

ACT 1: WITCHES

Key stage 2 National Curriculum Objectives:

Pupils will

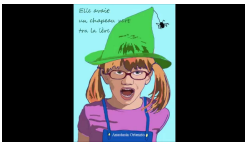
- listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words
- develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases

CONTEXT/RESOURCES

This first French lesson will teach the children a short French song / nursery rhyme about a witch. The children will learn or revise some key vocabulary which links to family (grand-mère), clothing (chapeau), colours (vert), house (jardin).

For this task you will need:

- Choose one of these videos to introduce the rhyme or song:



- Find another sung version here:

<https://dessinemoiunehistoire.net/comptine-sorciere-mangeait-vers-de-terre/>

MAIN TEACHING

1. Display the text and translation of the rhyme and play the video. Tell the children they will be learning this rhyme.

Au jardin de ma grand-mère
Tralalère tralalère

In my grandmother's garden
Twiddly dee, Twiddly dee

J'ai rencontré une sorcière
Tralalère tralalère

I met a witch
Twiddly dee, Twiddly dee

Elle avait un chapeau vert
Tralalère tralalère

She was wearing a green hat
Twiddly dee, Twiddly dee

Et mangeait des vers de terre
Beurk !

She was eating worms
Eugh !

FRENCH



2. Spend some time looking through the key vocabulary and its meaning - jardin, grand-mere, sorciere, chapeau, vert, mangeait, vers de terre.
3. Divide the classroom in 4 sections. Each section will memorise one of the verses. Model 'I say, You say' for each verse. Keep repeating until most children are able to remember their verse.
4. Perform the poem/song together as a class.

TAKING IT FURTHER

Perform the poem in small groups of 4 or get the children to memorise the whole poem.

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR THIS FRENCH UNIT

1. Here is a French pronunciation dictionary, where you can hear words and expression spoken. <https://forvo.com/languages/fr/>
2. Brilliant website with French lessons, spoken language and games for the class. <https://www.french-games.net/>