



Teaching Type: **Early Language**

Unit: **JE PEUX**



Unit Objective: To say 'I can...' plus a range of activities in French

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

- Recognise, use and remember 10 common French verbs/activities.
- Use these verbs in the infinitive to make a short sentence starting with **je peux**.

It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from phonics and pronunciation lesson 1.
- Language introduced from units like Animals, Instruments, Fruits & Vegetables and in particular **je** plus conjugated verb.
- Vocabulary from the '**J'apprends le français**' unit.
- What a verb is in English.

Skills we will develop:

Learning to remember new vocabulary by using an image, sound or mime.
Remembering more and knowing more by using a greater variety of high frequency verbs with **je peux**. Being able to create longer sentences.
Understanding better **je** means 'I' in French. Learning to expand, looking up other verbs not covered in the lesson using the English to French section of a dictionary.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: **CH OU ON OI**

- **CH** sound in **chanter**
- **OU** sound in **écouter**
- **OI** sound in **boire**
- **Silent Letters.** 'X' is one of the 6 most commonly silent consonants in French. The "x" in **peux** is therefore not pronounced.
- **Nasal sounds.** Exploring 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 **danser, chanter** and **manger**.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Modal verb plus infinitive. Learning that **je peux** (that comes from the modal verb **pouvoir** and translates 'as I am able') is ALWAYS followed by a verb in its infinitive form in French.

Activities we will complete:

Simple reading, listening and written tasks to help learn and remember the new vocabulary. There will be a sound and mime to learn for each activity too. There will be more focus on remembering some/all of the spellings with more accuracy with a choice of written tasks including gap-fill, word puzzles, crosswords and worksheets. The final task will be to say/write what activities we are able to do.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

Ten different high frequency verbs linked to common activities. First person conjugation of the modal verb **pouvoir, je peux** plus ten common infinitive verbs. All on Vocabulary Sheet.