

Rosa's Sporting Vocabulary Challenge

Learning objective: To learn and apply French vocabulary related to sports and physical activities, while practising the verb 'jouer' (to play).

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of French sports. Rosa the parrot suggests saying the phrases out loud to practise your pronunciation!

How do you say 'football' in French?	Translate 'I play' into French.
Le football	Je joue
What is the French word for 'swimming'?	How would you say 'I play football' using the correct preposition?
La natation	Je joue au football
What is the French term for 'rugby'?	How do you say 'tennis' in French?
Le rugby	Le tennis
Translate 'basketball' into French.	What is the French word for 'cycling'?
Le basket	Le cyclisme
Why do we use 'au' for football but 'à la' for swimming? Explain the rule.	Construct a sentence to say 'I play tennis'.
'Au' is used for masculine sports (à + le), while 'à la' is used for feminine sports.	Je joue au tennis
Compare and contrast: Why is 'la natation' feminine while 'le football' is masculine?	Justify why a French speaker might say 'Je fais de la natation' instead of 'Je joue à la natation'.
French nouns have grammatical gender; 'natation' is feminine, requiring 'la', whereas 'football' is masculine, requiring 'le'.	'Jouer' is used for ball games or team sports, whereas 'faire' is often used for individual activities like swimming.