Happy Birthday to You: Cake, Candles and Presents

French · beginner · kids celebrations · children · 6 min

Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Beginner French learning song about kids celebrations. 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	**Joyeux anniversaire, voici ton cadeau !**	Happy birthday, here is your present!	open your hands for a gift
2	**On souffle les bougies sur le gâteau.**	We blow out the candles on the cake.	blow gently like a breeze
3	**La fête commence à trois heures.**	The party starts at three o'clock.	clock hands at three
4	**Bonne nuit, petit bébé.**	Good night, little baby.	a soft lullaby voice
5	**Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.**	Here is my house, here is my family.	hug your family

NEW WORDS (9)

anniversaire
birthday

joyeux
happy

cadeau
present

bougie
candle

bougies
candles

souffle
blow out

fête
party

commence
starts

heures
hours, as in three o'clock

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]

anniversaire

cadeau

gâteau

bougie

ballon

fête

[REVIEW]

Salut, ça va ?

Hi, how are you?

Je suis très content aujourd'hui.

I am very happy today.

Voici ma famille.

Here is my family.

Ma robe est très jolie.

My dress is very pretty.

J'ai cinq doigts sur ma main.

I have five fingers on my hand.

Je bois du lait le matin.

I drink milk in the morning.

Bonne nuit !

Good night!

[CHORUS]

Bonne nuit, petit bébé.

Bonne nuit, petit bébé.

Good night, little baby.

Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.

Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.

Here is my house, here is my family.

[VERSE 1]

Joyeux anniversaire, voici ton cadeau !

Happy birthday, here is your present!

joyeux

happy

anniversaire

birthday

Joyeux anniversaire, voici ton cadeau !

Happy birthday, here is your present!

cadeau

present

Un ballon rouge et un gâteau.

A red balloon and a cake.

ballon

balloon

Un ballon rouge et un gâteau.

A red balloon and a cake.

Joyeux anniversaire, petit frère !

Happy birthday, little brother!

[CHORUS]

Bonne nuit, petit bébé.

Bonne nuit, petit bébé.

Good night, little baby.

Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.

Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.

Here is my house, here is my family.

[VERSE 2]

On souffle les bougies sur le gâteau.

We blow out the candles on the cake.

souffle

blow out

bougie

candle

bougies

candles

On souffle les bougies sur le gâteau.

We blow out the candles on the cake.

Un, deux, trois, on souffle !

One, two, three, we blow!

Une bougie rouge et un ballon bleu.

A red candle and a blue balloon.

Une bougie rouge et un ballon bleu.

A red candle and a blue balloon.

[CHORUS]

Bonne nuit, petit bébé.

Bonne nuit, petit bébé.

Good night, little baby.

Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.

Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.

Here is my house, here is my family.

[VERSE 3]

La fête commence à trois heures.

The party starts at three o'clock.

fête

party

commence

starts

heures

hours, as in three o'clock

La fête commence à trois heures.

The party starts at three o'clock.

Il y a un gâteau et un ballon.

There is a cake and a balloon.

Mon frère est content.

My brother is happy.

Il y a un gâteau et un ballon.

There is a cake and a balloon.

[CHORUS]

Bonne nuit, petit bébé.

Bonne nuit, petit bébé.

Good night, little baby.
Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.
Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.
Here is my house, here is my family.

[VERSE 4]

On chante et on danse ensemble, à la fête.
We sing and dance together at the party.
Maman sourit, papa chante.
Mom smiles, dad sings.
Le chien court dans le jardin.
The dog runs in the garden.
Joyeux anniversaire, ma sœur !
Happy birthday, my sister!
Mon frère est très content.
My brother is very happy.

[CHORUS]

Bonne nuit, petit bébé.
Bonne nuit, petit bébé.
Good night, little baby.
Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.
Voici ma maison, voici ma famille.
Here is my house, here is my family.

[RECAP]

Joyeux anniversaire, voici ton cadeau !
On souffle les bougies sur le gâteau.
La fête commence à trois heures.
Bonne nuit, petit bébé.

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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