

## Key Facts

- Unlike English, the names of months in French do not begin with a capital letter (e.g. janvier, novembre).
- As with English, season names also do not require a capital letter at the start (e.g. l'hiver).
- When describing the weather in French, the verb faire is used, not être. So to say 'It is cold' it would be: Il fait froid, not il est froid and il fait vingt degrés, not il est vingt degrés.
- When using the preposition 'in', the gender of the country determines which form to use:
  - + If the country is masculine, au is used (e.g. au Canada).
  - + If the country is feminine en is used (e.g. en Belgique).
- The adjectives used for 'my' are determined by the gender of the noun:
  - + If the noun is masculine, mon is used (e.g. mon livre).
  - + If the noun is feminine, ma is used (e.g. ma jambe).
  - + If the noun is plural (masculine or feminine), mes is used (e.g. mes livres, mes jambes).
- There are two ways of using the adjective 'your':
  - + The informal way is using ton, ta and tes (following the same rules as mon, ma and mes).
  - + The formal way is using votre and vos. Votre is used for both masculine and feminine nouns and vos for plural nouns.

## Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
les saisons	seasons
le printemps	spring
l'été	summer
l'automne	autumn
l'hiver	winter
les mois	the months
la météo	weather
les vacances	vacations
où	or
comment	How? 'or' What
avec (qui)	with whom
les passe-temps	hobbies

## Challenges

- Investigate other phrases which describe the weather. Make a Weather French-English dictionary, using phrases learned in the lesson and the additional ones you have found.
- Conduct a survey of 20 people (it can be people not in your class). Ask them where they went on one holiday (country). Then ask them how they got there. Choose how you will record your findings.
- Find the French names for other hobbies. Create a poster to show the French names for different hobbies.
- Create a crossword puzzle, where the answers are key vocabulary used in the Holidays and Hobbies Unit.

