

Teaching Type: Early Language



Unit: LES FORMES

Unit Objective: To remember and name 10 common shapes and count from 1-5 in French.

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Name, recognise and remember up to 10 shapes in French.
- Attempt to spell some of these shapes in French.
- Attempt to remember which shapes are un or une.
- Revise and/or learn numbers 1-5 in French.

Skills we will develop:

Working on being able to pronounce and remember new words in French using clear colourful images of the shapes to help us. Learning our first words in French and learning to remember the article/determiner alongside the noun. Using what we know in English to help us. Working on remembering the shapes in French over a longer period of time.

Activities we will complete:

Lots and lots of different speaking and listening tasks to help us remember the ten shapes in French. Learning to work with a partner and using mini flash cards to play games that will help us remember. Learning and/or revising numbers so we can work towards saying how many sides some of the shapes have in French.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Nouns, gender & articles/determiners. In this unit we will be exploring that the word for a/an in French can be either **un** and **une** (these words are articles/determiners and tell us if the noun, the shape, is either a masculine or feminine noun. In French this is called the gender of the noun). We will learn that it is important to remember which shapes are **un** and which shapes are **une.** We will see this a lot as we learn more French!

It will help if we already know:

 No previous knowledge is required as this is one of the recommended starter units and assumes no previous knowledge. If the Number and Colours unit has been taught first, numbers 1-5 in French will be revised and consolidated in this unit. If Colours and Numbers has not been taught first and there is ample opportunity to learn numbers 1-5 in this unit!

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: CH OU ON OI

- OI sound in étoiles
- **Silent letters.** We will see that the letter 's' is not pronounced in **triangles** and all the other shapes when they are in plural form. We will learn that when 's' is a final consonant it is nearly always a silent letter in French.
- **Liaison.** The normally silent 'x' in **deux** is pronounced in **deux ovales** but the 'x' almost sounds like a 'z'. This happens often in French when a word ending in 'x' is followed by a word starting with a vowel. We will learn in later units that this is called 'liaison'.
- **Guttural 'R'.** Becoming more familiar with the French 'r' sound as seen in **cercle.** Made from the back of the mouth, not the front.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

The nouns and determiners/articles for 10 common shapes and numbers 1-5 in French. All listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.