

dictée

La table du Nouvel An

A “*dictée*” is the transcription of a spoken text: I will be “dictating” and you will be “taking dictation”, you will write down the words as you hear them.

In France, we are taught dictations as a means to improve our spelling. Today, this dictation is going to help you improve your listening comprehension as well.

The first time around, you will hear the whole text, so as to get a feel for the topic. Then, in chunks, you will write down what you hear. Then again, at the end, you will hear the text in its total length.

Punctuation words you hear during a *dictée*:

à la ligne = next line

deux-points = colon

fermez les guillemets = (end of) quotation marks

ouvrez les guillemets = (beginning of) quotation marks

point = period

point final = last period of the dictation

point-virgule = semicolon

virgule = comma

For this dictation, you'll need

- the audio for the *dictée*
- a piece of paper

When you are ready, start listening, pause if you need to and start writing down what you hear.

The answers are right below. Don't peek.

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La table du réveillon du Nouvel An est toujours élégante. On commence par le mousseux, puis les verrines au caviar, les huîtres et le plateau de fruits de mer. Quand arrive l'omelette norvégienne, on sait que les douze coups de minuit vont sonner. Les réveillonneurs sortent les cotillons et se souhaitent une bonne année et une bonne santé.

Need more challenge? Get your dictionary and translate the *dictée*.

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