Chapter- 2
À La Caféteria

STUDY NOTES

In this chapter we will learn about-

- A short Paragraph
- Plural of nouns
- IR verb endings

Plural of Nouns

In every European language we have to differ between **Singular** (French: le singulier) and **Plural** (French: le pluriel). In French however we have to distinguish between different plural forms:

- Plural nouns that end in **-s**
- Plural nouns that end in **-x**
- Irregular plural nouns

Plural nouns ending in -s

- Similar to the English language most nouns form the plural by adding -s to the singular. But different from the English language, the -s at the end of the noun isn't supposed to be pronounced.
- Please note that nouns, which already end in -s in the singular form, don't change in the plural.

Plural nouns ending in -x

Only a certain number of french nouns end in -x in the plural form.

The plural ending form in -x is used for:

- all nouns that end in -au or -eau

- nearly all nouns that end in -eu
- some nouns that end -ou in plural
- most nouns that end in -al and -ail have the ending -aux

Plural of compound nouns

When nouns are made up of two separate words, they are called compound nouns, for example, les grands-parents (meaning grandparents) or des ouvre-boites (meaning tinopeners).

The rules for forming the plural of compound nouns are a bit complicated:

- If two nouns are connected, only the first noun is set in plural.
- If an adjective is connected with a noun, both are changed in the plural.
- If a verb is connected with a noun or another verb, both stay unchanged.
- Also if a preposition is connected with a noun, both stay unchanged.

IR GROUP OF VERBS

Verbs with infinitives ending in **-ir** form a second group of regular verbs in French, often called 'second conjugation' verbs. To conjugate these verbs, drop the **-ir** from the infinitive and add the second conjugation present tense endings: **-is**, **-is**, **-it**, **-issons**, **-issez**, **-issent**. The singular and plural forms of the third person are clearly distinguishable (**finit** vs.**finissent**).

finir 'to finish'	
je **finis**	nous **finissons**
tu **finis**	vous **finissez**
il/elle/on **finit**	ils/elles **finissent**
past participle : **fini**	

There are around 60 irregular -ir verbs, but that doesn't mean you have to memorize 60 different verb conjugation tables. The irregular endings we will do as the class will go.