

APPORTER VS. EMPORTER

PRACTICE

OBJECTIFS DE LA LEÇON

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

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INTRODUCTION

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

PORTER

The core verb **porter** means "to carry", or "to wear" an item of clothing.

- Je **porte** mon sac.

I am carrying my bag.

- Les élèves **portent** un uniforme.

The pupils wear a uniform.

APPORTER

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

Apporter means "to bring" something to a place, leaving it there. It does not apply to people, only to objects. For people, we use **amener**. (Please refer to my video on **amener/emmener**).

Apporter also means *to provide* or *to give* (to give support, for example).

- Je t'**ai apporté** des chocolats.

I brought you some chocolates.

- Il **apporte** une réponse claire à ce problème.
He is providing a clear answer to this problem.

EMPORTER

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

Emporter refers to leaving a place and taking something with you. It does not apply to people, only to objects. For people, we use **emmener** (Please refer to my video on **amener/emmener**).

- J'**ai emporté** des vêtements chauds.
I took warm clothes with me.

- Nous **emportons** tout ce dont nous avons besoin.
We are taking everything we need with us.

PRATIQUE

Please complete the sentences using the right verb: **porter**, **emporter** or **apporter**.

1. Tom _____ un pull rouge.
 2. Ils partent en vacances et _____ une seule valise.
 3. Elle _____ des chocolats aux enfants.
 4. Ce sac est lourd à _____.
 5. Le professeur _____ son soutien aux élèves.
 6. Plat à _____
 7. Tu _____ toujours trop de choses quand tu pars en voyage.
 8. Hier, nous avons mangé chez Paul. Nous avons _____ un gâteau.
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RÉPONSES

1. Tom **porte** un pull rouge.
Tom is wearing a red jumper.
2. Ils partent en vacances et **emportent** une seule valise.

They are going on holiday and taking only one suitcase with them.

3. Elle **apporte** des chocolats aux enfants.

She is bringing some chocolates to the children.

4. Ce sac est lourd à **porter**.

This bag is heavy to carry.

5. Le professeur **apporte** son soutien aux élèves.

The teacher is lending his support to the pupils.

6. Plats à **emporter**.

Take away meals.

7. Tu **emportes** toujours trop de choses quand tu pars en voyage.

You are always taking too many things when you go travelling.

8. Hier, nous avons mangé chez Paul. Nous **avons apporté** un gâteau.

Yesterday, we ate at Paul's. We brought a cake.