Users’ Guide for first-time site use

CheckYourSmile
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1. REGISTRATION (1st time)

Before using the website, you must register.

Registering on the site takes only a few minutes and is very easy. Click on the red button ‘Register’.

Clicking will lead you to another page. Please complete the necessary information to create your personal profile. Fill in the following boxes:

- **Pseudo**: screen name as it appears to other users
- **Email**: enter a valid e-mail address
- **Mot de passe**: enter a password
- **Confirmation**: re-enter your password to confirm it
- **Langue du site**: Here you can select the interface language for the site: French, English, or Spanish.

After completing all the information, click on the ‘create my account’ button, then check your e-mail.
2- GAME SETTINGS

After creating your account and before playing, you must configure game settings (the subjects which interest you) in order to adapt the games to what you want to learn or practice. To do this, click on the silhouette icon at the top right of the screen, then click on ‘My profile’. You can also change your avatar here (the black silhouette is the default avatar), by clicking on ‘Choose file’. Select a photo, validate your choice and the photo will be added to your profile.

Next, click on ‘Modify settings’ to choose and personalize the game settings.

Next, select your ‘Native language’ and the language you would like work in called ‘Working language’ and then the vocabulary topics (called specialties) that you want to learn.
You can also modify or delete specialties by clicking on the red ‘x’ by returning to the game settings page at any time.

If you are looking for a specific academic scientific subject or specialization, you can search the site for it by directly entering it into the search bar.

Once all of the settings have been modified, you must validate them by clicking on the button ‘Validate changes’. You are now ready to play! Click on ‘Play with my settings’.
3. THE GAMES

Check Your Smile has 6 games to help you practice and learn specific technical vocabulary in a foreign language: Hangman, Audiowords, CheckYourMotus & MCQ and also Flashcards and CheckYourTaboo. These games can all be found under the tab ‘Games’ on the top left-hand side of the screen on the site’s homepage.

A - Hangman

The first game, Hangman, consists of guessing letters or words until you find the hidden word. Be careful – each wrong guess will bring you closer to being hanged!

First, choose a level of difficulty:

- Easy: the player has 7 attempts
- Medium: the player has 6 attempts
- Difficult: the player has 5 attempts
For Medium & Difficult levels, the Hangman has already started, so the game is all the more difficult.

To guess letters, type a letter into the box and click ‘ok’.

If the color of the letter is:

- **Red**, this letter does not appear in the word.
- **Yellow**, this letter has already been used.
- **Green**, this letter appears in the word.

Be careful! In French, don’t forget the accents! In the game, ‘e’ is not the same as ‘é’.

If you need help, you can click on the ‘Need a clue’ button at the bottom left of the page. This clue is usually a definition of the word you are looking for (which is why the word itself should not be included in the definition when adding words to the dictionary).
If you want to guess the entire word instead of using letters, you can type it in the box and click on ‘Guess the entire word’. If not, guess single letters.

Once the game is finished, you can click on ‘Play again’ to start a new game, or on ‘Quit this game’ to leave the game or on ‘Go to my profile’ to go directly to your account page.
The objective of the game is to complete the grid with the missing words by listening to the audio files which are chosen according to the game settings in the user profile.

Write the word you hear in the audio file. Next when the grid has been completed, click on the green ‘Validate’ button at the bottom of the page. You have 3 attempts to validate the grid correctly.
Once the grid has been completed, the words used in the game and the correct grid are revealed.

C – CheckyourMotus
This game consists in suggesting words of the same length as the hidden word. This game is based on the subjects chosen in Game settings in your profile.

When the square is green, this means that the letter is in the correct place. When the square is yellow, this means that the letter appears in the word but is not in the right place.

There are a limited number of guesses and you can click on ‘Need a clue?’ in order to obtain the definition of the hidden word.
This game consists in choosing the best word out of three suggestions. The correct answer will appear while the wrong answers are in red. To move to the next question, click on the button ‘Next question’. There are 10 questions in the game.
When MCQ is finished, during the correction, you can click on the words in blue in order to see the definition, listen to the pronunciation, see the corresponding picture, etc. (depending on what elements have been entered on the word’s page). You can also complete the word’s page if you have more information to add!

Tu as gagné 27 point(s) d’expérience

Pas mal ! Tu as trouvé 9 réponses sur 10 !

Question 1 : NON ! La traduction de *radioclair* était *radiolucent*, non pas : *refer to [sb] as [sth], Spongy*,
Question 2 : OUI ! La traduction de *avocat* était *attorney*, non pas : *customer, acquérir*,
Question 3 : OUI ! La traduction de *bon marché* était *cheap*, non pas : *cheap, executive*,
Question 4 : OUI ! La traduction de *conseil* était *advice*, non pas : *advocate, delegator*,
Question 5 : OUI ! La traduction de *facture* était *bill*, non pas : *Attachment lien, advantage*,
Question 6 : OUI ! La traduction de *améliorer* était *improve*, non pas : *associate, assignment of contract*,
Question 7 : OUI ! La traduction de *réduction* était *discount*, non pas : *cut price, Attachment*,
Question 8 : OUI ! La traduction de *baisser* était *decrease*, non pas : *shcp, bailiff*,
Question 9 : OUI ! La traduction de *gamme* était *range*, non pas : *antitrust, international marketing*,
Question 10 : OUI ! La traduction de *marque* était *brand*, non pas : *export, arbitration clause*,

E-Flashcards

The objective of the game is simple: just guess the word or group of words from the different types of clues that are found on the card. There are several types depending on the level of difficulty of the game. In addition, the type of clue on each card varies depending on the level of difficulty the player chooses:

- **Phonetic clues**: here, on the card on the screen you will find a group of phonetic symbols (called ‘*phonetic transcription*’). You must decipher the
phonetic clue in order to find the word or group of words. The player is also given a brief description in French of the word.

- **Translation clue:** Here nothing could be simpler: the word or group of words or the definition of a word appear on the card in English and the player must translate them.
- **Audio clue:** Here, the player listens to a word, a group of words, or a definition, and has to decipher and write. The player must write the answer in French or in English (or in Spanish) depending on what is written on the card... The settings vary depending on the degree of difficulty of the game (easy, medium, hard).

- **Picture clue:** The card shows a picture of the word to translate. The player must find the word.
This game is divided into several roles that the player can choose:

- Druid
- Oracle
- Diviner

In all the roles, the player must guess or have someone guess a word or group of words belonging to the area chosen in game settings. The game automatically determines if the word or group of words must be found in French or in English.
4. THE COLLABORATIVE DICTIONARY

The collaborative dictionary is found in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage.

After clicking on ‘Dictionary’ there are 4 different possibilities: **search**, to see a word in the dictionary; **submit**, to suggest a new word to add to the dictionary; **validate**, to check and validate words that other users have added to the dictionary; and finally, **my lists**, to study the words you have save to your personal lists.

**A - Search**

To search for a word in the dictionary, click on ‘Search’.

Next, you can choose you native language and the language you want to practice. You can choose a specific vocabulary field by clicking on ‘Advanced search’.
On the advanced search page, you can choose the vocabulary field that you would like to work on. You can find this by clicking on the grey button to the right of ‘Field’.

You can also simply type the desired vocabulary field directly into the ‘Search’ box. Once you have selected all the different fields you want, they can be changed simply by clicking on the red X under ‘User specialties’ to the right of the word.

Once you have chosen the different fields to study, click on ‘Start search’ and the words will appear on the screen.
Or you can cancel all the changes by clicking on ‘Cancel changes’.

Once you have selected your settings, you can find words in both languages with their definitions next to them. By clicking on ‘Show’, you can choose how many words you want to appear at once on the screen. Also, if you are searching for a specific word, you can simply enter it into the ‘Search’ box.

B – Creating lists and adding words to favorites

To add a word directly to Favorites, click on the star to the right of the word. To add the word to one of your personal lists, click on the grey square to the left of the star.
All the words in the dictionary can be selected at once by clicking on the grey button next to the word ‘All’.

Once the words have been selected, choose the list you want to add them to: first click on ‘Add the selection to the list’, to choose the list, and then click on ‘Add to the list’. (See below for how to create lists)

This is how you add words to your lists.

You can find more information on how the collaborative dictionary works by clicking on the link ‘How does the Check Your Smile collaborative dictionary work?’
If you find an error in the dictionary, report it by clicking on ‘Report an error’.

To find the personalized lists you have already created, click on ‘My lists’ at the top right-hand side of the page.

You can manage your personalized lists (add, change, or rename a list) by clicking on ‘Manage my lists’.

When you click on ‘Manage my lists’, your lists appear under ‘My personal lists’. You can share these lists by making them public. To do so, click on ‘Make this list public’, then click ‘Validate’.

To create a new list, you must name it and click on ‘Add’. If you would like to make the list public when you create it, check the grey button ‘Make this list public’.
Once the list has been created, you can return to your personal lists by clicking on ‘Return to my lists’.

From My lists, you can return directly to search the dictionary by clicking on ‘Return to the dictionary’.

C – Adding content

To suggest a word to be added to the collaborative dictionary, click on ‘Dictionary’, and then on the tab ‘Submit’.
After, you can add the word you want to submit and its translation in another language and click on ‘Suggest’.

The next step is to add a definition of the word in two different languages, without using the word itself in the definition. Remember definitions are often used as clues in some of the games and we don’t want to give the answer!

Then, put the word into one or several fields. You can find a specific field by clicking on the grey button to the right of the word ‘Field’ or just by typing the field directly into the Search box.

Once the word is entered, check the corresponding specialties and they will immediately appear under ‘User specialties.’
Finally, click ‘Validate’ to suggest the word.

Once you have submitted a word, you can add another by clicking on ‘here’ at the bottom of the page.

If you wish to delete the changes for the specialty, you can do so by clicking directly on ‘Delete changes’ or by completely deleting the submitted word by clicking on ‘Return/Delete my submission’.
You can also read the suggestions for adding words to the dictionary by clicking on the link ‘Advice for submitting words’.

**D- Vote on the submissions of other players**

To validate words which have been submitted to the dictionary by other users, click on the red ‘Validate’ button.

If there are words to validate, they will appear and you can evaluate them by clicking on the hour glass.

If you think that the translation and/or the definition (as well as the specialty chosen) are correct, vote ‘Yes’. To add the word to the dictionary, click on ‘Vote yes’. On the contrary, if you think that the translation and/or definition (or the specialty chosen) are incorrect, you can vote ‘No’ and not add the word to the dictionary by clicking ‘Vote no’.
Finally, you can find some suggestions on how to evaluate a word by clicking on the link ‘Advice for evaluating a translation’.

E- Search for an existing list in the list directory

You can search for different lists created by other members by clicking on the Community tab in the menu, then on ‘directory of lists’.

Once in the directory, you can search for different lists, click on the name of the list in order to access it.

First, click on ‘Directory of lists’ as shown in the tab above.
On the page which opens, click on the tab ‘Advanced search’ which will bring you to a page which looks like this:

![Advanced search interface]

Search for a specific list by key word or author. Enter either a specific word or a specific author, then select the field you want:

![Field selection interface]

Then you can obtain the different lists which correspond to your search criteria (key words, author).

If the list interests you and you would like to add it to your personal lists, click on the link ‘Duplicate this list and become its owner’. If you would like to keep a copy, you can also export the list in PDF format and print it or save a copy on your computer.
You can find another member of the CheckYourSmile community by clicking on the ‘Community’ button on the menu. From there, you can easily find other members; if you know their user name, you can search for them directly by clicking on the first letter of their name.

From the user’s page, you can see his awards, his level of expertise and especially his lists. You can save these lists to your own account, print them, or use them to play one of the games.
We hope this short Users’ Guide has been helpful.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact us:

- through the website on the “Contact us” page,
- Through the CheckYourSmile Facebook page – please like us!

You can also find us on social media:

Facebook : https://www.facebook.com/Check-Your-Smile-LSP-vocab-learning-website-453314798187152/

LinkedIn: https://fr.linkedin.com/in/check-your-smile-81b181165

Twitter : https://twitter.com/checkyoursmile2

Thank you & welcome to the CheckYourSmile Community!