

## Interactive French — *Faire = to do/ to make*



One of the first verbs to master in the French language is the verb *faire*. It is used to express both of the following actions: 'to do' and 'to make' but it is also widely used in many different contexts such as the weather, sports, and household tasks, and many, many more....

*Faire* is an irregular verb and when conjugated in the present, you will notice how the *vous* form does not end in *ez*:

*Je fais* = I do/make

*Tu fais* = You do/make

*Il/elle/on fait* = He/she/one

Note that we use:

The verb *pleuvoir* to express 'rain' = *Il pleut* (it's raining).

The verb *neiger* to express 'snow' = *Il neige* (it's snowing).

*C'est* is used for in the following weather contexts:

*C'est nuageux* = It's cloudy.

*C'est orageux* = It's stormy.

*C'est humide* = It's humid.

*Il y a* is also used in the following weather contexts:

*Il y a du vent* = There is some wind.

*Il y a du brouillard* = There is some fog (brouillard = mist)

Note : we mostly use *jouer* (to play) for team sports : *je joue au foot*.

**Faire for a musical instrument:**

*Je fais du violon* = I play the violin.

*Je fais du piano* = I play the piano.

*Je fais de la guitare* = I play the guitar.

**For odd jobs:**

*Je fais du bricolage* = I do odd jobs.

**For saving money:**

*Je fais des économies* = I'm sav-

**To sleep in:**

*Je fais la grasse matinée* = I'm sleeping in.

**To shop:**

*Je fais les courses* = I'm food shopping.

*Je fais les magasins* = I'm shopping (clothes or other type of shopping but not for food).

*Je fais des achats* = I'm buying things.

**To pack:**

*Je fais les bagages* = I'm packing.

**To worry:**

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**weather (le temps):**

*Quel temps fait-il aujourd'hui ?* = What's the weather today?

*Quelle température fait-il aujourd'hui ?* = What temperature is it today?

*Il fait chaud ou froid* = It is hot or cold.

*Il fait beau* = It's nice.

*Il fait frais* = It's cool.

*Il fait doux* = It's warm.

*Il fait mauvais* = It's bad weather.

*Il fait soleil* = It's sunny.

*Il fait 35 degrés* = It's 35 degrees.

*Il fait du vent* = It's windy.

*Je fais du tennis* = I play tennis.

*Je fais du vélo* = I bicycle.

*Je fais le repassage* = I'm ironing.

### Try this exercise!

Complétez les phrases avec 'il y a', 'il fait', 'il est', etc..

Quand \_\_\_\_\_ 21 heures à Los Angeles, \_\_\_\_\_ midi à Paris.

Aujourd'hui \_\_\_\_\_ très froid et \_\_\_\_\_ des nuages.

Au sud de la France, en été, \_\_\_\_\_ chaud.

C'est l'heure de dîner: \_\_\_\_\_ dix-neuf heures.

C'est le premier jour de l'hiver mais \_\_\_\_\_ pas froid.

Le ciel est gris, \_\_\_\_\_ beaucoup de nuages et \_\_\_\_\_ du vent.

Quel temps \_\_\_\_\_ aujourd'hui ?

\_\_\_\_\_ beau : \_\_\_\_\_ soleil.

Quelle est la température aujourd'hui ? \_\_\_\_\_ 22 degrés.

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**sad:**

When 'to make' is followed by an adjective, it is translated by *rendre*:

*Mon mari me rend heureuse* = My husband makes me happy.

**To make/take a decision:**

It is translated by *prendre une décision* (to take a decision): *Aujourd'hui je prends une décision !* = today I'm making a decision!

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Let's place the verb *faire* into context through the following 2 scenarios, next page.

