Je m’appelle : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



Objectif: to learn a song by heart

**Exercice 1: le vocabulaire**

* The handsome men do it like that
* On the bridge of Avignon
* And then again like that
* And then again like that
* One dances there, one dances there
* On the bridge of Avignon
* One dances there all around
* The pretty girls do it like that
* ***Sur le pont d'Avignon***

*On the bridge of Avignon*

* ***On y danse, on y danse***
* ***Sur le pont d'Avignon***
* ***On y danse tous en rond***
* Les jolies filles font comme ça
* Et puis encore comme ça
* Les beaux messieurs font comme ça
* Et puis encore comme ça

Exercice 2: Crée autres vers pour la chanson... create other verses for the song



les robots

les motos

les canards

les éléphants



les camions

les hippopotames



les avions

les chats



les bébés

les vieilles personnes



**Exercice 3** **: l’histoire- the history**

The bridge is officially Pont St. Bénézet but it is better known as the Pont d’Avignon. The original version of the song was originally composed by the 16th century composer [Pierre Certon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierre_Certon). The song was actually called "Sous le Pont d'Avignon" (Under the Bridge of Avignon), because in medieval times there were popular cafés with dancing under the arches of the bridge. Nobody would have been allowed to dance on the bridge.

The modern version only dates from the mid-19th century, when [Adolphe Adam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adolphe_Adam) included it in an 1853 [operetta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operetta) entitled *l'Auberge Pleine*. It was popularised by an 1876 operetta which renamed the song, as currently, "*Sur* le Pont d'Avignon."

The bridge originally spanned the [Rhône River](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rh%C3%B4ne_River) between Avignon and [Villeneuve-lès-Avignon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Villeneuve-l%C3%A8s-Avignon) on the left bank. It was built between 1171 and 1185, with an original length of some 900 m (2950 ft), but it suffered frequent collapses during floods and had to be reconstructed several times. Over the centuries, it became increasingly perilous as arches collapsed and were replaced by rickety wooden sections.

The bridge was finally put out of use by a catastrophic flood in 1668, which swept away much of the structure. It was subsequently abandoned and no more attempts were made to repair it. Since then, its surviving arches have successively collapsed or been demolished, and only four of the initial 22 arches remain intact today.

a) What is the bridge’s correct name?

b) When was the song first composed?

c) How has the name of the song changed today from the original title?

d) How many years did it take the build the bridge?

e) Have many arches have been destroyed over the years?

**Exercice 4: With a partner, sing and act out the song with your own lyrics.**