Introduction

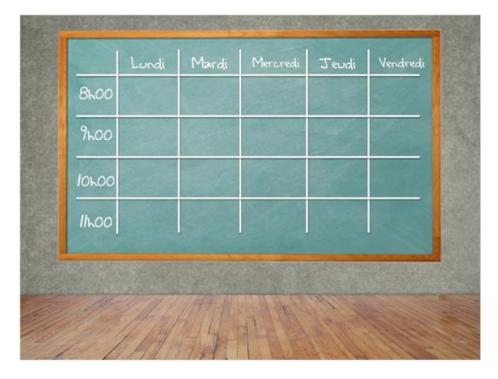


Reading a Schedule

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Times - Morning



For scheduling purposes, the French use the 24-hour clock. They do not use a 12-hour clock like the United States. This means that am and pm are not needed in the schedules. The schedule represents an example of what a French high school student experiences. The days of the week are listed. *Lundi* is Monday, *Mardi* is Tuesday, *Mercredi* is Wednesday, *Jeudi* is Thursday, and *Vendredi* is Friday.

Instead of using a colon to separate hours and minutes, the French use the letter h. The times in the morning are almost identical to scheduled times on the 12-hour clock. 8h00 is 8:00 am, 9h00 is 9:00 am, 10h00 is 10:00 am, and 11h00 is 11:00 am.



Schedule - Morning

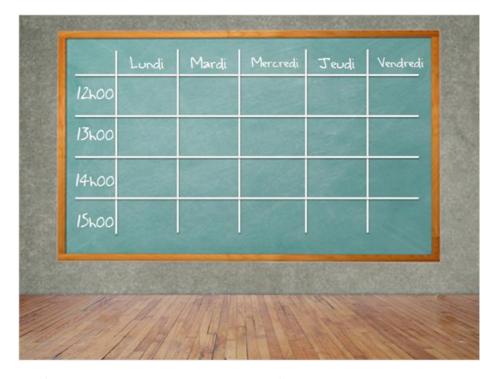


As long as you know your course names in French, reading the rest of the school schedule is easy. On Monday, you will take history from 8h00 until 9h00, English from 9h00 until 10h00, Math from 10h00 until 11h00, and German from 11h00 until 12h00.

Reading the morning times on a French schedule is pretty easy. Now look at the schedule as it displays the courses you will take for the remainder of the week. What will you take on Thursday at 10:00 am? On Thursday at 10:00 am you are scheduled to take French. *Jeudi* at 10*h*00, you are scheduled to be in *Français*.



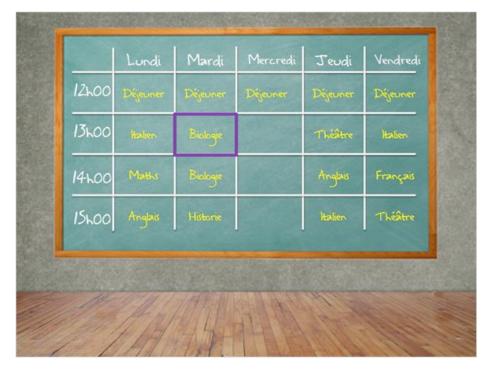
Times - Afternoon



The times in the afternoon are all based on military time after 12:00 pm. 12h00 is 12:00 pm, 13h00 is 1:00 pm, 14h00 is 2 pm, 15h00 is 3:00 pm. This trend continues until 24h00, which is 12:00 am.



Schedule - Afternoon



In addition to knowing your course names in French, you have to be able to tell military time in order to read the afternoon schedule. On Monday, you will have lunch from 12h00 until 13h00, Italian from 13h00 until 14h00, Math from 14h00 until 15h00, and English from 15h00 until 16h00.

Now look at the schedule as it displays the courses you will take for the remainder of the week. What will you take on Tuesday at 1:00 pm? On Thursday at 1:00 pm you are scheduled to take biology. *Mardi* at 13h00, you are scheduled to be in *Biologie*. You will notice on Wednesdays that no classes are scheduled. French students do not attend school in the afternoons on this day.

