



A Night at the Movies: A French Story for Cinema Vocabulary

Learn essential French cinema vocabulary through a simple story. Follow Lucas as he tries to buy a movie ticket but loses his wallet, practicing basic sentences and everyday words in a real-life context.

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35 sentences 70 new words



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The lesson

1 **soir • evening**

Ce **soir**, c'est vendredi.

This evening, it's Friday.

2 **cinéma • cinema**

Lucas va au **cinéma**.

Lucas goes to the cinema.

3 **content • happy**

Il est très **content**.

He is very happy.

4 **film • film**

Il veut voir un **film** d'action.

He wants to see an action film.

5 **attend · waits for**

Il **attend** ce film depuis un mois.

He has been waiting for this film for a month.

6 **guichet · ticket booth**

Lucas arrive au **guichet**.

Lucas arrives at the ticket booth.

7 **portefeuille · wallet**

Il cherche son **portefeuille** dans sa poche.

He looks for his wallet in his pocket.

8 **trouve · finds**

Mais il ne **trouve** pas son portefeuille.

But he cannot find his wallet.

9 **poches · pockets**

Il cherche dans toutes ses **poches**.

He looks in all his pockets.

10 **rien · nothing**

Il ne trouve **rien**.

He finds nothing.

11 **peur · fear**

Lucas commence à avoir **peur**.

Lucas begins to feel afraid.

12 **billet · ticket**

La caissière demande : « Un **billet**, monsieur ? »

The cashier asks: 'One ticket, sir?'

13 dit · says

Lucas **dit** : « Je ne trouve pas mon portefeuille. »

Lucas says: 'I can't find my wallet.'

14 queue · queue

Derrière lui, la **queue** est longue.

Behind him, the queue is long.

15 gêné · embarrassed

Lucas se sent très **gêné**.

Lucas feels very embarrassed.

16 téléphone · phone

Il regarde son **téléphone**.

He looks at his phone.

17 mère · mother

Il pense à appeler sa **mère**.

He thinks about calling his mother.

18 loin · far

Mais sa mère est **loin**.

But his mother is far away.

19 sac · bag

Puis Lucas pense à son **sac** à dos.

Then Lucas thinks about his backpack.

20 vélo · bike

Son sac à dos est sur son **vélo**, dehors.

His backpack is on his bike, outside.

21 **court · runs**

Lucas **court** vite vers son vélo.

Lucas runs quickly towards his bike.

22 **minutes · minutes**

Le film commence dans dix **minutes**.

The film starts in ten minutes.

23 **ouvre · opens**

Il **ouvre** son sac à dos.

He opens his backpack.

24 **là · there**

Le portefeuille est **là** !

The wallet is there!

25 **reste · remains**

Mais il **reste** seulement cinq minutes.

But only five minutes remain.

26 **court · runs**

Lucas **court** vite dans le cinéma.

Lucas runs quickly into the cinema.

27 **achète · buys**

Il **achète** un billet rapidement.

He buys a ticket quickly.

28 **sourit · smiles**

La caissière **sourit**.

The cashier smiles.

29 **chance · luck**

Elle dit : « Bonne **chance** ! »

She says: 'Good luck!'

30 **salle · screening room**

Lucas entre dans la **salle**.

Lucas enters the screening room.

31 **place · seat**

Il trouve sa **place** juste à temps.

He finds his seat just in time.

32 **assoit · sits down**

Il s' **assoit**.

He sits down.

33 **respire · breathes**

Il **respire**.

He takes a breath.

34 **commence · starts**

Le film **commence**.

The film starts.

35 **heureux · happy**

Lucas est très **heureux**.

Lucas is very happy.

Vocabulary — 70



soir

swahr

evening



vendredi

vahn-druh-dee

Friday

 va vah	goes	 cinéma see-nay-mah	cinema
 très treh	very	 content kohn-tahn	happy
 veut vuh	wants	 voir vwahr	to see
 film feelm	film	 action ak-syohn	action
 attend ah-tahn	waits for	 depuis duh-pwee	for (duration)
 mois mwah	month	 arrive ah-reev	arrives
 guichet gee-sheh	ticket booth	 cherche shehrsh	looks for
 portefeuille port-fuh-yuh	wallet	 poche posh	pocket
 trouve troov	finds	 pas pah	not
 toutes toot	all	 poches posh	pockets
 rien ryahn	nothing	 commence koh-mahns	begins
 avoir ah-vwahr	to have	 peur puhr	fear
 caissière keh-syehr	cashier (female)	 demande duh-mahnd	asks
 billet bee-yeh	ticket	 monsieur muh-syuh	sir
 dit dee	says	 derrière deh-ryehr	behind
 queue kuh	queue	 longue lohng	long

**sent**

sahn

feels

**regarde**

ruh-gard

looks at

**pense**

pahns

thinks

**mère**

mehr

mother

**puis**

pwee

then

**dos**

doh

back

**dehors**

duh-or

outside

**vite**

veet

quickly

**dix**

dees

ten

**ouvre**

oovr

opens

**reste**

rest

remains

**cinq**

sank

five

**rapidement**

rah-peed-mahn

quickly

**bonne**

bohn

good

**entre**

ahn-tr

enters

**place**

plahs

seat

**gêné**

zhay-nay

embarrassed

**téléphone**

tay-lay-fohn

phone

**appeler**

ah-play

to call

**loin**

lwan

far

**sac**

sahk

bag

**vélo**

vay-loh

bike

**court**

koor

runs

**vers**

vehr

towards

**minutes**

mee-noot

minutes

**là**

lah

there

**seulement**

suhl-mahn

only

**achète**

ah-shet

buys

**sourit**

soo-ree

smiles

**chance**

shahns

luck

**salle**

sahl

screening room

**juste**

joost

just



temps

tahn

time



assoit

ah-swah

sits down



respire

reh-speer

breathes



heureux

uh-ruh

happy