



Can *ChatGPT* Help You Learn French? Here's the Truth

Bonjour 🖐️

This week, I'm sharing a realistic look at **how you can use ChatGPT** to support your French practice and where it falls short. You'll find **practical tips, clear examples, and prompts you can copy** and try right away.

But first... I just reached 10K on TikTok this week! I didn't expect it to happen this fast, and while I know it's not huge or anything, I'm really happy about it. I tend to forget to celebrate my own wins (*maybe just like you do sometimes with your French progress?*), so I'm making an effort to notice this one.

That being said... *Cela dit...*

It's not really the number that matters most to me. What truly matters is helping people feel more confident in French, whether it's through my lessons or right here in this newsletter.

This space means a lot to me. It's calmer, more intentional, and as an introvert, it feels like a place where I can share more freely, without the pressure to perform or "hook" you 😊.

TikTok is a great tool, and as a teacher, I enjoy the challenge of simplifying. But sometimes, in making things short and catchy, we lose what matters most.

Here, I can slow down and share what I really believe will help you move forward, with honesty, depth, and care.

If something I've shared ever made you think, "*Hey... maybe I can do this*", or "*oh that makes sense now*" that means more than any follower count ever will.

Merci d'être là. Vraiment. 🧡

Now, let's look at what ChatGPT *can* do for your French... and what it *can't*. 📌

✅ **What ChatGPT *can* do :**

- Correct grammar and spelling in your writing
- Explain grammar points (especially if you ask clear questions)
- Create fill-in-the-blank exercises
- Simplify complex French to match your level
- Simulate casual conversations in voice mode (only in the app) if you want clear, slow, customizable French. You can ask it to repeat, slow down, or explain. But be aware: the voice can sound a bit robotic, and it's not quite like real-world speech.
- Respond instantly, 24/7
- Give you a free, low-pressure space to experiment

❌ **What it *can't* do :**

- Hear your pronunciation or help with rhythm and flow
- Catch subtle tone or register issues
- Teach cultural nuance: tone, politeness, humour, emotion
- Understand *why* you're making certain mistakes
- Build a learning journey: it reacts, but doesn't guide
- Replace real conversation, encouragement, or human connection

🎯 **So what's the verdict?**

ChatGPT can be a great addition to your French learning toolbox but it's not a one-size-fits-all solution. Use its strengths, and **combine it with other tools** to build what it can't offer: guidance, speaking, and real connection.

Ready to give it a try? Prêt.es à essayer? Here are a few prompts you can copy and paste...



Want to try? Here are a few prompts

1. **Grammar:** "You're a French teacher. Can you explain the difference between *depuis*, *pendant*, and *il y a* ? Please give simple explanations and a few everyday examples."
2. **Vocabulary :** "You're a French teacher. Teach me 10 natural ways to say "*tired*" in French (both formal and informal) with short example sentences for each one."
3. **Exercices:** "You're a French teacher. Create a short fill-in-the-blanks exercise to practice the present tense of common -er verbs. Include 5 sentences and give the correct answers at the end."
4. **Writing :** "You're a French teacher. I'll write a short paragraph in French. Please correct any mistakes and explain why in simple French. Be kind but clear!"
5. **Reading comprehension :** "You're a French teacher. Can you write a short B1-level text (5 to 6 sentences) on a daily topic, then ask me 3 simple comprehension questions about it?"
6. **Conversation practice (voice mode) :** "Pretend you're my French friend. Ask me 5 casual questions about my weekend. Wait for my answers, and respond naturally." or "Pretend you're a French server at a café. I'm coming in to order something. Ask me questions like you normally would. Wait for my answers, and correct me if I make mistakes. Use natural, friendly French."

PS : La semaine prochaine, je vous parlerai du 14 juillet 🇫🇷 : pourquoi c'est notre fête nationale, ce qu'elle représente, et comment on la célèbre en France aujourd'hui. Et si vous testez l'un des prompts ou utilisez ChatGPT pour pratiquer, racontez-moi !

À la semaine prochaine,

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