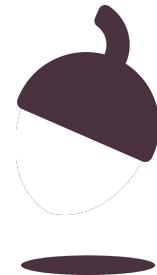


**French**

# Talking about volunteering [3 / 3]

## - Using direct object pronouns

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|                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| faire du bénévolat                  | To volunteer              |
| travailler                          | To work                   |
| aider                               | To help                   |
| donner de confiance                 | To give confidence        |
| développer de nouvelles compétences | To develop new skills     |
| participer à la vie en société      | To participate in society |
| rencontrer de nouvelles personnes   | To meet new people        |
| les sans-abri / les SDF             | homeless people           |
| les enfants                         | children                  |
| enrichissant                        | rewarding                 |



The infinitive can also be translated by the gerund.

**Travailler** = **to** work AND working**ing**



- There are three direct object pronouns in French: **le**, **la**, and **les**.

Je déteste ~~**le chocolat**~~



Je **le** déteste

Je déteste ~~**les**~~

~~**bonbons**~~



Je **les** déteste

Je déteste ~~**la tarte au citron**~~



Je **la** déteste

When the verb starts with a **vowel** or silent **[h]**, **le** and **la** become **l'**

The **direct object pronoun** is placed between the **subject** of the sentence (in this case the word for I) and the **verb**



# Replacing ideas or concepts - infinitive phrases

J'aime travailler avec les SDF



Je **l'**aime  
= I like it

J'aime travailler avec les SDF



Je **le** trouve enrichissant  
= I find it rewarding

This can add **complexity** to our work and help to **avoid repetition**.



# Volunteering (3/3)

|                                                                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1. Direct object pronouns replace ..... in a sentence.</b>                     | <b>nouns</b>                |
| <b>2. Masculine nouns are replaced by.....</b>                                    | <b>le</b>                   |
| <b>3. Feminine nouns are replaced by ....</b>                                     | <b>la</b>                   |
| <b>4. Plural nouns are replaced by .....</b>                                      | <b>les</b>                  |
| <b>5. Infinitive phrases can also be replaced by the object pronoun.....</b>      | <b>le</b>                   |
| <b>6. Object pronouns are generally positioned between the .... and the .....</b> | <b>Pronoun and the verb</b> |

