



Multibhashi



Adverbial Pronoun Y (Le Pronom adverbial - Y)



Class Objective

To learn about the Adverbial pronoun Y and its usage in French.





Concept A: Adverbial pronoun Y in French

- Adverbial pronoun Y is used to replace places, ideas and things (indirect object) that follow the preposition à (all its contracted article forms), and other prepositions of places.
- It replaces the prepositions of place such as à, dans, sur, en, chez and the place as well.
- It is not used for people.
- When Y replaces places, it means there.
- When Y replaces ideas and things, it means it.



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Examples:

Y used to replace places:

1. Je vais à **Londres**. (I go to London.)
 - a. J'y vais. (I go there)
2. Est-ce que tu vas à **l'école** ? (Do you go to school?)
 - a. Oui, J'y vais. (Yes, I go there.)
3. Est-ce que tu es allé **chez Pauline** ? (Did you go to Pauline's house?)
 - a. Non, Je n'y suis pas allé. (Non, I did not go there.)
4. Nous allons **au marché** ?
 - a. Oui, allons - y! (Yes, let's go there!)



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5. Elle met ses bijoux **dans la boîte** ? (She puts her jewellery in the box?)

a. Oui, Elle y met ses bijoux. (Yes, she puts her jewellery there.)

6. Le chat est **sous la table** ? (The cat is under the table?)

b. Non, il n'y est pas. (Non, it is not there.)

Y used to replace ideas:

7. Je pense à **cette idée**. (I think about this idea.)

a. J'y pense. (I think about it.)

8. Je pense à **ta décision**. (I think about your decision.)

b. J'y pense tout le temps. (I think about it all the time.)



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Y used to replace things:

1. Le téléphone sonne. Réponds - y. (The telephone is ringing. Answer it.)
 2. Tu penses à ton livre ? (You think about your book?)
 - a. Oui, j'y pense. (Yes, I think about it.)
- *Please note, that Y is not used in case of à + Person, in that case we use indirect object pronouns.*
 - *Tu penses à ton frère ? (You are thinking of your brother?)*
 - *Oui, je pense à lui. (Yes, I am thinking of him.)*
 - *Je parle au professeur.*
 - *Je lui parle.*

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