

Useful Website for Students Learning French

www.wordreference.com

I constantly have wordref open on my phone or laptop. Its one of the first things I teach my students how to use independently so they can have a better comprehension of any homework or reading they are doing. Looking up words constantly helps them expand their vocabulary at a quicker rate rather than just guessing through context when they don't have to. They can use context when they don't have the option of using their tools :)

www.verb2verbe.com

This website is so helpful! French has some of the most difficult to remember verb conjugations so I always recommend to our students to double check that they got it right. This website is also useful for students learning new verbs for the first time and then learning new tenses because they can see the whole combination of them together in an organized fashion. When students are learning a new verb tense I have them copy out the verbs using this website.

<https://translate.google.ca>

I encourage students to be resourceful and to use all their tools properly. Google translate gets a bad reputation because students like to use it to translate whole essays from English to French. Definitely not the optimal use of the tool! I use google translate to go backwards from French to English to check my work and I will also use it for single sentences to see what they suggest if I'm stuck and then this usually helps prompt a better option. Google translate is great for helping students get started on their work because it helps get the ball rolling. Used in this fashion, it is a great tool!

<http://www.reverso.net/>

After you've used all the tools above, you might want to do another check and Reverso is great for that. The website says, "Reverso enables you to correct the most cumbersome mistakes, with a high degree of accuracy and speed, and to improve your written English, French or Spanish." I very much like this tool and find it useful for our older students, just one thing to note that is also stated on the website: "When several corrections are possible, you are prompted to choose one of them. There are cases when mistakes are skipped in order to limit the display of warnings or when the suggested corrections are not perfectly adapted to the context." So again, this is a very helpful tool to help us support our writing but like google translate, isn't perfect :)

<https://www.lawlessfrench.com>

If you can't remember some French rules for something like, how do I conjugate ER verbs again, what are some example of French adverbs etc. This website is great for quick grammar lessons!

<https://www.larousse.fr/dictionnaires/francais-monolingue>

Sometimes you just need a good ol' French to French dictionary and this is my goto!