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A lot of French learners have a hard time knowing with the pair an or anne. They both translate as year, but they are used in different context. Maybe you have an idea of how they differ, but you want specifics. French is a very specific language after all. How can someone know which to choose? You will choose an when there is little emphasis on the year. Jai 15 ans.= I am 15 years old. Nous nous sommes rencontrs il y a deux ans.= We met two years ago. Jai commenc apprendre le franais en lan 2011.= I started to learn French in the year 2011. Je voyagerai en France lan prochain.= I will travel to France next year. When the plural tous is used to mean every, use an. Chaque is another story, and singular tout/toute (=the whole) is another story. Tous les quatre ans, des athltes du monde entier saffrontent.= Every four years, athletes from around the whole world compete against each other. Jessaie dameliorer mon franais de plus et plus tous les ans.= I try to improve my French more and more every year. Il faut que je planifie mon anne. Lan dernier, ma vie tait en dsordre. You will use this if the phrase has more information. Jespre que cette anne puisse tre meilleure.= I hope that this year can be better. Mon pre ma dit que les annes 90 taient des annes dangereuses.= My dad told me the 90s were dangerous years. Je rve de voyager en France chaque anne.= I dream of traveling to France every year. La troisime anne de la guerre a t lanne la plus sanglante.= The third year of the war was the bloodiest year. Lanne prochaine sera mon anne. a, cest sr.= Next year is gonna be my year. Thats for sure. Lan 2020 tait une anne pleine de surprises horribles.= The year 2020 was a year full of horrible surprises. Everything I just mentioned applies to these three other time pairs. Jai pass quatre jours en France.= I spent four days in France. Il faut ne jamais oublier cette journe de carnage.= We should never forget that day of bloodshed. Tous les matins je me lve assez tard.= Every morning I get up pretty late. Jai hte de voir tout Paris la deuxime matine.= I am looking forward to seeing all of Paris on the second morning. Pendant le soir, il sest enfui.= During the evening, he fled. Jai pass une soire parfaite avec eux.= I spent a perfect evening with them. an/jour/matin/soir: time of an action and not the focus of the sentenceanne/journe/matine/soire: comes with significant adjectives, quantifiers, determiners, etc. or describes the whole time as an event Look at you! You know how to use 8 distinct words that are only 4 in English. The efficiency is staggering! Hopefully, that clears up any misunderstanding you can have about these words. You can read more language explanations about French or other languages on my blog. You can also visit my YouTube channel for more tips and tricks to learn languages. Bonne chance! Sowohl an als auch anne werden mit Jahr ins Deutsche bersetzt. Da sie gleichbedeutend sind, aber dennoch unterschiedlich verwendet werden, bereiten sie Franzsischlernenden oft Schwierigkeiten. Folgende Beispiele und bungen sorgen fr mehr Klarheit. Das Wort an bezieht sich auf das Jahr als Zeitpunkt und nicht als Zeitspanne. An wird verwendet, wenn es um das Jahr als mathematische Gre geht und um Alters- oder Datumsangaben zu machen.Beispiel:Jai 32 ans.Ich bin 32 Jahre alt.Louis XIV est n en lan 1638.Ludwig XIV. ist im Jahr 1638 geboren.Sidonie a dmnag il y a deux ans.Sidonie ist vor zwei Jahren umgezogen.Mit Kardinalzahlen (1,2,3, etc.) benutzen wir fast immer das Wort an.Achtung: Vor an darf nie das Demonstrativpronomen cet stehen (cet an). Bei anne steht die Dauer eines Jahres im Vordergrund. Das Jahr wird als Zeitspanne (vom 1. Januar bis zum 31. Dezember) wahrgenommen.Beispiel:Je te souhaite une bonne anne.Ich wnsche dir ein schnes neues Jahr. (= das ganze Jahr lang)Est-ce que tu travailles encore lagence de voyage cette anne ?Arbeitest du dieses Jahr noch fr das Reisebro? (= vom Anfang bis zum Ende des Jahres)Vor anne verwenden wir gngigerweise das Demonstrativpronomen cet (cette anne). Folgt auf an oder anne ein Adjektif, ist es in der Regel mglich, beide Wrter zu benutzen. In diesem Fall sind sie austauschbar.Beispiel:Je pars au Japon lan prochain.Je pars au Japon lanne prochaine.Nchstes Jahr gehe ich nach Japan.Ben a pass son bac lan dernier.Ben a pass son bac lanne dernire.Ben hat letztes Jahr sein Abitur gemacht.Was fr an und anne gilt, das gilt auch fr jour und journe (Tag), soir und soire (Abend), matin und matine (Morgen/Vormittag).Jour bezieht sich auf einen Zeitpunkt (einen bestimmten Tag in der Woche/im Jahr), whrend journe auf die Dauer eines Tages, d.h. auf eine Zeitspanne, anspielt.Beispiel:Ma voisine fait du yoga tous les jours.Meine Nachbarin macht jeden Tag Yoga. (= jeden einzelnen Tag in der Woche)Paul ne pourra pas venir, il travaille toute la journe.Paul wird nicht kommen knnen, er arbeitet den ganzen Tag. (= von morgens bis abends)Soir bezieht sich auf den Abend als bestimmten Zeitpunkt, whrend soire sich auf die Dauer/den Ablauf des Abends bezieht.Beispiel:Est-ce que tu veux aller au cinma ce soir ?Willst du heute Abend ins Kino gehen? (= Abend als bestimmter Zeitpunkt im Tagesverlauf, in Abgrenzung zu heute Morgen, heute Mittag, etc.)Jai pass une trs bonne soire !Ich habe einen tollen Abend gehabt. (= Abend als Zeitspanne der Abend war von Anfang bis Ende toll.)Matin lsst sich mit Morgen bersetzen und bezieht sich auf einen Zeitpunkt, whrend matine mit Vormittag bersetzt werden kann und auf die Dauer/den Ablauf des Vormittags abzielt.Beispiel:Catherine naime pas se lever tt le matin.Catherine steht morgens ungern frh auf. (= der Morgen als bestimmter Zeitpunkt im Tagesverlauf)Jirai faire les courses dans la matine.Ich werde heute Vormittag einkaufen gehen. (= Irgendwann im Laufe des Vormittags Zeitspanne) You cannot copy content of this page An and anne are both feminine nouns that translate to year in English. The primary difference lies in their usage concerning countability and specificity.An is used to denote a year in a more general, abstract sense. It is often employed when talking about a year in relation to age or an event that happens annually. For example: Jai 25 ans. (I am 25 years old.) Nol est clbr chaque anne. (Christmas is celebrated every year.)Anne, on the other hand, is used when referring to a specific year or when emphasizing the duration or course of the year. It is often used in contexts where the year is described with adjectives or in discussions about a specific timeframe. For instance: Lanne dernire a t trs difficile pour nous. (Last year was very difficult for us.) Cette anne, je vais voyager en France. (This year, I am going to travel to France.)When to Use AnAn is typically used in the following contexts:1. **Age**: When stating someones age, an is always used. Elle a dix ans. (She is ten years old.)2. **Frequency**: When discussing events that occur regularly or annually. Il visite ses grands-parents deux fois par an. (He visits his grandparents twice a year.)3. **Expressions**: Certain fixed expressions use an. Bonne anne! (Happy New Year!) tous les ans (every year)When to Use AnneAnne is more appropriate in contexts that emphasize a specific timeframe or the characteristics of a particular year:1. **Specific Timeframe**: When talking about events or experiences occurring over the course of a specific year. Pendant lanne scolaire, les enfants apprennent beaucoup. (During the school year, children learn a lot.)2. **Descriptions**: When the year is modified by an adjective or described in a particular way. Nous avons eu une anne pluvieuse. (We had a rainy year.)3. **Reflecting and Planning**: When reflecting on past years or planning for future years. Lanne prochaine, je finirai mes tudes. (Next year, I will finish my studies.)Examples in ContextTo further clarify the usage, consider these additional examples: Il a travaill ici pendant cinq ans. (He worked here for five years.) Chaque anne, la ville organise un festival. (Every year, the city organizes a festival.) Nous esprons une meilleure anne. (We hope for a better year.) Jai vcu en Espagne pendant un an. (I lived in Spain for a year.)Common Mistakes and TipsOne common mistake learners make is using anne when stating age, which is incorrect as an should be used. Remember, age is always expressed with an.Another tip is to think about whether you are discussing the concept of a year in general terms (use an) or focusing on specific details about the year (use anne). This thought process can help guide your choice between the two.ConclusionUnderstanding the distinction between an and anne is crucial for anyone learning French. Remember to use an for general references and age, and anne when discussing specific years or detailed aspects of a year. With practice, deciding when to use each word will become second nature. Keep these guidelines in mind, and youll be able to express yourself more accurately and confidently in French. Have you ever wondered when to use an and when to use anne in French? These two words both mean year, but theyre used in different contexts. Dont worry! This guide will help you master the difference and use them correctly in your French conversations. An: Masculine, used for precise time markers and counting years Anne: Feminine, used with adjectives and to emphasize duration or events An is used in the following situations: As a time marker or to specify a date:En lan 2024 (In the year 2024) Le jour de lan (New Years Day) After cardinal numbers (un, deux, trois, etc.) to indicate duration:Jhabite ici depuis cinq ans. (Ive lived here for five years.) Il partira dans un an. (He will leave in one year.) To express age:Jai 30 ans. (I am 30 years old.) With prepositions like dans, pendant, depuis, par:Pendant deux ans, jai tudi le franais. (For two years, I studied French.) In temporal expressions like il y a, plus tard:Il y a trois ans, jai commenc apprendre le franais. (Three years ago, I started learning French.) Anne is used in these contexts: With adjectives:Ctait une anne intressante. (It was an interesting year.) La premire anne tait difficile. (The first year was difficult.) To emphasize duration or quality of the year:Cette anne a t longue. (This year has been long.) To focus on divisions of the period:Au dbut de lanne (At the beginning of the year) la fin de lanne (At the end of the year) To focus on events:Lanne de la crise sanitaire (The year of the health crisis) Lanne o je suis arriv en France (The year I arrived in France) See also The Difference Between dans and den in French You can use either an or anne with certain adjectives: Lan prochain / Lanne prochaine (Next year) Lan dernier / Lanne dernire (Last year) Le nouvel an / La nouvelle anne (The new year) Try this quick exercise. Choose between an and anne (pluralize if necessary): Jai vcu en France pendant trois _____. Cette _____ a t pleine de surprises. Ils se sont maris l_____ dernier. Dans dix _____, je serai la retraite. Chaque _____, nous allons la mer. Answers: 1. ans, 2. anne, 3. an/anne, 4. ans, 5. anne Remember, practice makes perfect! Keep using these words in your French conversations, and soon youll be using an and anne like a native speaker. Think of an as a precise unit of time, like a point on a timeline. Use anne when you want to describe the quality or events of a year, like painting a picture of that time period. Quiz choose between an and anne For English speakers learning French, understanding the difference between an and anne can be quite challenging. Both words translate to year in English, but they are used in different contexts and carry slightly different connotations. Lets dive into the nuances of these two words to help you use them correctly.First, lets start with an. The word an is generally used to refer to a year as a simple unit of time. It is often employed when you are talking about age, duration, or a specific point in time. For instance, if you want to say someone is twenty years old, you would say Il a vingt ans. Here, an is used because you are referring to the simple, measurable duration of twenty years.Similarly, when you talk about a specific point in time, an is the right choice. For example, Lanne 2020 a t difficile translates to The year 2020 was difficult. In this sentence, an is used because you are pinpointing a specific year.On the other hand, anne is used when you want to emphasize the duration or the qualitative aspects of a year. It often carries a sense of something happening over the course of a year or the experiences and events that occur within that timeframe. For example, if you want to say It has been a good year, you would say a a t une bonne anne. Here, anne is used to emphasize the quality and experiences of the year.Another common usage of anne is when talking about the passage of time in a more general, less specific way. For instance, Il a travaill pendant trois annes translates to He worked for three years. The use of annes here emphasizes the experience and the passage of time rather than just the simple count of years.A good way to remember the difference is to think of an as a more technical term for a year and anne as a more experiential term. If you are simply counting or specifying a point in time, an is your go-to word. If you are describing experiences, events, or the passage of time, anne is the better choice.Lets look at some more examples to solidify this understanding: Jai tudi le franais pendant un an translates to I studied French for a year. Here, an is used because you are specifying the duration in a straightforward manner. Ctait une anne incroyable translates to It was an incredible year. In this case, anne is used to emphasize the quality and experiences of the year.The distinction also applies to phrases and idioms. For instance, the French New Year greeting is Bonne anne, not Bon an. This is because the greeting wishes someone a good experience throughout the year.Moreover, in the context of anniversaries or milestones, anne is often used. For example, Joyeuse anniversaire (Happy Birthday) emphasizes the celebration of the passage of another year in someones life.Its also worth noting that there are some fixed expressions where one of the two words is always used: Nouvel an (New Year) uses an because it refers to the specific point in time when the year changes. Lanne scolaire (the school year) uses anne to emphasize the duration and experiences within the school year.Understanding these nuances will not only improve your French vocabulary but also your appreciation of how the language captures different aspects of time and experiences. Its fascinating how a language can have multiple words for what seems like the same concept, each with its own specific usage and connotation.To practice, try translating the following sentences and think about whether to use an or anne:1. She has lived here for three years.2. It was a year full of challenges.3. He is thirty years old.4. The year 2021 was better.Remember, if you are talking about the simple duration or age, an is likely the correct choice. If you are emphasizing the experiences or the qualitative aspects of the time period, anne is the way to go.In conclusion, mastering the use of an and anne will not only make your French more accurate but also more expressive. Keep practicing, and soon this distinction will become second nature. Happy learning! French has two words for year: an and anne. Its easy to mix up these two nouns as they basically have the same meaning (un an or une anne = 12 months). However, an and anne are not always interchangeable. Keep reading to learn the difference between an and anne, then put your knowledge to the test in the exercises. An regards a year as a unit of time. Use an to express someones age, specify a precise date or situate an event in time. It is almost always used with a cardinal number.Examples:Jai 32 ans.Im 32 years old.Louis XIV est n en lan 1638.Louis XIV was born in the year 1638.Sidonie a dmnag il y a deux ans.Sidonie moved two years ago.An cannot be used with the demonstrative determiner cet (cet an). The noun anne views the year as a period of time. It refers to the whole year in its entirety (from 1st January to 31st December) and thus emphasises the duration (e.g., the whole year, all year long).Examples:Je te souhaite une bonne anne.I wish you a happy New Year.= happiness the whole year longEst-ce que tu travailles encore lagence de voyage cette anne ?Are you still working at the travel agency this year?= from the beginning to the end of the yearAnne can be used with the demonstrative determiner cet (cette anne). In general, an and anne are interchangeable when they are followed by an adjective.Examples:Je pars au Japon lan prochain.Im going to Japan next year.Je pars au Japon lanne prochaine.Im going to Japan next year.Remember! An is masculine but anne is feminine, so the adjective changes its ending.Example:Ben a pass son bac lan dernier.Ben did his baccalaureate last year.masculine adjective endingBen a pass son bac lanne dernire.Ben did his baccalaureate last year.feminine adjective endingThe difference between an and anne also applies to the words jour and journe, soir and soire, and matin and matine.The word jourday refers to the days of the week as individual units of time (lundi, mardi, etc.), whereas the word journe refers to the day in its entirety from morning to night.Examples:Ma voisine fait du yoga tous les jours.My neighbour does yoga every day.= le lundi, le mardi, etc.Paul ne pourra pas venir, il travaille toute la journe.Paul cant come, hes working all day long.= all day longThe word soirevening refers to a specific time point somewhere between 7pm and midnight (approximately). In contrast, soire expresses the duration of the evening in its entirety.Examples:Est-ce que tu veux aller au cinma ce soir ?Do you want to come to the cinema tonight?= at a specific moment in the eveningJai pass une trs bonne soire !I had a lovely evening.= the evening was nice from start to finishMatinmorning refers to the specific moments in the morning (from 6am to 11am, approximately), whereas matine expresses the morning period in its entirety.Examples:Catherine naime pas se lever tt le matin.Catherine doesnt like getting up early in the morning.= at a specific time in the morningJirai faire les courses dans la matine.Im going shopping in the morning.= Im going to spend the whole morning shoppingLearn more about this grammar topic in our section on nouns in French grammar. To learn about some other confusing word pairs, check out our pages on parler/dire or avant/devant. Practise the differences between an and anne in the interactive exercises. The French word of the day is an vs. annee, which both mean year. This lesson clarifies when to use each word. In a nutshell, an is used for describing units of time and anne is often attached to other words such as adjectives.an, anne IPA pronunciation /, ah-nay/ The Modern French word an comes from annus (year) in Latin.Before we go any further, lets clarify the pronunciation of both an and anne. An is simply the nasal sound // that can be found in both the en and an in the word enfant (child). Do NOT pronounce the -n. This is a common mistake among beginners.anThe word anne sounds like /ah-nay/.anneThe following section will cover when to use an. Again, think of an as a unit of time.To describe somebodys age in French use avoir (to have) plus the number of years. This lesson covers numbers.Marc a vingt ans.Marc is 20 years-old.For the above two example sentences, using anne would be wrong. You cannot use anne when talking about your age.Use an to describe turning a certain age. For example:Marie va avoir vingt-cinq ans en mars.Marie will be 25 years-old in March.Again, think of an as a unit of time. Use an when talking about how long youve been doing something, how long its been since an event occurred or when you will do something in the future. Using anne for this example sentences would sound very awkward to the French ear.On habite ici depuis trois ans.Weve been living here for three years.When talking about last year or next year, use an. For example.Je suis all Paris lan dernier.I went to Paris last year.Lan prochain nous partons en Espagne.Next year were going to Spain.That said, you can use the word anne in both of these sentences. You can say lanne prochaine to mean next year and lanne dernire to mean last year.Use anne to say this year. Saying an here would sound awkward. For example:Quest-ce que tu fais cette anne ?What are you doing this year?When saying year in the context of every year you must use an. The expression is tous les ans. For example:Nous partons au Mexique tous les ans.We go to Mexico every year.In general, use the word anne when its attached to another word, such as an adjective. Also use anne with quantifier words (each, few, many).Here are some examples of sentences where the quality of the year is being described with an adjective. Using the word an for these sounds would sound awkward to the French ear.Je passe une bonne anne.Im having a good year.Elle passe une anne difficile.Shes having a hard year.To say this year, use the demonstrative adjective cette followed by anne. Again, using an wouldnt sound right. For example:Quest-ce que vous allez faire cette anne ?What are you going to do this year?Use anne when referring to a decade, such as the 1970s or 1980s. The following example sentence will include both an and anne. As you can recall from above, an is referring to a unit of time.Jai pass un an en France aux annes 90.I spent a year in France in the 90s. Les gens apprcient la musique des annes 60.People like music from the 1960s.When counting years with ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.), use anne.Cest la troisime anne de notre mariage. Its the third year of our marriage.The word anne can also be used to refer to grades in the Canadian school system. For example:Marc est en cinqime anne. Marc in the fifth grade.To say every year use chaque anne. For example:Je passe lhiver dans les Alpes chaque anne depuis mon enfance. Ive been spending the winter in the Alps each year since my childhood.For several years use plusieurs annes and for a few years use quelques annes. For example:Je voudrais passer quelques annes en Europe. Id like spend a few years in Europe.Elle habite a Marseille depuis plusieurs annes. Shes been living in Marseille for several years.To express so many years and too many years, use anne. For example:Ils se disputent depuis tellement dannes. Theyve been arguing for so many years.Antoine fume depuis trop dannes. Antoine has been smoking for too many years.Use combien dannes when asking about how many years. For example:Depuis combien dannes habitez-vous en France? How many years have you lived in France?When expressing for years, use des annes. For example:Il est comme ca depuis des annes. Hes been like that for years.Now that youve mastered an vs. annee, check out our lesson explaining the months of the year and how to say the date!An WordReferenceAnne WordReferenceFrench Word of the Day | Lessons by David IssoksonThe nouns an and anne (year) have the same meaning, but they are often used in different contexts. The noun un an is used with cardinal numbers, quantities and repetitive events. Jai 30 ans (nombre cardinal). Im 30 years old (cardinal number).Japprends le franais depuis 2 ans (quantit). Ive been learning French for 2 years (quantity).Il va en vacances en Italie tous les ans (vnement rptitif). He goes on holiday to Italy every year (repetitive event). The feminine noun une anne is used with ordinal numbers, adjectives and to describe something qualitative. Je suis en deuxime anne de Master (nombre ordinal). Im in my second year of a Masters degree (ordinal number).Japprends le franais depuis plusieurs annes (adjectif). Ive been learning French for several years (adjective).Il va en vacances en Italie cette anne (qualitatif). He is going on holiday to Italy this year (qualitative). an and anne are interchangeable when used before an adjective. Lan prochain. Lanne prochaine. Next year.Lan dernier. Lanne dernire. Last year. Its more or less the same rules for jour et journe (day). On va passer 3 jours au Maroc (quantit). Were going to spend 3 days in Morocco (quantity).Je me lve tous les jours 7h (rptition). I get up every day at 7am (repetition).Cest une trs belle journe (adjectif). Its a beautiful day (adjective). Thank you for reading this post. Feel free to share it if you liked it. Watch this content invideoformat. Book a French lesson with me onitalki.Navigating the subtleties of a new language can be a fascinating journey. In French, certain word pairs carry nuanced differences that can significantly impact the meaning of a sentence.In todays post well explore three such pairs: anvs anne, jourvs journe, and nuitvs nuite. These words each have distinct meanings and uses in French, whereas in English, each of these word pairs has just one translation: year, day, and night.So when do we use one of these French words over the other? Lets dive in and explore the subtle differences in these French word pairs, allowing you to communicate more precisely in the language. Well explain each word pair clearly, with a bunch of examples showing each nuanced use in action, and well end with a set of exercises where you can practice using them all in context.This article is brought to you by LingoCulture, Where you can get unlimited private French classes via Zoom with native teachers for a flat monthly rate. Its the closest thing to immersion you can get without living in a French-speaking country. Click here to learn more.An vs AnneBoth anand annetranslate as yearin French, but their use depends on the context and the emphasis you want to convey.Un anis used in a general, neutral, or statistical context, referring to a 365-day cycle. It often marks durations, ages, or frequencies without emphasizing the experiences within that time frame.Jai vingt ans. I am twenty yearsold.Il voyage deux fois par an. He travels twice a year.Jai vcu en Espagne pendant un anavant de retourner en France. I lived in Spain for one yearbefore returning to France.Nous clbrons nos cinq ansde mariage. Were celebrating our five yearsof marriage.Il y a deuxans, jai commenc apprendre le franais. Two yearsago, I started learning French.Une anneemphasizes the duration or the experienceswithin a year. Its used when reflecting on the past year or planning for the year ahead, referencing the lapse of time without necessarily linking it to the calendar year. When we use anne, were usually focusing on the qualitative aspects of the timeframe as opposed to the duration.Lannede mes vingt ans a t lune des meilleures de ma vie. The yearwhen I was 20 was one of the the best of my life.Lanneprochaine, je vais tudier en France. Next year, I will study in France.Cette annea t trs productive. This yearhas been very productive.Je me souviens de lannede notre rencontre comme si ctait hier. I remember the yearwe met like it was yesterday.Cette anne, je prvois de voyager travers lEurope. This year, Im planning on travelling around Europe.We can see the nuances of anvs annewhen we talk about New Years in French. The day itself is known as le nouvel an, whereas we always wish each other bonne annefor the year ahead.For more vocab specific to time frames, check out our posts on telling time in French, days of the week in French, and months and seasons in French.Jour vs JourneJourand journeboth relate to the concept of day, yet they serve different purposes in conversation that can be compared to anand anne.Un jourreally just refers to the 24-hour cycle, with 1 anlasting 365 jours. Le jouralso refers to the period of time between sunrise and sunset, in contrast with la nuit, which is the night. Un jouris typically used in contexts where the emphasis is on the calendar day or on specific moments in time.Quel joursommes-nous aujourdhui ? What dayis it today?Il me reste deux ans avant le jourde ma retraite. I have two years left until the dayof my retirement.Le jourse lve tt en t, apportant lumire et chaleur. The daybegins early in the summertime, bringing light and warmth.Le jourde son mariage tait chaud et ensoleill. The dayof her marriage was warm and sunny.Je ne pourrai pas venir ce jour-l, jai dj un engagement. I cant come that day, I already have something planned.Une journeputs the focus on the duration of the day as an expanse of timefilled with activities or experiences. Its used when the quality of the daytime hours is highlighted.Jai pass une agrable journeau parc. I spent a pleasant dayat the park.Ma journeau travail a t particulirement longue aujourdhui. My dayat work was particularly long today.Chaque journepasse avec toi est spciale. Every dayspent with you is special.La journede mardi, je travaille toujours de chez moi. During the dayon Tuesday, Im still working from home.Ma journea t tellement charge que je nai pas eu le temps de djeuner. My daywas so busy that I didnt have time for lunch.We see the difference between jourand journein two common salutations. Bonjouris a standard French greeting, translating literally as good day, whereas bonne journeis a polite farewell, meaning have a nice day.Nuit vs NuiteWhile both terms relate to the night, nuitand nuitehave distinct applications. Their differences arent as comparable to the differences between anvs anneand jourvs journe.Une nuitrefers to the period from sunset to sunrise. Its used in general to talk about nighttime, or to refer to the activities that occur during this time. To say good night in Frenchbefore going to bed, for example, we say bonne nuit.Il ne dort pas bien la nuit. He does not sleep well at night.La nuittait claire et toile. The nightwas clear and starry.Les animaux nocturnes sortent principalement la nuit. Nocturnal animals come out mostly at night.Pendant la nuit, le silence de la ville est apaisant. During the night, the silence of the city is calming.Jentends le hibou presque chaque nuit, mais je ne lai jamais vu. I hear the owl almost every night, but Ive never seen it.Une nuitespecifically refers to spending a night at an accommodation. Likewise, its used for counting the number of nights that such services are provided, such as at a French hotelor other lodging option.Nous avons rserv deux nuitesdans un htel de charme. We booked two nightsin a charming hotel.Le prix de la nuitecomprend le petit-djeuner. The price for the nightincludes breakfast.La dernire nuiteque nous avons passe dans les montagnes tait magique. The last nightwe spent in the mountains was magical.Combien cote une nuitedans ce nouvel htel du centre-ville ? How much is one nightat the new hotel downtown?Il me reste deux nuitesdans mon appartement avant de partir en voyage. I have two nightsleft at my apartment before leaving on my trip.ConclusionGrasping the nuances between anvs anne, jourvs journe, and nuitvs nuiteis essential for French learners. Even though their English translations are just year, day, and night, the subtleties between the French words are distinct enough that they each have their own uses.Their distinctions allow for more precise communication and help convey the right context, whether youre discussing time frames, experiences, or overnight stays. So incorporate these nuanced word pairs into your French vocabulary, and youll enrich your conversations and deepen your understanding of the French language!As we do in all our posts, weve provided a ton of examples to demonstrate the words in todays lesson. To give you some practice and see how well youve learned them, well leave you with a few exercises so you can see how well youve grasped each word pair. An vs Anne practice1. Durant l_____ 2020, l_____ la plus difficile de ma vie, jai appris beaucoup sur moi-mme. In the year2020, the most difficult yearof my life, I learned a lot about myself.2. Il a gagn le tournoi de tennis trois _____ de suite, chaque _____ avec plus de dtermination que la prcdente. He won the tournament three yearsin a row, with more determination each yearthan the previous one.3. lge de dix-huit _____, je me souviens que cette _____-l avait t marque par de nombreux vnements importants. At 18 yearsof age, I remember that that yearwas notable for a number of important events.4. Jai voyag en Asie pendant un _____, et cette _____ a compltement chang ma perspective sur le monde. I travelled in Asia for one year, and that yearcompletely changed my perspective on the world.Jour vs Journe practice1. Ce _____-l, la _____ de travail ma sembl interminable, chaque heure stirant plus que la prcdente. That day, my day at work seemed unending, with each hour stretching longer than the previous one.2. Le _____ de lclipse, nous avons pass la _____ observer le ciel, fascins par le phnomne. On the dayof the eclipse, we spent the daywatching the sky, fascinated by the phenomenon.3. Je me souviens du _____ de mon premier marathon comme si ctait hier; la _____ avait dbut sous une pluie battante ! I remember the dayof my first marathon like it was yesterday; the daybegan with driving rain!4. Le _____ de Nol, toute la _____ est consacre la famille, depuis louverture des cadeaux le matin jusquau dner festif du soir. On Christmas day, the whole dayis dedicated to the family, from opening presents in the morning until the festive dinner in the evening.Nuit vs Nuite practice1. La _____ de notre anniversaire, nous avons rserv une _____ dans notre auberge prfre pour clbrer loccasion. On the nightof our anniversary, we reserved a nightat our favorite guest house to celebrate the occasion.2. Pendant la _____ des toiles filantes, nous avons pass une _____ observer le ciel, envelopps dans des couvertures chaudes. On the nightof the meteor shower, we spent all night wrapped in warm blankets, observing the sky.3. La _____ tait frache et calme, idale pour une _____ dans une cabane en fort, loin du bruit de la ville. The nightwas cool and calm, ideal for a nightin a cabin in the forest, far from the noise of the city.4. Nous nous sommes arrts Clermont-Ferrand pour la _____, o nous avons pass une _____ lHtel de la Paix. We stopped in Clermont-Ferrand for the night, where we spent a nightat the Htel de la Paix.Answers1. Durant lan2020, lannela plus difficile de ma vie, jai appris beaucoup sur moi-mme.2. Il a gagn le tournoi de tennis trois ansde suite, chaque anneavec plus de dtermination que la prcdente.3. lge de dix-huit ans, je me souviens que cette anne-l avait t marque par de nombreux vnements importants.4. Jai voyag en Asie pendant un an, et cette annea compltement chang ma perspective sur le monde. 1. Ce jour-l, la journede travail ma sembl interminable, chaque heure stirant plus que la prcdente.2. Le jourde lclipse, nous avons pass la journe observer le ciel, fascins par le phnomne.3. Je me souviens du jourde mon premier marathon comme si ctait hier; la journeavait dbut sous une pluie battante !4. Le jourde Nol, toute la journeest consacre la famille, depuis louverture des cadeaux le matin jusquau dner festif du soir. 1. La nuitde notre anniversaire, nous avons rserv une nuitedans notre auberge prfre pour clbrer loccasion.2. Pendant la nuitdes toiles filantes, nous avons pass une nuite observer le ciel, envelopps dans des couvertures chaudes.3. La nuittait frache et calme, idale pour une nuitedans une cabane en fort, loin du bruit de la ville.4. Nous nous sommes arrts Clermont-Ferrand pour la nuit, o nous avons pass une nuite lHtel de la Paix. The French word pairs an/anne, jour/journe, matin/matine, and soir/soire can be confusing to students because each pair has a single English translation. The important thing to understand is that the difference between the words in each pair has to do with two different ways of considering time. The short words an, jour, matin, and soir (note that they are all masculine) indicate a simple amount of time or division of time. For the purposes of this lesson, we'll call these "division words." Je suis en France depuis deux jours. --> I've been in France for two days.Il est fatigu ce soir. --> He's tired this evening. In comparison, the longer words anne, journe, matine, and soire (all feminine) indicate a duration of time, usually stressing the actual length of time. I'll call these "duration words." Nous avons travaill pendant toute la matine. --> We worked all morning.Elle est la premire de son anne.* --> She's the first in her year/class. *Though anne is feminine since it begins with a vowel you have to say son anne (not "sa anne") Here are some general rules about when to use division words vs. when to use duration words, as well as some important exceptions. But if you consider them carefully, you'll see that the exceptions follow the basic differences outlined above. Use division words with: 1. Numbers, except when you want to emphasize the duration or when the word is modified by an adjective. Un homme de trente ans.--> A 30-year-old man.Il est arriv il y a deux jours. --> He arrived two days ago.Dans trois ans, j'aurai termin mes tudes. --> In three years, I'll have finished my studies.J'tais en Afrique pendant trois annes, pas deux. --> I was in Africa for three years, not two.Ils ont pass sept merveilleuses journes Paris.--> They spent seven marvelous days in Paris. 2. Temporal adverbs demain matin --> tomorrow morningtt le matin --> early in the morninghier soir --> last night Use duration words with: 1.de + a descriptive noun l'anne de base --> base yearune journe de travail de huit heures --> an eight-hour workdayles soires d't --> summer evenings 2. with nearly* all adjectives, including: attributive adjectives l'anne scolaire --> the school year indefinite adjectives certaines annes --> certain years interrogative adjectives preceded by a preposition en quelle anne --> in which year possessive adjectives However, note that an/anne is far more flexible than the other pairs; for "last year" you can say l'an dernier or l'anne dernire, "next year" can be l'an prochain or l'anne prochaine, etc. Except for demonstrative adjectives, which are used with division words: cet an - cet an que j'ai vcu en France --> that year - that year that I lived in France (But when talking about the current year, say cette anne - this year.) ce jour - ce jour o nous sommes alls au muse --> this/that day - that day we went to the museumce matin, ce soir --> this/that morning, this/that evening The indefinite word tout has a different meaning with division vs. duration words; it is an indefinite adjective with division words and an indefinite pronoun with duration words. tous les matins, tous les jours --> every morning, every day vs. toute la matine, toute la journe --> all morning, all day Note that when referring to the day of the week, you need the division word: Quel jour est-on? Quel jour sommes-nous? --> What day is it?Vendredi est le jour de la fte. --> Friday is the day of the party. In this "Common Mistakes in French" series, you'll learn when to use the word "an" (year) and when to use "anne" (year) in French. Hello everyone! Bonjour tous! Happy New year, and welcome back to the French Made Easy podcast! This is episode number 106, numro 106!This episode is part of the "Common Mistakes in French" series, where I share with you verbs, words, or expressions that often get mixed up!And today, we'll look at two confusing words: "an" and "anne." They both mean "year." and they are most of the time not interchangeable. I'll explain in a minute.Before we start, if you're new to the podcast, make sure you have your lesson's cheat sheet in front of you during the lesson. After the lesson, head over to the French Made Easy library to practice what you've learned today. All the links are in the episode notes.Alright, so let's see the difference between an and anne.1) "an" (year) is generally used to express a unit of time. So it expresses the year as a time unit. It's specific. It's also often used with cardinal numbers. (1, 2, 3, etc.)Examples:Nous sommes all(e)s en Italie il y a deux ans. (We went to Italy two years ago.)Elle a 30 ans. (She is 30 years old.)Ils tudient le franais depuis trois ans. (They have been studying French for three years.)2) "anne" (year) is generally used to express a length of time. It usually expresses the length of time for the whole year, usually between January to December, but of course, it doesn't have to be the calendar year.And whereas "an" is often used with cardinal numbers (1, 2, 3), "anne" isoften used with ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.), demonstrative adjectives ("cette"/"ces"), and indefinite adjectives ("chaque," "plusieurs," "quelques," etc.) where it doesn't express a specific amount of year.Examples:C'est sa premire anne de maternelle. (It's her or his first year of kindergarten.)Cette anne, j'apprendrai cuisiner. (This year I will learn to cook.)Ils tudient le franais depuis plusieurs annes. (They have been studying French for several years.)So in all those examples, you can't replace "an" with "anne" and vice versa.There are some cases where "an" and "anne" are interchangeable.A common example with the expressions "last year" and "next year.""last year" can be: "l'an dernier" or "l'anne dernire" and "next year" can be "l'an prochain" or "l'anne prochaine."Usually, these two expressions are pretty interchangeable.Examples:J'irai en France l'anne prochaine. (I will go to France next year.)L'an prochain, j'irai en France. (Next year, I will go to France.)Attention, very important note:"An" is a masculine noun, and "anne" is a feminine noun. And it matters because you have to make sure you match, at least in that sentence, the adjective with the noun "an" or anne."So don't say: "l'anne prochain" say l'anne "prochaine". I teach all about the agreement in gender and number in my course, French Grammar Made Easy.Also another note, for the expression: "every year," you can use both "chaque anne" and "tous les ans" interchangeably.Examples:Je vais en France chaque anne. (I go to France every year. I go to France every year.)Je vais en France tous les ans. (I go to France every year. I go to France every year.)(Attention though, not "chaque an" and "toutes les annes.") Recap':Both "an" and "anne" mean "year," but they are most of the time not interchangeable.1) "an" (year) is generally used to express a unit of time. It usually expresses the year as a time unit. Often used with cardinal numbers (1, 2, 3.)Nous sommes all(e)s en Italie il y a deux ans.2) "anne" (year) is generally used to express a length of time. It usually expresses the length of time for the whole year. Often used with ordinal numbers (first, second, third), demonstrative adjectives (cette/ces) indefinite adjectives (chaque, quelques etc.)Cette anne, j'apprendrai cuisiner.And that's now the end of today's episode; I hope you enjoyed it. Now you know the difference between "an" and "anne." Don't forget to download your lesson's exercises by clicking the link in the episode notes. I'll chat with you next week. bientt. In French, there are two wordsto talk about the different moments of the day (matin/matine, soir/soire), days (jour/journe)and years (an/anne), and to know which one to use, it depends on the way you consider these periods as whole units of time, or in their durations.Learn when to use 'an/anne', 'jour/journe', 'matin/matine' and 'soir/soire' in French1.Je prends le trainle matin.I take the train in the morning.J'ai eu plein de cadeauxle jourde mon anniversaire.I had a lot of presents on the day of my birthday.Le soir, je bois un verre avec mes amis.In the evening, I have a drink with my friendsJ'ai pass un an en Espagne quand j'avais dix-neuf ans.I spent a year in Spain when I was nineteen.When we talk about this time of the day or the day or the year as a precise moment, a time unitin which an action took place, we use the masculine forms:un an(a year), le jour(the day), le matin(the morning), le soir(the evening). 2.J'ai travaill toutela matine.I worked the whole morning.Cette soires'est trs bien passe.That evening went very well.Les chauve-souris dorment pendantla journe.Bats sleep during the day / daytime.Pendant son anne sabbatique, il a voyag autour du monde.During his sabbatical year, he travelled around the world.When we consider that part of the day or this day or year in its duration, when we emphasise the length of time, we use the feminine forms: une anne(a year),la journe(the day), la matine(the morning), la soire(the evening).Want to make sure your French sounds confident? 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Its also use with frequency: saying how many times per year you do something.Jai 47 ans.Im 47. Je suis alle en France il y a deux ans.I went to France 2 years ago. Je vais en France deux fois par an.I go to France twice a year.Anne is used to describe the whole year span, and is mostly used with ordinal numbers (first, second, third) in expressions introducing indefinite quantities (several years, thousands of years), and other time expressions such as: lanne dernire : last year lanne prochaine : next year chaque anne : each year toute lanne: the whole year lanne dernire / prochaine (last year/ next year), toute lanne (all year long) Quelle anne: which year? Cette anne: this year Combien dannes: how many years? Des centaines dannes: hundreds of years Plusieurs annes: several yearsLanne dernire, je suis alle faire une immersion de franais chez un prof en France.Last year, I went for a residential French immersion at a teachers in FranceContrast:Je vais en France tous les ansIm going to France every year Jai tudi le pass-compos toute lanneI spent the whole year studying pass-composThere are many ways to wish someone Happy New Year in French. The most common one would be: Je te/vous souhaite une joyeuse anne. Youll find more examples with audio in my article about the New Year in France.New Years day is le jour du nouvel an. Now, lets look at expressions using an / anne. As its often the case with expressions, why we use an or anne is not always logical there so it comes down to memorizing them.Lets start with the French expressions using an.deux, trois, quatre fois par an: twice, three times, four times a year tous les ans: every year avoir 10, 20, 30 ans: to be 10, 20, 30 (years old) en lan X avant Jsus-Christ: (in the year) X BC en lan X de notre re: (in the year) X AD en lan de grce X : in the year X of Our Lord le jour de lAn: New Years Day le Nouvel An: New Years Day, the New Year le Premier de lan: New Years Day, the first of the year sen moquer comme de lan quarante: to not care less about, to not give a darn about sen soucier comme de lan quarante: to not care less about, to not give a darn aboutNow lets see the French expressions with anne.une anne bissextile: leap year une anne calendaire: calendar year une anne scolaire: school year une anne-lumire: light year les annes de famine, scheresse, guerre, paix years of famine, drought, war, peace les annes soixante: soixante-dix: the sixties, seventies les annes folles: Roaring Twenties Bonne Anne ! 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The basic difference between the two words has to do with how you "view" the year in a particular case.As a rough guide:The word an tends to view the year as a single, objective "point" in time forthe purpose of counting, stating a date etc; the word anne is more subjective: it is used to describe a particular year,or focus on the elapsed time and events that occur in a particular year or years. In practice, this means that we can identify some common conditions that mean that an oranne is used in a given case. These common conditions are summarised in the following table.Casean or anne?ExampleSimply counting with "ordinary" numbers and no other adjectives, description etcanJ'ai 15 ansJe l'ai lu il y a trois ansJe travaille ici depuis deux ans et demiSimply stating a year as a "date" when something happened or will happenanJe l'ai fait l'an dernierL'an prochain je devrai trouver un nouvel emploiEn l'an 2000Counting with tous les... (meaning "every ... years")antous les ans = every single yeartous les deux ans = every other year, every two yearsYears used with an adjective, determiner (other than le/un), or other phrase/relative clause that is actually a description of the year(s) in questionanneJe le fais depuis trois longues annesune bonne annemon annecette anneL'anne Van Goghun tube des annes 80 = "an 80s hit"...Years with an ordinal number, or with a quantifier (equivalent of words like each, many, few etc. used for "indefinite counting")annela troisime annechaque anneplusieurs/quelques annestellement/peu/trop d'annesdepuis combien d'annes?A calendar date where you're focussing on the "experience or events" of a year or yearsanneL'anne dernire a t incroyable As you will appreciate, not every single case is clear-cut. Given that an has a "counting" function, whileanne tends to "describe" or "focus on an experience", there are cases where either is potentially possible:whether you say j'y ai consacre dans ans de ma vie ("I dedicated two years of my life to it") or...deux annes de ma viedepends on whether you wish to place more emphasis on the "counting the length of time" or on the "experience" ofthose two years. Warning for literature students For those students who are into their 19th century classics in particular, it is worth noting that the usageof an vs anne has changed over time, including some changes in the relatively recenthistory of the language. Thus, up until the 19th century at least, it was common to use ans with quantifiersand ordinal numbers, whereas annees is almost always used in such cases today.(In older literature, you will also find ans used readily with other determiners and adjectives:"en mes ans", "mes vieux ans" etc.)So if you areused to reading phrases such as "tout l'an", "les premiers ans de ma vie" etc in literature, beaware that nowadays people would generally say toute l'anne, les premires annes etc.French grammar indexFrench-English dictionaryEnglish-French dictionary This page written by Neil Coffey. Copyright Javamex UK 2017. All rights reserved. Skip to main content Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of Reddit, personalize Reddit content and advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. An wird typischerweise verwendet, um auf ein Jahr im Sinne einer Zeitspanne oder Dauer zu referenzieren. Es wird oft in Zusammenhang mit Alter, Jahreszeiten oder historischen Ereignissen benutzt. Im Gegensatz dazu bezieht sich anne auf ein spezifisches Jahr oder eine spezifische Zeitperiode, oft mit Betonung auf den Verlauf oder die Erfahrungen in diesem Zeitraum.Jai vingt ans. (Ich bin zwanzig Jahre alt.)Hier wird an verwendet, um das Alter anzugeben, was eine Dauer von zwanzig Jahren impliziert.Cette anne, je vais voyager en France. (Dieses Jahr werde ich nach Frankreich reisen.)In diesem Satz wird anne verwendet, um sich auf das spezifische Jahr zu beziehen, in dem die Reise stattfinden wird.Verwendung von an in der franzsischen SpracheWenn es um die Verwendung von an geht, gibt es bestimmte Ausdrcke und Konstruktionen, in denen dieses Wort bevorzugt wird. An wird oft in Ausdrcken verwendet, die sich auf das Alter beziehen oder wenn es um die Dauer von etwas in Jahren geht, ohne dass eine spezielle Betonung auf die Eigenschaften dieser Zeit gelegt wird.Il a travaill ici pendant cinq ans. (Er hat hier fnf Jahre lang gearbeitet.)Hier zeigt ans die Dauer der Arbeitszeit ohne spezifische Details zum jeweiligen Jahr.Verwendung von anne in der franzsischen SpracheAnne wird in Kontexten benutzt, in denen das Jahr als eine Einheit gesehen wird, die gewisse Ereignisse oder Erfahrungen enthlt. Es wird hufig verwendet, wenn ber ein Jahr gesprochen wird, das in der Vergangenheit liegt und von dem man sich an bestimmte Ereignisse erinnert, oder wenn das Jahr im Voraus geplant wird.Lanne dernire, jai visit le Japon. (Letztes Jahr habe ich Japan besucht.)In diesem Beispiel wird anne benutzt, um auf das vergangene Jahr als eine Zeit mit besonderen Erlebnissen hinzuweisen.Merkmale und NuancenEs ist wichtig, die Nuancen zu verstehen, die mit an und anne einhergehen. Whrend an oft neutral ist, kann anne eine emotionale oder qualitative Ladung tragen, die das Jahr als bedeutsam oder besonders kennzeichnet.Cette anne a t trs difficile pour moi. (Dieses Jahr war sehr schwierig fr mich.)Dieser Satz zeigt, wie anne verwendet wird, um persnliche Erfahrungen und Gefhle innerhalb des Jahres zu betonen.FazitDie Wahl zwischen an und anne kann zunchst verwirrend sein, aber durch das Verstndnis ihrer spezifischen Verwendungen und Kontexte knnen Lernende ihre Kenntnisse der franzsischen Sprache erheblich verbessern. bung und regelmige Anwendung in Sprechen und Schreiben helfen dabei, ein Gefhl fr die richtige Verwendung dieser Wrter zu entwickeln.Das Erlernen einer Sprache ist immer auch das Eintauchen in ihre Kultur und Denkweise. Die korrekte Verwendung von an und anne ffnet nicht nur die Tr zu einer korrekten Grammatik, sondern auch zu einem tieferen Verstndnis des franzsischen Lebens und seiner Jahresablufe. The French words an and anne both translate to year in English. However, they are not truly interchangeable because they are used in different situations and contexts. An A1 The word an is often used to count years or to refer to a specific point in time. It's more frequently used with a specific number (e.g. one year, two years), or when referring to a precise date. Usually, it implies a completed cycle. J'ai vcu en France pendant un an. (I lived in France for a year.) Il y a deux ans, nous sommes alls en vacances en Espagne. (Two years ago, we went on vacation to Spain.) Dans un an, je serai diplm de l'universit. (In a year, I will graduate from university.) Anne A1 The word anne means year as well but is used when emphasizing the duration of the year or when speaking abstractly about a year. It is largely used when talking about activities or experiences that happened over the course of the year(s). Anne is also often used after words that do not denote precise quantities (like several, few). Je suis all en France pour l'anne 2017. (I went to France for the year 2017.) L'anne prochaine, je vais tudier l'tranger. (Next year, I will study abroad.) Cela a t une dure anne. (It has been a hard year.) Summary In summary, while an and anne both mean year, their usage depends on the context. The word an is used primarily when counting years or referring to a specific time system, whereas anne emphasizes duration or is used more abstractly.

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