

Welcome to L1 Labo Anglais!



Please take
out your
name tags.

Week Two : Memories

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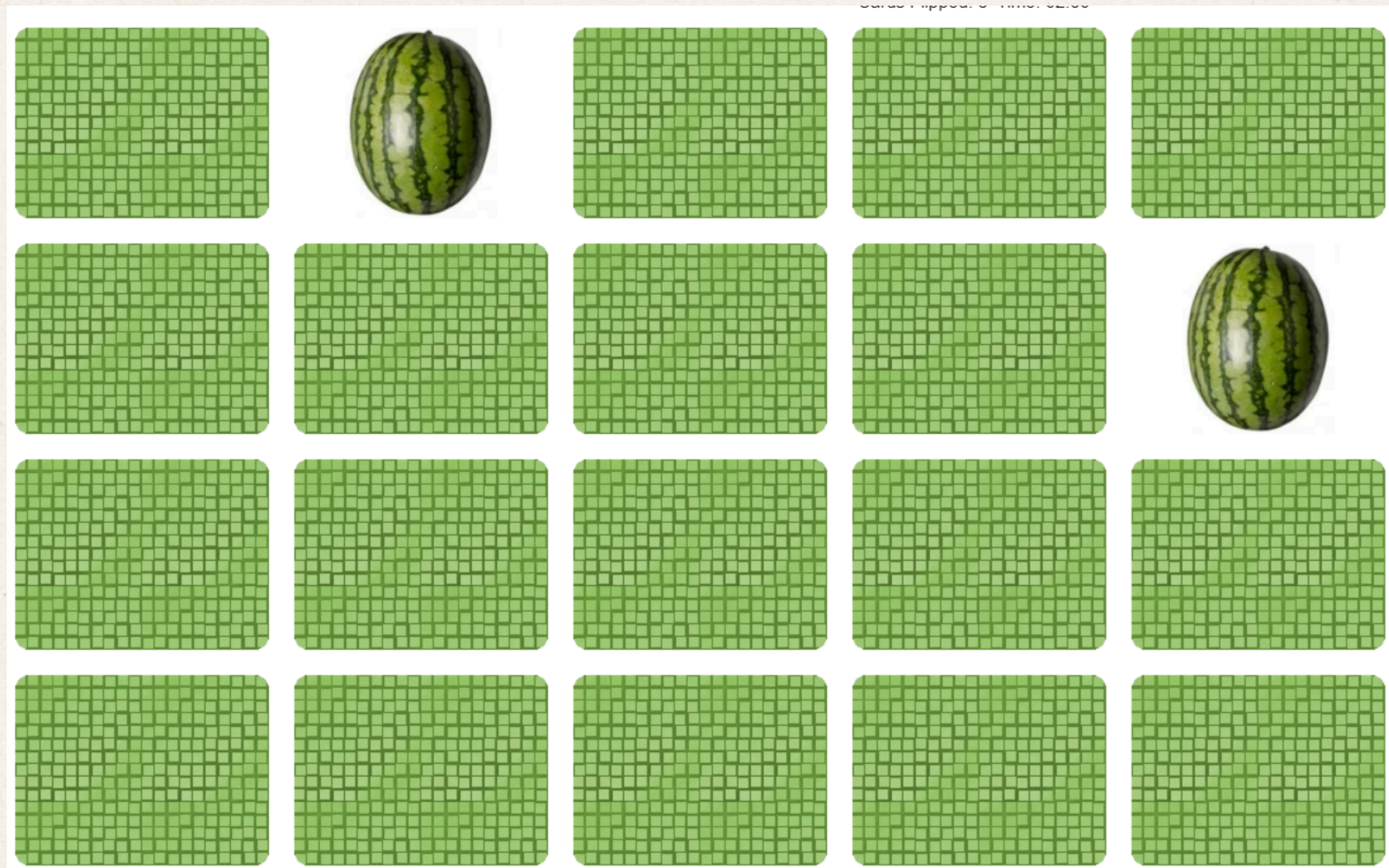
Warm Up



What did you do this weekend?

Think about it and be ready to share with the class.

How good is your memory?



How do we talk about the past?

PAST SIMPLE

Past simple: base form of the verb + ed

- I **jumped** in the puddle.
- We **climbed** the tree.
- They **cooked** some dinner.
- She **cleaned** the house.
- He **joined** the gym.

PAST CONTINUOUS

Past continuous: subject + was + present participle

- I **was jumping** in the puddle.
- We **were climbing** the tree.
- They **were cooking** some dinner.
- She **was cleaning** the house.

PAST PERFECT

Past perfect: had + past participle

- I **had jumped** in the puddle.
- We **had climbed** the tree.
- They **had cooked** some dinner.
- She **had cleaned** the house.

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Past perfect continuous: subject + had been + present participle

- I **had been jumping** in the puddle.
- We **had been climbing** the tree.
- They **had been cooking** some dinner.
- She **had been cleaning** the house.

- 'used to' - I used to have long hair.
- 'would' - She would sit in the armchair by the window and watch the birds.

Past Tense

They **watch** television every evening.
(present simple)

They **watched** television yesterday evening.
(past simple)

watched is the *past simple*:

I/we/you/they he/she/it	watched
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Be ->

Do ->

Have ->

Play ->

Go->

Walk ->

Fall ->

Study ->

Get ->

Past tense



Last Tuesday, Lisa 1_____ (fly) from London to Madrid. She 2_____ (wake) up at 6 o'clock in the morning and 3_____ (have) a cup of coffee. At 6:30, she 4_____ (leave) home and 5_____ (drive) to the airport. When she 6_____ (arrive), she 7_____ (check)-in for her flight and 8_____ (go) to her gate. Once she 9_____ (board) the plane, she 10_____ (be) nervous about the flight. Luckily it 11_____ (be) smooth and before she 12_____ (know) it, it 13_____ (be) done. After leaving the airport, she 14_____ (find) a taxi to take her to the hotel. She 15_____ (be) so excited to explore Madrid!

Practice: Yesterday / Last / Ago

Complete the following sentences using *yesterday*, *last*, or *ago*.

1. She came to this country three years _____.
2. I was very tired _____ week.
3. The class was cancelled _____ Monday.
4. I spoke to him ten minutes _____.
5. The weather was beautiful _____ summer.
6. We went dancing _____ night.
7. The boss was away _____ morning.
8. We started this class _____ fall.
9. The children watched a little TV _____ evening.
10. She got married five years _____.

Memories

- What is your earliest memory?
- What is the best memory you have?
- Who was your most memorable teacher? (Bad or good)
 - What made them memorable?
- Is technology making our ability to remember better or worse?
- Is the ability to memorize lots of things important? Why or why not?

Talking About the Past cont.

- When was the last time you went on vacation?
 - Where did you go?
- Who was the last person you called/ texted?

- What did you use to look like?
- What did you use to do but don't do anymore?
- What did you use to love?
- What did you use to hate?

Idioms & Expressions About Memories

- **A trip down memory lane** – to remember some of the happy things that you did in the past
- **Commit something to memory** – to memorise something
- **If my memory serves me correctly** – if I have remembered correctly
- **To jog someone's memory** – to stimulate someone's memory to recall something
- **To have a memory/mind like a sieve** – to be very bad at remembering things
- **To refresh your memory** – to help you remember something

Would Perfect Memory Be a Burden or a Superpower?

- The ability to remember every moment of your life sounds amazing, but for the very few people who actually have this ability, it comes at a cost.
- Highly Superior Autobiographical Memory (HSAM) describes people who spend too much time thinking about their past, and who can remember every detail of their lives.
- “Give me the day and I see it, I go back to the day and I just see the day and what I was doing.”
- At the same time, AJ described her abilities as “exhausting,” saying her memory has “ruled her life.” She said she thinks about the past “all the time,” and that it’s like a “running movie that never stops.” Negative memories are particularly problematic.
- <https://gizmodo.com/would-perfect-memory-be-a-burden-or-a-superpower-1829146902>