

plaire

to please

present tense

Through the eyes of a native speaker

You are probably familiar with the expression: *s'il te plaît* which means please. Literally, *s'il te plaît* is "if it to you pleases".

The translation of *plaire* is to please, however, there are two things to watch out for:

- it is mostly used to translate to like
- the structure of the sentence is inversed (see in context)

pronoun	conjugation	English
je	plais	I please
tu	plais	you please
elle	plaît	she pleases
il/ça	plaît	he/it pleases
on	plaît	we please
nous	plaisons	we please
vous	plaisez	you please
ils	plaisent	they please
elles	plaisent	they please

in context

I like the movie. [The movie to me pleases]

→ Le film me plaît.

My boss likes me. [I please to my boss]

→ Je plais à ma chef.

My parents don't like them. [They don't please to my parents]

→ Ils ne plaisent pas à mes parents.

See how and when to use the **present tense** on the Web site.

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Rappel: **je** = I; **tu** = you [singular and informal]; **elle** = she; **il** = he or it, **ça** = it [spoken French], **on** = we [spoken everyday French], **nous** = we [more formal than "on"]; **vous** = you [plural and/or formal]; **ils** = they [masculine]; **elles** = they [feminine]

