



Unit Objective:

**To say what instrument you play in French.**

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

- Name and recognise up to 10 instruments in French.
- Attempt to spell some of these nouns with their definite article/determiner in French.
- Learn how to say 'I play' + an instrument in French.

It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from 'Phonics & Pronunciation' lesson 1.
- Vocabulary from the '**J'apprends le français**' unit.
- What a noun and article/determiner is in English.
- What a verb is in English.



Skills we will develop:

Working on improving memory skills and learning to recognise cognates such as '**guitare**', '**piano**', '**clarinette**'. Starting to build a short phrase in French using a conjugated verb in the 1<sup>st</sup> person: 'to play' (**jouer**), with the personal pronoun 'I' (**je**) and the correct partitive article/determiner (**du**, **de la** or **des**).

We will learn how to choose and order these words accurately.

Activities we will complete:

A number of activities across all 4 skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) to help pupils learn and retain the new vocabulary as well as to aid the final task of recalling from memory in oral and written form '**je joue**' plus the correct article/determiner and an instrument.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Nouns, definite articles/determiners and high frequency verb '**jouer**' in 1<sup>st</sup> person singular only. Using a noun (instrument) with the correct definite article/determiner and 1<sup>st</sup> person singular of the verb to play (**jouer**): '**je joue**'. We will learn that nouns in French can have different articles/determiners based on their gender (masculine/feminine nouns) and plurality. Introduction to 3 definite articles (**la**, **le** and **les**). Learning how to categorise nouns in French by their article/determiner, gender and plurality.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: **CH OU ON OI**

- **OU** sound in **joue**
- **ON** sound in **violon**
- Contractions & Silent letters. When the preposition '**de**' is followed by the definite article/determiner '**les**' it becomes '**des**', but the 's' is silent.
- Nasal sounds. Starting to explore French nasal sounds. These sounds do not exist in English and are made through the nose not the mouth! Words like '**violon**' and '**instruments**'.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

10 common instruments with their appropriate definite article/determiner first and then in a short phrase using the 1<sup>st</sup> person conjugation of the verb '**jouer**' (je joue). All listed on the Pupil Unit Glossary.

