



# MFL Sunderland Primary French Podcasts

lesson

3b

## Welcome to the MFL Sunderland Primary French podcast. Lesson 3b – Saying how you feel

In this lesson you'll learn how to say how you feel and how to ask someone else how they feel. You'll also learn how to say please and thank you, and find out what cedillas are all about.

Saying how you feel

*Here's how you ask someone how they feel.*

Comment ça va ?      *Listen again*

Comment ça va ?      *And one more time*

Comment ça va ?

*Maintenant à toi. Ecoutez, répétez.*

Comment ça va ? (pause)

Comment ça va ? (pause)

Comment ça va ? (pause)

*Here are three possible answers to the question.*

Ça va bien      *I'm well*

Comme ci, comme ça      *So-so*

Ça va mal      *Not good !*

*Maintenant à toi. Ecoutez, répétez.*

Ça va bien (pause)

Ça va bien (pause)

Comme ci, comme ça (pause)

Comme ci, comme ça (pause)

Ça va mal (pause)

Ça va mal (pause)

Saying please and thank you. "S'il vous plaît", the French for "please", is sometimes shortened in writing to "SVP". Have you ever wondered why we write "RSVP" on invitations? It stands for "Répondez s'il vous plait" – Answer please.

Listen to the vocabulary.

S'il vous plaît Please

Merci Thank you

Maintenant à toi. Ecoutez, répétez.

S'il vous plaît (pause)

S'il vous plaît (pause)

Merci (pause)

Merci (pause)

If you've been following the transcript while listening to this podcast, you'll have noticed some little marks under the letter C's on "ça va", "ça va bien", "ça va mal" and on the "ça" of "comme ci comme ça". These little marks, which look like number 5s hanging under the C's, are called cedillas.

Cedillas are only found on the letter C in French, where they change a hard "K" sound to a soft "S" sound in front of the letters A, O and U. It's important to put cedillas in their proper places, as they affect the sound of the words when they are read out loud. And of course cedillas are important to French people because there is one in the name of their language – français.\*

Here are some other French words which have cedillas:

garçon boy

leçon lesson

façade front of a building

reçu received

The other written accents in French affect vowels, and we'll be looking at those in later podcasts.

**That's the end of this podcast. If you think you need a bit more practice, go back to the beginning and work through the activities again.**

**A tout à l'heure !**

\*If you want to add cedillas to your own typed French, this document will show you how:  
<http://www.sunderlandschools.org/mfl-sunderland/resources/general/gendis1.doc>