



# Le présent - Present tense





# **Class Objective**

To be able to form and use sentences in present tense competently.



## Concept A: What is Le présent tense?





## Concept B: When is it used?

It can be used to describe the following: Daily activity: Je vais au marché à 16 heures- I go to market at 16:00. Situations in present: Je mange de la glace - I eat an icecream



#### Concept B: When is it used?

It can be used to describe the following: Universal truths: Le soleil se levé a l'Est - The sun rises in the East Actions that began in past but are still continuing: Marie parle à son copine depuis 2 heures - Marie has been talking to her friend since last 2 hours



#### Concept B: When is it used?

It can be used to describe the following:

A planned future action (with a time indicator)

mardi prochain, Le maire visite le musée - Next Tuesday, The mayor visits the museum.

Note: French has only one category of present tense unlike English where we have present-simple, continuous, perfect, perfect continuous.



