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How can I describe clothes in French?

MY LEARNING JOURNEY

1. How can I name different clothes in French?
2. How do I know if a French clothing word is masculine, feminine or plural?
3. How can I say 'my' when talking about clothes?
4. How can I describe the colour of clothes correctly?
5. How can I say what someone is wearing and give my opinion about clothes?

I have previously learnt to…

- Describe a person's hair and eye colour.
- Understand that some French adjectives change
- Place adjectives correctly after nouns.
- Use **il** and **elle** accurately.
- Build simple spoken sentences.
- Write simple descriptions using adjective agreement.

In this unit, I am learning to…

- ❑ Recognise and name different items of clothing.
- ❑ Understand that clothing nouns can be **masculine, feminine** or **plural**.
- ❑ Use **un, une** or **des** with clothing nouns.
- ❑ Use **ma, mon** and **mes** to mean "my".
- ❑ Say what somebody is wearing using **il porte/ elle porte**.
- ❑ Describe clothing using colour adjective agreement.
- ❑ Give a simple opinion about clothes.

Looking ahead: In Year 5, I will learn to…

- Build longer sentences using familiar grammar.
- Apply adjective agreement more independently.
- Use familiar structures to write a short paragraph.

CORE VOCABULARY

Word	Meaning
un t-shirt	a t-shirt
un short	shorts
un pantalon	trousers
un chapeau	a hat
une chemise	a shirt
une jupe	a skirt
une robe	a dress
une veste	a jacket
des bottes	boots
des baskets	trainers
des chaussettes	socks
des lunettes	glasses

French nouns are either

masculine or feminine

Difference between **un** and **une**. Both mean 'a' or 'an'.

masculine — **un**

feminine — **une**

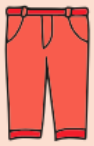
Un is used for masculine nouns and **une** is used for feminine nouns.

Colour adjectives come after the noun and must agree with the gender and number that they are describing. This is usually achieved by:

No change for masculine singular nouns

un pantalon rouge

a pair of red trousers



Adding an **e** for feminine singular nouns

une robe bleue**e**

a blue dress



Adding an **s** for masculine plural nouns

des t-shirts verts

(some) green t-shirts



Adding es for feminine plural nouns

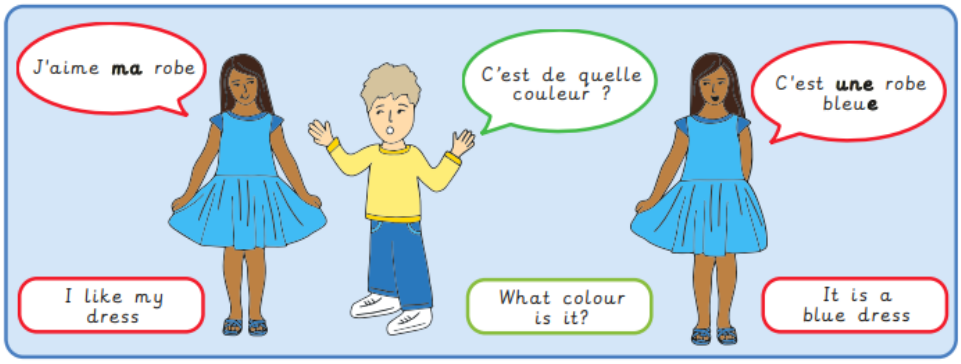
des chausette**s** vertes

(some) green socks



Different ways to say my:	
mon	my (masculine singular)
ma	my (feminine singular)
mes	my (plural)

Other phrases	
il porte / elle porte	+ clothing - he is wearing / she is wearing
j'aime	I like
je n'aime pas	I don't like



un, une or des?

un – masculine
un pantalon

une – feminine
une robe

des – plural
des chaussettes

How do I say my?

mon = my + masculine singular
ma = my + feminine singular
mes = my + plural

mon pantalon
ma robe
mes chaussettes

Describing colours:

noun + colour

un pantalon rouge

une robe bleue

des t-shirts verts

des chaussettes vertes

Describing what someone is wearing:

Je porte… – I am wearing…
Il porte… – he is wearing…
Elle porte… – she is wearing…

E.g. Elle porte une jupe – she is wearing a skirt

Build a complete sentence:

Elle porte une jupe verte et des baskets rouges –
She is wearing a green skirt and red trainers.