

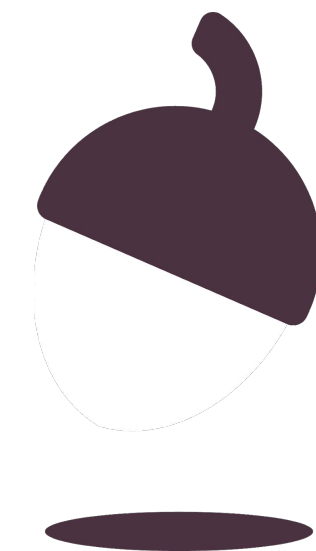
French

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

- Using *devoir* in the imperfect and the conditional

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trouver



jouer



toujours

[always; still]





amusant



[u]

utilisateur

[to use]

sur

[on]



le petit boulot	casual job
aider à la maison	to help/helping at home
passer l'aspirateur	to vacuum/vacuuming
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

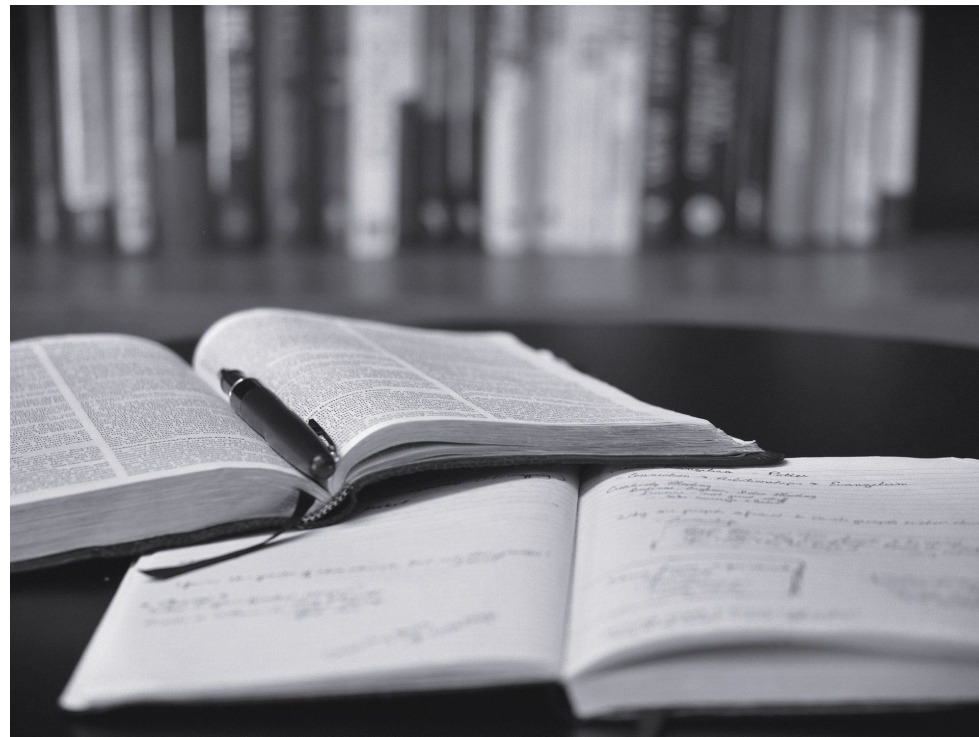


Remember:
infinitives
can be
translated
as 'to..' as
well as the
gerund
'...ing'.



Using *devoir* in the imperfect

devoir = to have to/having to



Je devais promener le chien.



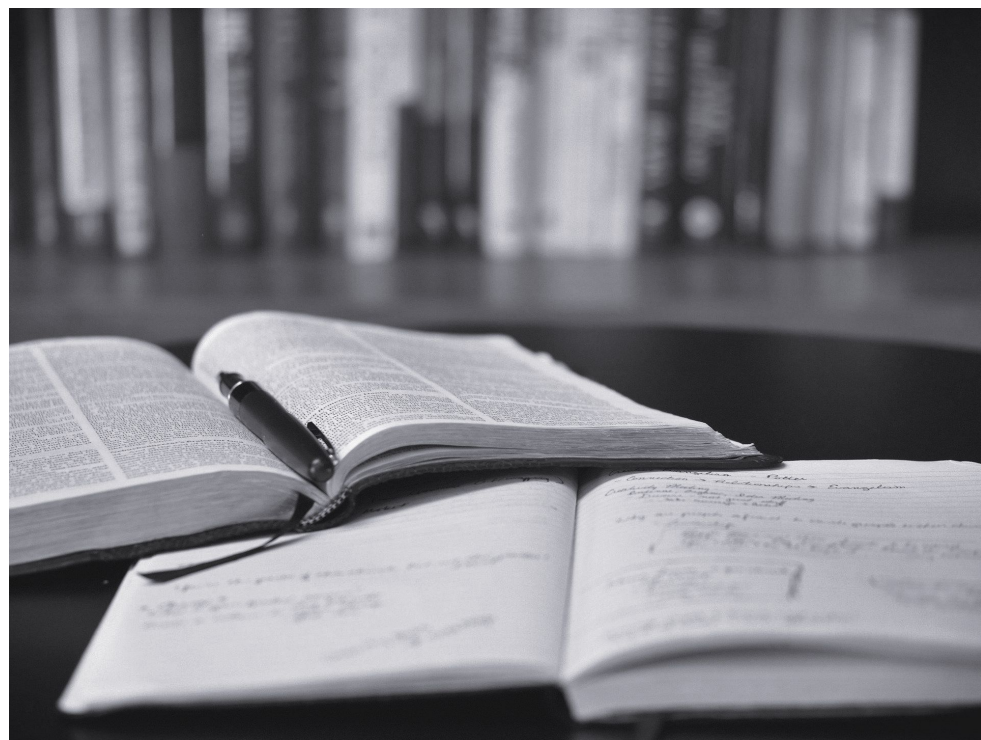
I had to walk the dog.

The verb ***devoir*** in the **imperfect** communicates the idea '**had to**'. The expression ***je devais*** ('I had to') is **followed by the infinitive**.



Using *devoir* in the conditional

devoir = to have to/having to



Je devrais promener le chien.



I should/ought to walk the dog.

The verb ***devoir*** in the **conditional** translates the concept ‘**should**’ or ‘**ought to**’. The expression ***je devrais*** (‘I should’ or ‘I ought to’) is **followed by the infinitive**.



Using *devoir* in the imperfect and conditional

Quand **j'étais** plus jeune,
je devais promener le
chien.



When **I was** younger,
I had to walk the dog.

Actuellement, je fais
la vaisselle.



Currently, I do the
washing up.

À mon avis, **je devrais**
passer l'aspirateur.



In my opinion **I ought to /**
should vacuum.



Using *devoir* in the imperfect and conditional

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In my opinion **I ought to /should** vacuum.



Talking about what you do to earn money

1. I had to =

Je devais

2. I ought to/should =

Je devrais

3. I had to wash the car =

**Je devais laver la
voiture**

4. Currently I deliver newspapers =

**Actuellement je livre
des journaux**

5. I should/ought to help at home =

**Je devrais aider à la
maison**

