

Le Petit Dejeuner

What do you normally have for breakfast? Cereal, toast, bacon and eggs?

There are some differences between what we normally have for breakfast and what children in France eat and drink.

- Often children have bread and a bowl of hot chocolate at breakfast time. Cereals may also be served.
- Freshly squeezed orange juice is often served.
- On special occasions or at weekends a French breakfast is often more elaborate with fresh bread and pastries such as croissant, pain au chocolat, pain aux raisins.
- As in England what is eaten at breakfast time does vary from family to family.

When I was at high school (a long time ago!) I went on a French exchange trip where I spent two weeks living with a family in France and I still remember enjoying sipping hot chocolate from a bowl at breakfast time!

You can watch [Au petit dejeuner-Alain Le Lait \(Breakfast\)](#) on YouTube for a bit of a sing song!

Since breakfast, wherever you live, is a very important meal to get you started for the day, I thought this week we'd learn some French vocabulary and phrases used at breakfast time. Once you are familiar with the words and their pronunciation you might like to have a go at a role play and/or complete the attached word search.

Vocabulary

- un croissant (krwah/sah) a croissant
- un pain au chocolat (pan o shock-o-lah) rectangular pastry with dark chocolate in the centre
- un pain aux raisins (pan oh- raisin) circular pastry with currants and raisins
- une tartine (tahr/teen) a slice of bread and butter
- un chocolat chaud (shoh/koh/lah shoh) a hot chocolate
- un jus d'orange (zhew doh/rah-zh) an orange juice

Phrases

- Tu veux? Would you like? / Je voudrais I would like
- S'il te plait/ please
- Merci / thankyou / Non, merci no thankyou

Role play Have a go at asking these questions and answers either yourself or with a parent. You can always replace the underlined words with another breakfast food or drink from the list above.

- **Tu veux un jus d'orange?** (would you like an orange juice?) *Oui, merci. (yes, thankyou)*
- **Tu veux un croissant?** (would you like a croissant?) *Non, merci. (no, thankyou)_*
- **Je voudrais un pain au chocolat. Merci.** (I would like a chocolate pastry. Thankyou.)

There is also a **word search** attached too: *Cherche les mots! (Find the breakfast items)*