LEÇON 1 : STRUCTURES

GRAMMAIRE/CULTURE

TU vs VOUS

- *TU* and *VOUS* both mean ‘you’:
  - *TU* is used to address a familiar person
  - *VOUS* is used to address two or more people (= ‘y’all’, ‘you guys’) or when you address a person to whom you want to show respect

- You use *TU* with:
  - family and friends
  - children and teenagers
  - fellow students
  - young people who are your age

- You use *VOUS* with:
  - people with whom you are not familiar
  - teachers and professors
  - superiors

- When unsure about which one to use, use VOUS.

- Note that *TU* has different forms (*TU*, *TE*, *T’, *TOI*) → you will learn the difference later in the semester

- Note the two ways of saying ‘And you?’:
  - *ET TOI?* (TU form)
  - *ET VOUS?* (VOUS form)

APPLICATION

Decide if you would use ‘tu’ or ‘vous’ in the following contexts:

| Context 1: You talk to a salesman | TU | VOUS |
| Context 2: You talk to a teenager | TU | VOUS |
| Context 3: You ask a 20-year-old for directions | TU | VOUS |
| Context 4: You talk to a friend | TU | VOUS |
| Context 5: You talk to a client | TU | VOUS |
| Context 6: You talk to a group of kids | TU | VOUS |
PRONONCIATION

THE ALPHABET

- Listen to the alphabet and repeat it several times:

Y [i.ɡre] Z [zɛd]

- Note that French vowels are pure → they do not glide up or down like in English

- Note that B/C/D/G/P/T/V are pronounced with the sound [e] and not the sound [iː] like in English

- Careful with the pronunciation of <G> and <J>
  - French <G> = [ʒe] vs English <G> = [dʒiː]
  - French <J> = [ʒi] vs English <J> = [dʒeɪ]

- Y is pronounced “i grec” (literally: “Greek I”)

APPLICATION

Write down the letters you hear:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.
13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18
## ANSWER KEY

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*Write down the letters you hear:*

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EXERCICE 1
Translate the following phrases using the TU and the VOUS form

1. How are you? TU: __________________________________________
   VOUS: __________________________________________

2. And you? TU: __________________________________________
   VOUS: __________________________________________

3. Please TU: __________________________________________
   VOUS: __________________________________________

4. Thank you! TU: __________________________________________
   VOUS: __________________________________________

5. You’re welcome! TU: __________________________________________
   VOUS: __________________________________________

6. What’s your name? TU: __________________________________________
   VOUS: __________________________________________

7. Let me introduce you to... TU: __________________________________________
   VOUS: __________________________________________

EXERCICE 2
Circle the pair of letter that rhyme:

RECORDING

Record yourself saying the French alphabet