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**Bilinguisme en Ontario:**  
cas de trouble ou de  
développement typique chez  
les enfants

**Bilingualism in Ontario:**  
Communication disorders  
and Typical development

## HOW TO INCREASE EXPOSURE TO THE FRENCH LANGUAGE DURING SUMMER MONTHS IN AN ENGLISH COMMUNITY

### Helpful tips:

\*Links for services in the City of Greater Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, have been provided. However, feel free to contact your local agencies to find out about French services near you!

- 1) Make a plan on how you will try to increase exposure this summer and try to stick to it
- 2) Look into your community services to find out what is offered in the French language
- 3) Enroll your child in a French-language summer camp!  
<http://www.sciencenorth.ca/science-north/kids/summer/index-fr.aspx?LangType=1036>  
<http://www.campsoleil.ca>  
<http://carrefour.ca/camps/>

*A word of caution, some French summer camp organizations don't screen for language abilities and might end up being filled with mostly English-speaking children. Exposure to French may be limited in such cases.*

- 4) Find team sports or other activities (i.e. swimming lessons, scouts) that are available in the French language  
<http://santesudbury.ca/ligue-de-soccer-franco-jeunesse>  
<http://www.grandsudbury.ca/habitants/piscines/cours-de-natation/>; <http://www.scouts.ca>

- 5) Consult your local library. Some have fun book clubs during the summer months that offer enticing ways to encourage your child to read. Many libraries have story time in French.

<http://webcat.sudbury.library.on.ca/iii/calendar/month/C&M=6-2016/F?jsessionid=2BEF23DB0D81444D903ECE565801810B?lang=eng&suite=def>

TD bank sponsors the TD Summer Reading Club. They recommend a book of the week that can be found at your local library. In order to participate, you need to register at your local library. This is free! You will get an access code that can be used online.

<http://www.clubdelecturetd.ca>

- 6) Go see a movie at the theatre in the French language

<http://www.cineplex.com/Theatre/SilverCity-Sudbury>

IMAX movies/documentaries are often shown in French

<http://www.sciencenorth.ca/science-north/imax/>

The Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario offers spectacular plays for youth

<http://www.letno.ca/en/shows/youth/flots-tout-ce-qui-brille-voit-en/>

- 7) Download French applications for tablets or other handheld devices to provide your child with more exposure. Here are a few examples of educational apps to get you started:

1,2,3 Soleil  
Jeu de  
mémoire



1.2.3 Soleil Jeu  
de mémoire .  
Education

Jouons avec les mots



**Jouons Avec les Mots FR**

0.99 EUR  
Plateforme : IOS  
Catégorie : Jeux  
Sortie : 20/08/2010  
Version : 1.0  
Taille 3 MB  
Développeur : Pixels trade

Jeux pour lire



Jeux pour lire  
avec Sami et...  
Games

Taka  
t'amuser



MiniTFO Dino  
et Marianne



Mini TFO - Dino  
et Marianne  
Education

Horloge magique



**Horloge Magique**

0.99 EUR  
Plateforme : IOS  
Catégorie : Education  
Sortie : 23/07/2012  
Version : 1.0  
Taille 4 MB  
Développeur : Pixels trade

MiniTFO Animélo



Mini TFO -  
Animélo !  
Education

Memo  
Animaux



Memo Animaux  
Games

Naoplay Kids:  
Chiffres



Naoplay Kids:  
Chiffres

Passeport du CP ou  
CE1



Passeport du CP  
au CE1 : la...

- 8) You can also take your kids to Family Centers. Best Start Hubs are great for kids from birth to 12 years old, and they're free!!! Some even have planned events at local playgrounds with snacks included.  
<http://sudburybeststart.ca/hubs/things-you-may-want-to-know-before-you-go/>
- 9) Watch movies in French. Many movies or TV shows on Netflix can be watched in French.
- 10) Listen to the radio in French in the car. Le Loup (98.9 FM) is a great one, as well as Radio-Canada (98.1 FM).
- 11) Organize French play dates for your kids and their friends.
- 12) Travel! If you are able to, visit friends and family in Québec or even abroad, in France!
- 13) You could also Skype or FaceTime with friends and family from these places. See [www.tracimsmith.wordpress.com](http://www.tracimsmith.wordpress.com), a parent's blog with suggestions on how to make the most of Skype.
- 14) Listen to Audio books in French. Audible, Inc. is a great resource.  
[http://www.audible.com/t1/30trial\\_at?source\\_code=PDTGBPD060314004R](http://www.audible.com/t1/30trial_at?source_code=PDTGBPD060314004R)
- There are 406 French kids' audio books on this website. This way, even if you don't feel comfortable reading to your child in French, you can provide exposure by downloading French audiobooks. Audible, Inc has a free application for hand held devices (Apple, Android, Kindle, Windows Phone). However, you need to pay a monthly fee to download audiobooks (approximately 15\$/month). You can sign-in to your Audible account using your Amazon username and password. These audio books can even be played in your car via Bluetooth for the entire family to hear! If your child prefers to look at a book while listening to it, you can find most books at your local library.
- 15) Immerse your child in French culture by taking them to French plays, French music concerts, etc. These are not offered very often so take advantage when they are.  
<http://www.laslague.ca/spectacles/>  
<http://www.letno.ca/en/>
- 16) Last but not least, HAVE FUN finding creative ways to increase your child's exposure to the French language!

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Have a great summer!