

Key Vocabulary

nombres, âge et prix — numbers, age and prices

Numbers 0-20

0 zéro	zero	11 onze	eleven
1 un	one	12 douze	twelve
2 deux	two	13 treize	thirteen
3 trois	three	14 quatorze	fourteen
4 quatre	four	15 quinze	fifteen
5 cinq	five	16 seize	sixteen
6 six	six	17 dix-sept	seventeen
7 sept	seven	18 dix-huit	eighteen
8 huit	eight	19 dix-neuf	nineteen
9 neuf	nine	20 vingt	twenty
10 dix	ten		

Age

J'ai vingt ans.

I am twenty. (literally: I have twenty years)

Tu as quel âge ?

How old are you? (friendly)

Prices

Ça fait combien ?

How much is it all together?

C'est combien ?

How much is it?

Ça fait dix-huit euros.

That is eighteen euros.

Phone numbers (in pairs)

Zéro six, douze, trente-quatre.

06, 12, 34 — read two at a time

Say It Better

the four traps English speakers fall into

Trap 1 — age is something you HAVE

Don't say: je suis vingt (I am twenty)

Say: J'ai vingt ans. (I have twenty years)

Trap 2 — vingt has no T

Don't say: vin-gt

Say: vah — Vingt euros.

Trap 3 — sept has no P

Don't say: sep-tuh

Say: set — Sept euros.

Trap 4 — link dix-huit and dix-neuf

Don't say: dee-seet

Say: dee-ZWEET — Dix-huit. (liaison: X becomes Z)

Pronunciation reminders: un = nasal hum (uhnn) · cinq = sank · huit = weet (H silent)
six and dix = sees / dees (X sounds like S) · sept = set (P silent) · vingt = vah (T silent)

Practice Time

say every answer out loud — your mouth learns first

A. Write the French number

7. ____

12. ____

15. ____

18. ____

20. ____

3. ____

B. Say it in French

- How old are you? (friendly)
- How much is it all together?
- I am twenty years old.
- That is fifteen euros.
- Read this phone number in pairs: 07 14 18 20 16

C. Fix the mistake

- je suis vingt. → ____
- vin-gt euros. → ____
- sep-tuh euros. → ____
- dee-seet euros. → ____

D. Your turn

- Count from zero to twenty, out loud, twice.
- Say your real age in French: J'ai ... ans.
- Next time you see any price, ask in French: Ça fait combien ?

Answer Key

check yourself — no peeking first

A. Write the French number

- 7. sept
- 12. douze
- 15. quinze
- 18. dix-huit
- 20. vingt
- 3. trois

B. Say it in French

- Tu as quel âge ?
- Ça fait combien ?
- J'ai vingt ans.
- C'est quinze euros.
- Zéro sept, quatorze, dix-huit, vingt, seize.

C. Fix the mistake

- J'ai vingt ans.
- Vingt euros.
- Sept euros.
- Dix-huit euros.

Well done. Numbers 0-20, your age, prices, and phone numbers — yours.

Next episode: order coffee like a Parisian.