

French

Talking about role models [2/2]

- Using the present and perfect tenses together

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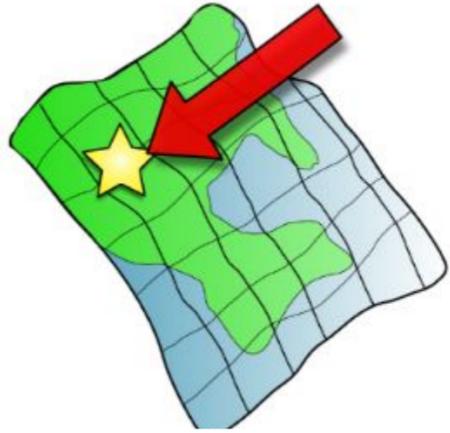


midi

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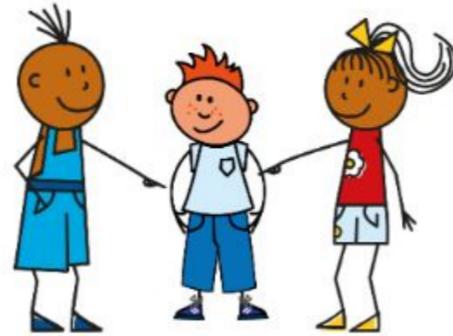


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le modèle	role model
le/la responsable	head/person in charge
lutter pour	to fight for
le droit de	the right to
sauver la vie de	to save the life of
travailler dur	to work hard
devenir	to become
être comme lui/elle	to be like him/her
suivre l'exemple de	to follow the example of
le modèle	model



The present tense

French only has one present tense. English has two:

je joue **e tous les jours.**

I **play every day.**

je joue **e en ce moment.**

I **am playing at the moment.**

It is the **adverbial time phrase** which tells us which tense to use in English.



The perfect tense

French has one tense for completed actions in the past.

English has two.

j'**ai** joué le weekend dernier

I **played** last weekend

j'**ai** joué trois fois cette semaine

I **have** played three times this week

It is the **adverbial time phrase** which tells us which tense to use in English.





The perfect tense

For most verbs in French, to say what you **did** or **have done**, you need to use a **subject pronoun**, an **auxiliary verb**, and a **past participle**.

J'ai travaillé au collège.



I have worked at school

I worked at school

Tu as travaillé au collège.



You have worked at school.

You worked at school.

Il a travaillé au collège.



He has worked at school.

He worked at school.

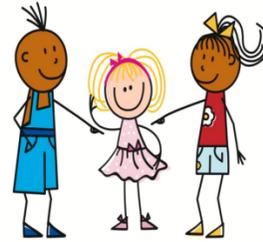




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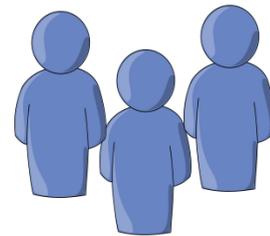
Elle **a** **travaillé** au collège.



She **has worked** at school.

She **worked** at school.

On **a** **travaillé** au collège.

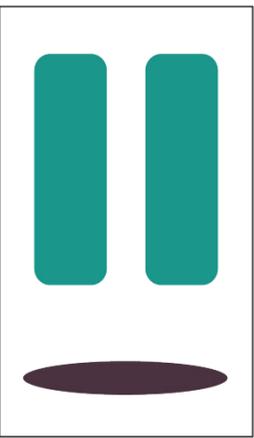


We **have worked** at school.

We **worked** at school.



Talking about role models



1. What does 'j'ai lutté' look like in the present tense?
2. What does 'Il a sauvé' look like in the present tense?
3. What does 'je respecte' look like in the perfect tense?
4. What does 'tu admires' look like in the perfect tense?
5. What does 'il travaille' look like in the perfect tense?

Je lutte

Il sauve

J'ai respecté

Tu as admiré

Il a travaillé

