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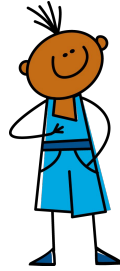
- Using the negative *ne* and *n'* in French
- Using *ne....plus* and *ne.....jamais*
- Using *de* after negative expressions

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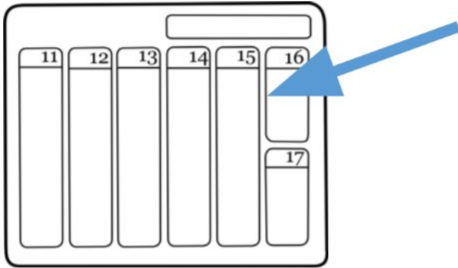


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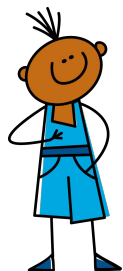
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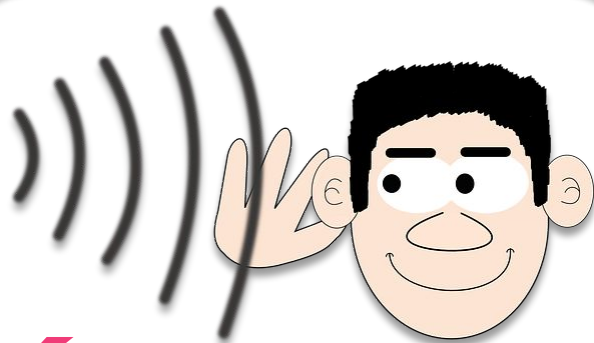


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barbant



un roman d'amour	love story
un roman policier	detective novel
un roman fantastique	fantasy novel
un livre d'épouvante	horror novel
un journal	newspaper
une revue	magazine
des bandes dessinées	comics
lire	to read
barbant	boring
passionnant	exciting





Using negative expressions in French



There are two 'parts' to the negative expression which means don't. Each part goes around the verb:



Pronoun

ne

verb

pas

n'

verb

pas

**that begins with a
vowel**

For example:

Je ne lis pas

= I don't read

don't like

Je n'aime pas = I



Other negative expressions.



Je **ne** lis **pas**

= I **don't** read

Je **ne** lis **plus**

= I **no longer** read

Je **ne** lis **jamais**

= I **never** read



Look carefully at the word order



When to use *des* vs *de*



positive statements

Je lis **des** romans policiers

Je lis **des** romans fantastiques

When saying 'some books' in general in a positive statement, use **des**.

BUT

J'aime **les** romans policiers



negative statements

Je **ne** lis **pas de** romans policiers

Je **ne** lis **plus de** romans fantastiques

When you use a negative sentence, the **des** becomes **de** before the noun



Je n'aime pas **les** romans policiers

When using 'je n'aime pas', you still use the definite article **les**



Talking about books: Using the negative

1) 'Don't' in French is :

ne....pas

2) We place **ne....pas** _____ the verb?

around

3) After **ne.....pas**, before a noun, we use the word_____, even before plurals.

de

4) To say 'no longer' we put _____ around the verb.

ne....plus

5) To say 'never' we put _____ around the verb.

ne.....jamais

