



Unit Objective: To say what instrument you play in French

### By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Recognise, recall and spell up to ten instruments in French with the correct definite article/determiner.
- Start to understand articles/determiners better in French.
- Learn to say and write 'I play an instrument' in French using the high frequency 1<sup>st</sup> person regular verb '**je joue**' (I play) with up to ten different instruments.

### Skills we will develop:

To work on improving memory skills. Learning to recognise and learn cognates such as **triangle**, **piano**, **clarinette** first. Starting to build a short phrase in French using the personal pronoun (**je**), conjugated 1<sup>st</sup> person verb (**joue**), and partitive article (**du**, **de la** or **des**). Choosing and ordering these words accurately.

### Activities we will complete:

A number of activities with speaking, reading, listening and written tasks to help learn and retain the new vocabulary including word puzzles, word searches, cross-words to help the final task of recalling from memory in oral and written form **je joue** plus the partitive article/determiner and an instrument.

### Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

ten common instruments with their appropriate definite article/determiner first and then in a short phrase using the partitive article. First person conjugation of the verb **jouer** (**je joue**). This is all listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.

### It will help if we already know:

- What nouns, verbs and articles/determiners are in English.
- A basic understanding of the concept of gender in French.

### Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: CH OU ON OI

- **OU** sound in **joue**
- **ON** sound in **violon**
- **Contractions & silent letters.** When the preposition **de** is followed by the definite article **les** it becomes **des** but the 's' in **des** is silent.
- **Nasal sounds.** Starting to explore the four French nasal sounds (**on**, **un**, **in** and **an**). This sound does not exist in English and is made through the nose not the mouth! Words like **violon** and **instruments**.

### Grammar we will learn & revisit:

**Nouns, definite articles/determiners and high frequency verb 'jouer' in 1<sup>st</sup> person singular only.** Using a noun (instrument) with the correct definite article and 1<sup>st</sup> person singular form of the verb '**jouer**' (to play), '**je joue**' (I play). Learning that nouns in French can have different articles based on their gender (masculine/ feminine nouns) and plurality. Introduction to three definite articles **le**, **la** and **les** (**l'** is not seen in this unit). Learning how to categorise nouns in French by their article/determiner, gender and plurality.