

# dictée

## Matin de Noël

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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C'était le matin de Noël. Le Père Noël était passé tôt. Les enfants avaient trouvé leurs cadeaux dans leurs souliers et les avaient déballés si vite qu'on avait fini à neuf heures et demie. Vers dix heures, on est parti/s\* en randonnée le long des sentiers des douaniers. À midi, pour le déjeuner, nous sommes arrivés sur la plage du petit port de Ploumanac'h. C'était magique.

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

\*with ON, both agreements (with or without an S) are acceptable.

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