



# MFL Sunderland Primary French Podcasts

lesson

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## Welcome to the MFL Sunderland Primary French podcast. Lesson 6 – Saying your age

In this lesson you'll learn how to say your age and ask others how old they are. You'll also learn the rules for pronouncing the letter s on the end of a word.

Saying how old you are

*First of all, how to say how old you are. In English, we say "I am eight years old". In French you say "I have eight years."*

J'ai huit ans      *I am 8*

*Ecoutez, répétez*

J'ai quatre ans (pause)

J'ai cinq ans (pause)

J'ai six ans (pause)

J'ai sept ans (pause)

J'ai huit ans (pause)

J'ai neuf ans (pause)

J'ai dix ans (pause)

J'ai onze ans (pause)

*Now a bit of practice. Say the correct French after the English.*

*I am 9* (pause) J'ai neuf ans

*I am 2* (pause) J'ai deux ans

*I am 12* (pause) J'ai douze ans

*I am 7* (pause) J'ai sept ans

*I am 6* (pause) J'ai six ans

*I am 11* (pause) J'ai onze ans

*I am 1* (pause) J'ai un an

*Here's how to ask someone how old they are.*

Quel âge as-tu ? *How old are you ?*

*Ecoutez, répétez*

Quel âge as-tu ? (pause)

Quel âge as-tu ? (pause)

*There is also a question tag that you can add onto a sentence saying your age, inviting the other person to tell you their age.*

Et toi ? *And you ?*

*Ecoutez, répétez*

Et toi ? (pause)

Et toi ? (pause)

*Sometimes "moi" (me) is added to the beginning of the sentence for emphasis.*

Moi, j'ai dix ans     I am 10

*Have a go at these two sentences, which put everything together. Ecoutez répétez.*

Moi, j'ai dix ans, et toi ? (pause)

Moi, j'ai dix ans. Quel âge as-tu ? (pause)

*You have met a couple of words in this lesson which have an s on the end – "as" and "ans". Generally speaking, the letter s is silent in French when it's on the end of a word. You have come across some examples of this in previous lessons as well:*

trois

poussez-vous

asseyez-vous

des volontaires

*However, this s is pronounced when the word that follows it begins with a vowel. This is called liaison. Again, you have come across an example of this in a previous lesson:*

vous êtes les zéros

*If you want to say that you are three years old, you'll see that "trois" ends in an s, an s which would normally be silent. But the next word in your age sentence is "ans" which starts with a vowel, so you will have to pronounce the s on the end of "trois".*

J'ai trois ans.

*Listen out for more examples of liaison in forthcoming 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.**

**Au revoir !**