

## Before you dive in

This **High-interest French: Cloze activity** uses selected lyrics from Vanessa Paradis's "Dès Que J'Te Vois" to practise listening, spelling, vocabulary, and familiar French verb forms. The song's repeated phrases make it especially useful for noticing how French sounds connect in natural music.

## Complete the lyrics

Listen carefully and fill each gap with the missing French word or words. Pay particular attention to short but important words such as **ce**, **que**, **je**, and **ne**.

1. J'avoue, ce jeu me \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Je sais que c'est \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Qui joue avec le \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Je ne résiste \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Je rentre, il est trop \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Je te \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Si on \_\_\_\_\_.

## Word bank

- tard
- toi
- rêve
- tue
- vois
- feu
- plus

## Answer key

1. J'avoue, ce jeu me **tue**.
2. Je sais que c'est **toi**.
3. Qui joue avec le **feu**.
4. Je ne résiste **plus**.

5. Je rentre, il est trop **tard**.
6. Je te **vois**.
7. Si on **rêve**.

## French language focus

This **High-interest French: Cloze activity** is short, but the lyric extracts contain several useful expressions worth learning as complete chunks.

### “Dès que”

The title, **Dès que j’te vois**, means “As soon as I see you.” **Dès que** introduces something that happens immediately when another event occurs. In the title, **j’t** is the informal spoken contraction of **je te**.

### “J’avoue”

**J’avoue** comes from **avouer**, meaning “to admit” or “to confess.” It is a direct, emotional opening: “I admit it.”

### “Ce jeu me tue”

Literally, this means “This game kills me.” In a song, it expresses being overwhelmed or worn down by an emotional situation. Notice the structure: **ce jeu**, then **me**, then the verb **tue**.

### “Jouer avec le feu”

**Jouer avec le feu** literally means “to play with fire.” Like the English expression, it suggests taking a dangerous emotional risk.

### “Je ne résiste plus”

**Je ne résiste plus** means “I cannot resist any longer.” The word **plus** changes the sense from resistance in general to resistance that has reached its limit.

## Try the activity again without the word bank

For a more challenging **High-interest French: Cloze activity**, cover the word bank and answer key. Complete the gaps from memory, then read each full line aloud. The repeated sounds in **je te vois**, **je sais**, and **ce jeu** are excellent practice for linking words smoothly in French.

### Quick self-check

- **tue** comes from **tuer**, “to kill.”
- **feu** means “fire.”
- **tard** means “late.”
- **vois** comes from **voir**, “to see.”
- **rêve** comes from **rêver**, “to dream.”

Use this **High-interest French: Cloze activity** more than once: first for listening, then for spelling, and finally for speaking the completed lines with confidence.