



First Step en Francais



Lesson 110 – A Birthday Picnic



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Objectives

1. To learn words related to parks, nature and having fun
2. To learn words related to sports
3. To learn about celebrations in French-speaking countries
4. To learn about sports in French-speaking countries

Vocabulary

birthday party	la fête d'anniversaire
cake	le gâteau
candle	la bougie
How old are you?	Quel âge as-tu?
I'm... years old.	J'ai... ans.
picnic	pique-nique
flowers	les fleurs
tree	l'arbre
sun	le soleil
moon	la lune



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Sports

baseball

basketball

tennis

soccer

football

bicycle

tricycle

Les sports

le baseball

le basket

le tennis

le football

le football américain

le vélo

le tricycle

Culture

Soccer is the most important sport in French-speaking countries. It could be considered the national game, just like baseball is in the United States. The World Cup and other international soccer matches are major sources of national loyalty throughout the world. Soccer players are considered role models and heroes just as sports figures are in this country.

Information for the Teacher

The French word for soccer is le football. Students may be confused since it is so similar to our word football. Football, as we know it, is called le football américain in France.

Before Viewing the Video Lesson



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1. Tell the students that this is the last program in the First Step en Français series. Review with them the things they have learned this year. Use the First Step en Français suitcase folder for this review. The students will probably be very surprised at all they have learned.
2. Ask the students how old they are. What do they think would be the ideal birthday party? Tell them that today's lesson is about birthdays and to listen for words related to a birthday that they know.
3. What are your students' favorite sports? Do a poll and create a graph on the board. Leave this up for a follow-up activity.

Description of the Video Lesson

The children are helping Monsieur DuBois with a birthday cake. They learn cake (le gâteau) and candles (les bougies). The cake needed five (cinq) candles. Fabien says he is nine (neuf). "J'ai neuf ans." Ryan is nine too. Jay says, "J'ai dix ans." Ryan wants to know how to ask Monsieur Dubois' age. Monsieur Dubois does not tell his age.

Children answering the question

Quel âge as-tu?

Teacher has kids count candles on picture of cake, and say color of bike, and sing song using vocabulary.

The children discuss Finley park as a great place to have a picnic (pique-nique) party, and as a great place to ride bikes. They learn bike (le vélo) and tricycle (le tricycle). They mention "La Tour de France," a famous bike race held in France every year.

Song

Mon vélo

Ryan speaks of the many trees, plants, grass and flowers. Monsieur Dubois teaches her the words for flowers (les fleurs) and leaf (la feuille). Fabien asks how one says grass, plant and a tree in French. With the cover of a puzzle box Monsieur Dubois points to the picture and



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teaches grass (l'herbe), plant (la plante), and tree (l'arbre). Jay tells of a story about getting stung by a bee in the park. They all hope the sky (le ciel) is blue and the sun (le soleil) is bright for the birthday party (la fête d'anniversaire).

In the park

Families have fun together: flying kites, playing

Frisbee, playing, running and rolling in the grass

The group discusses how many sports activities are played at the park. Dubois explains they can be played at night because of light from the moon and stars. They learn baseball (le baseball), basketball (le basket), tennis (le tennis), and soccer (le football) which they are shocked to find out is called "football"! They then learn football (le football américain).

Review

le football, le football américain, le basket, le baseball, le tennis

Song

les fleurs, le ciel, l'arbre, l'herbe

- le vélo
- le ciel
- le baseball

Follow-up Activities

1. Use the First Step en Français Again video lesson to review the emphasized vocabulary and conversations.
2. Who was having a birthday in the program? What kind of party was it? Review the words related to a birthday party. Joyeux anniversaire is Happy Birthday in French.
3. Discuss in French the words related to sports by using different types of balls. Refer back to the graph made before viewing the program and change the sports names to French names for those sports.



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4. After these follow-up activities, let students view the video lesson again so they can respond and practice with the children on the lesson.

Supplemental Activities

1. In PE play the different sports learned in the program. Ask the PE teacher to explain the differences in sports in the United States and in other countries of the world.
2. Invite a high school soccer coach to your class to explain the popularity of soccer through out the world. Ask them to talk about some of the players who are known around the world. Why would soccer be so popular in other countries and just growing in popularity here?
3. In music sing “Happy Birthday” in French.
4. Have a party to celebrate learning French. Have French foods as part of the celebration and afterwards play a game of soccer.

Credits

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