

EMMENER VS. AMENER

PRACTICE

OBJECTIFS DE LA LEÇON

1. to understand the difference between **amener** and **emmener**
 2. to learn when to use these verbs
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NIVEAU

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INTRODUCTION

As you will notice, the verbs **amener** and **emmener** are formed of a core verb, **mener**, and a prefix. It is therefore important to know the meaning of both components.

MENER

Mener means *to lead*, but also *to carry out*.

- Ce chemin **mène** au village.
This path leads to the village.

- Il **mène** une mission importante.
He is carrying out an important mission.

AMENER

In **amener**, the prefix **a-** is used to emphasize the destination.

Amener means to take someone to a place, usually leaving him/her there. It only applies to people/animals, not to object. For objects, we use **apporter** (please refer to my video on **apporter vs emporter**).

- **J'amène** les enfants à la crèche, puis je vais au travail.

I take the children to the nursery, then I go to work.

It is also used in the expression:

- **Qu'est-ce qui t'amène ?**

What brings you here?

EMMENER

In **emmener**, the prefix **em-** is used to emphasize the starting point.

Emmener refers to leaving a place and taking someone along with you. It only applies to people/animals, not to object. For objects, we use **emporter** (please refer to my video on **apporter vs emporter**).

- Ce soir, je t'**emmène** au restaurant.

Tonight, I am taking you out to the restaurant (with me).

PRATIQUE

Please complete the following sentences using the right verb: **mener**, **emmener** or **amener**.

1. Tom _____ son fils à l'école.
2. Tu m'_____ au cinéma ?
3. Ma fille est malade, je dois l'_____ chez le médecin.
4. Ce bus vous _____ à la gare du Nord.
5. Ce couloir _____ à la salle à manger.
6. Fred _____ toujours son chien avec lui.
7. La police _____ l'enquête.
8. Qu'est-ce qui vous _____ ?
9. Ce soir, je t' _____ au théâtre.

RÉPONSES

1. Tom **amène** son fils à l'école.

Tom is taking his son to school.

2. Tu **m'emmènes** au cinéma ?

Are you taking me to the cinema?

3. Ma fille est malade, je dois **l'emmener** chez le médecin.

My daughter is ill, I must take her to the doctor.

4. Ce bus vous **amène** à la gare du Nord.

This bus takes you to Gare du Nord.

5. Ce couloir **mène** à la salle à manger.

This corridor leads to the dining room.

6. Fred **emmène** toujours son chien avec lui.

Fred is always taking his dog with him.

7. La police **mène** l'enquête.

The police is carrying out the investigation

8. Qu'est-ce qui vous **amène** ?

What brings you here?

9. Ce soir, je t'**emmène** au théâtre.

Tonight, I am taking you to the theatre.