Talk about what people do in general [1/2]

- Using the pronoun 'on'

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[on]







[on]

onze



au fond [at the back]

monde





l'événement	event	
janvier	January	
février	February	
mars	March	
avril	April	
mai	May	
juin	June	
trente	thirty	
vingt	twenty	
célébrer	to celebrate	





On - You, we

Tu = You



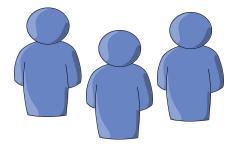
To refer to one **specific** person

Vous = You



To refer to a group of **specific** people

On = You, we



To refer to people in **general**



The pronoun 'on'

In French, the subject pronoun **on** is used to talk about what **people in general** do. We can translate it as **'people**', **'you'** or **'one**'.

'One' sounds very formal in English and is rarely used in everyday conversation. 'On' is commonly used in French.

On uses the same verb endings as il / elle:

On célèbre le Saint Valentin en février

On doit porter un uniforme au collège.

People celebrate Valentine's Day in February.

You have to wear a uniform at school.



Using 'on' with familiar verbs

Infinitive	'On' form	English
aller	On va	You go
êt re	On est	You are
fai re	On fait	You do
vouloir	On veut	You want
pouvoir	On peut	You can
devoir	On doit	You must
savoir	On sait	You know







Say what people do in general [1/2]



- 1. The pronoun 'on' means = you/people in general
- 2. It uses the same form of the verb as = | il/elle
- 3. You are = on est
- 4. You know = on sait
- 5. You must = on doit
- 6. You celebrate = On célèbre

