum/vacuuuming
faire la vaisselle	to do/doing the washing up
laver la voiture	to wash/washing the car
tondre la pelouse	to mow/mowing the lawn
promener le chien	to walk/walking the dog
remplir les rayons	to stack/stacking shelves
faire du babysitting	to babysit/babysitting
livrer des journaux	to deliver/delivering newspapers



Remember: infinitives can be translated as 'to..' as well as the gerund '...ing'.



# Recognising and forming the present tense

**gagner = to earn/earning**

**Je gagne** de l'argent.



**I earn** money.

**recevoir = to receive/receiving**

**Je reçois** de l'argent.



**I receive** money.



# Recognising and forming the present tense

gagner = **to** earn/earning



**Je** gagne de l'argent = **I** earn money.



To form the **'je'** form of the **present tense** for **regular -er verbs**, **remove '-er'** and **add 'e'**.



# Forming the present tense - regular verbs

Subject pronoun	For <b>'-er'</b> verbs ( <i>gagner</i> ), <b>remove -er and add the endings</b>	For <b>'-ir'</b> verbs ( <i>remplir</i> ), <b>remove -ir and add the endings</b>	For <b>'-re'</b> verbs ( <i>tondre</i> ), <b>remove -re and add the endings</b>
<b>je</b>	- e	- is	- s
<b>tu</b>	- es	- is	- s
<b>il/elle/on</b>	- e	- it	-
<b>nous</b>	- ons	- issons	- ons
<b>vous</b>	- ez	- issez	- ez
<b>ils/elles</b>	- ent	- issent	- ent



# The possessive *de*

Je lave **la voiture de mon père**.



I wash **my father's car**.



The literal translation of *la voiture de mon père* is 'the car of my father'. To talk about people's possessions, use **the word for the possession** (in this case, the car), **followed by the preposition *de***, followed by **the person to whom it belongs** (in this sentence, my father).



# Talking about what you do to earn money

1. I earn =

Je gagne

2. I receive =

Je reçois

3. The verb ending for the 'je' form of -er verbs in the present tense =

e

4. I wash my dad's car =

Je lave la voiture de  
mon père

5. I mow my grandfather's lawn =

Je tonds la pelouse de  
mon grand-père

