Behind the News: Reporters, Sources and Checking the Facts

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Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Advanced French learning song about journalism. The voice drills each chunk with its meaning so the words attach to the sound - listen, then answer in the gaps.

	CHUNK	MEANING	IN CONTEXT
1	**Le journaliste a interviewé plusieurs témoins.**	The journalist interviewed several witnesses.	a microphone held out to a crowd
2	**Il faut toujours vérifier ses sources.**	You must always check your sources.	a magnifying glass over a folded newspaper
3	**Cet article sera publié demain matin.**	This article will be published tomorrow morning.	a newspaper rolling off a printing press
4	**Un bon reportage repose sur les faits.**	A good news report rests on the facts.	a solid stone pillar under a notebook

NEW WORDS (16)

un reportage
a news report

un article
an article

un témoin
a witness

plusieurs
several

écrivez
you write

citer
to cite

interviewer
to interview

vérifier
to check

journaliste
journalist

interviewé
interviewed

quartier
neighbourhood

une source
a source

les faits
the facts

demain matin
tomorrow morning

publié
published

repose
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Practice tip · First listen without reading and just tap the pulse; on the second pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after the echo.

[SOUND DRILL]

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facts

article

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[REVIEW]

Une idée complexe demande un bon argument.

A complex idea needs a good argument.

Cette performance était vraiment remarquable.

That performance was really remarkable.

Dès que vous êtes prêts, vous pourrez vous engager.

As soon as you are ready, you can commit.

Je suis tombé amoureux dès notre premier rendez-vous.

I fell in love from our first date.

[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 1]

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Vous écrivez un reportage, Madame ?

Are you writing a news report, Madam?

écrivez

you write

Oui, Monsieur, sur les faits du quartier.

Yes, Sir, about the facts of the neighbourhood.

Oui, Monsieur, sur les faits du quartier.

Yes, Sir, about the facts of the neighbourhood.

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[VERSE 2]

Il faut vérifier les faits avant de publier un article.

We must check the facts before we publish an article.

Il faut vérifier les faits avant de publier un article.

We must check the facts before we publish an article.

Dès que l'article est prêt, je vous le donne, Monsieur.

As soon as the article is ready, I give it to you, Sir.

Dès que l'article est prêt, je vous le donne, Monsieur.

As soon as the article is ready, I give it to you, Sir.

Pourriez-vous citer votre source, s'il vous plaît ?

Could you cite your source, please?

citer

to cite

Avec plaisir, je vous en prie.

With pleasure, you are welcome.

Avec plaisir, je vous en prie.

With pleasure, you are welcome.

[RECAP]

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Il faut toujours vérifier ses sources.

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Un bon reportage repose sur les faits.

Grey lines are a reading aid for the script; the singer performs the language itself.

HOW TO USE THIS SONG

1. Listen to the whole song once without reading — just follow the pulse.
2. Listen again while reading the lyrics; let the echo lines carry the meaning.
3. On the third pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after it is sung.
4. Use one phrase from this sheet today, in a real conversation or out loud.

DRILL MAP

SAY THIS	IT MEANS	WHEN / HOOK
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