

Les Saisons

Bonjour, Mesdames et Messieurs! Good day, ladies and gentlemen!

In this lesson, you will be learning *les saisons*, the seasons.

In French, *l'été* means summer.

To say in the summer, you say *en été*.

Give it a try! *En été*.

L'automne is how you say autumn or fall in French.

Repeat after me. *L'automne*.

En automne is how you say in the fall.

L'hiver is how you say winter in French.

How would you say "in the winter"?

En hiver

Très bien!

Spring is *le printemps*.

Le printemps is a little different because you use the word *au* to say in the spring.

Au printemps

Now you try it! *Au printemps*

Très bien!

Marcel, a teenager in France, is talking about the activities he does in each season.

See if you can follow along.

Je m'appelle Marcel. J'ai quatorze ans. En été, je fais du kayak avec ma famille. Je fais du vélo aussi.

En automne, je joue au foot.

En automne, je fais de la randonnée dans les montagnes.

En hiver, je fais du ski dans les Alpes.

En ville à Paris, je joue au basket.

Au printemps, je fais de la pêche.

Quelques fois, (sometimes) je fais de l'escalade.

Can you tell what activities Marcel does in each season?

In French, the verb *jouer* meaning “to play” is used mainly for sports using balls.

The verb *faire* is used to say you *do* certain activities.

For example,

Tu joues au tennis. Mais (But)

tu fais du surf.

Listen to Olive describe the activities she does. Listen closely for when she uses *jouer* or *faire*.

En hiver, je fais du patin à glace.

Au printemps, je joue au handball.

Handball is a sport that is popular in Europe and France.

En été, je joue à la pétanque.

Et je fais de la natation.

Pétanque is another popular game in France, usually played by four players. Each player has three balls to throw and tries to get them as close as possible to a smaller ball.

In the rest of the lesson, you will learn how to say what sports and activities you do in each season. You will also learn about some sports and activities that are popular in France.

À tout à l'heure!
