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00:00	<p>You are listening to <i>The Déclic Anglais Podcast</i>, THE podcast for intermediate, French-speaking learners of English. If you have an intermediate level in English and you want to understand more advanced materials, this is THE podcast for you. There is a transcript (<i>une transcription</i>) available for this and every episode of this podcast. You can download the transcript for free in the description of this episode, or go to www.declicanglais.com/podcast.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
01:03	<p>Well hello there, dear listeners! This is Tom, your teacher from Déclic Anglais. It is February 2023 and France is still: “Pas content! Pas content! Pas content!”</p> <p>Yes, in episode number 73 of this podcast, we talked about all of the strikes (<i>les grèves</i>), the industrial action taking place across France and the United Kingdom right now. The title of episode 73 was “Pas content! Pas content! Pas content!” which as some of you might know, is a reference to the film “<i>Asterix et Obélix: Mission Cléopâtre</i>”.</p> <p>This last episode is a good segue, a good transition into today’s topic which is retirement (<i>la retraite</i>).</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

02:12	<p>Ah retirement... That wonderful time of life where you can do what you want, when you want. No work. Sleep until midday. Eat ice cream for breakfast... Hmm, wait a second... Maybe I'm confusing retirement with my childhood ambitions!</p> <p>Aha, I've heard many retired people say (including my own father): "I'm retired, but I've never been so busy!" (<i>Je suis à la retraite, mais je n'ai jamais été aussi occupé !</i>)</p> <p>I know that many retired people listen to this podcast, too. So please, let me know if this is true for you. I would be interested to find out! Hmm, maybe retirement isn't so relaxing after all.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
03:14	<p>So, let's start this episode by going over a little vocabulary that will help you with your everyday English, and better understand this episode.</p> <p>Firstly, the word "retirement" we have already seen. So...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retirement (<i>la retraite</i>), 2. To go into retirement (<i>prendre sa retraite</i>). For example, "this year I am going into retirement" (<i>cette année, je prends ma/la retraite</i>). 3. To be retired (<i>être à la retraite</i>). Ok, for example: "I am retired". 4. This one is similar to point 3, to be retired. In English we can also say "I am a retiree." Someone who has retired, who no longer works is a retiree (<i>écrit R E T I R E E</i>). <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
04:54	<p>So, those words one more time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retirement 2. To go into retirement 3. To be retired 4. To be a retiree <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

05:14	<p>Ok, let's play a little game. I will give you a sentence in French (<i>Avec mon meilleur accent français possible</i>), and you can try to translate the sentence in English. Ok? So, I will give you the sentence in French, you give me the sentence in English. The sentences will use the vocabulary we just saw. Don't worry about giving me perfect English sentences. That's not the objective. The objective is to remember the words we just saw. Ok?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:55	<p>So, sentence number one:</p> <p>« La retraite vient plus tard. »</p> <p>What do you think? Answer: "Retirement comes later."</p>
06:17	<p>Ok, sentence number two:</p> <p>"Je prendrai ma retraite l'année prochaine. » Ok, what do you think? Answer: "I will go into retirement next year."</p>
06:44	<p>Ok, and sentence number three: "Je suis à la retraite depuis 5 ans." Ok, what do you think? Answer: "I have been retired for 5 years." Here you could also have said: "I have been a retiree for 5 years." / "je suis retraité depuis 5 ans".</p> <p>Ok, well done people.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

07:25	<p>A little point to remember about the English word “retire”:</p> <p>The word <i>retire</i> is sometimes confused with the French word “<i>retirer</i>”. Indeed, <i>retire</i> originally came to English from French. (<i>Hehehe, nous les anglophones, nous aimons voler des mots français, puis faire comme s'ils avaient toujours été les nôtres !</i>)</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
07:52	<p>But yes, unfortunately the words <i>retire</i> and <i>retirer</i> are false friends, they don't quite mean the same thing.</p> <p>For example, in French, you can “<i>retirer de l'argent</i>”, when you go to the ATM, to the cash machine. But in English we don't retire money. We withdraw money. We withdraw money at an ATM, at a cash machine. Ok?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
08:30	<p>Alright, that's the linguistic part of this episode finished. Shall we talk a little about retirement in general? Especially with everything that's happening in France at the moment, retirement is a hot topic!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

08:48	<p>What's happening with retirement in France right now? Well basically, Emmanuel Macron, the French president, wants to raise (<i>augmenter</i>) the retirement age. France, like many other developed countries, has an ageing population (<i>une population vieillissante</i>). There are more and more older people going into retirement. And there are less and less younger people to replace them in the labour force (<i>la population active</i>).</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
09:37	<p>This deeply worrying for many people, because the active, working population in part finances those who are in retirement. In the past, this was not an issue. Following the Second World War, France and the United Kingdom experienced a baby boom – a demographic explosion. An enormous increase in the number of children born and living to adulthood. Indeed, people born from about 1945 to around 1965 are called “baby boomers”, because they were born during this population explosion.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
10:32	<p>This baby boom is finished, and the birth rate (<i>le taux de natalité</i>) has dropped significantly. There have never been so many people alive, but there are much fewer babies being born. This means that slowly but surely, countries like France and the United Kingdom will have far more retirees (<i>des retraités</i>) than people working. This imbalance is predicted to put enormous strain, enormous pressure on the economy, and on younger generations.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

11:25	<p>Furthermore, the life expectancy of French and British people has never been higher. In 1950 a French person could expect to live to about the age of 64. Today in 2023, a French person can expect to live to around 83 years of age. This means that someone who retires today could theoretically expect to live for another 20 years as a retiree.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
12:02	<p>And it's not just a question of living longer. We are now healthier (<i>nous sommes plus en forme</i>) for longer. A person who retires at 65 years old today, could in theory live for another 15 years in relatively good health. Certainly, they won't be sprinting marathons and partying until 6 o'clock in the morning. But they will still be in relatively good health.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
12:38	<p>So this is also another reason why the powers that be (<i>les pouvoir en place</i>) would like to raise the retirement age. If we are healthy, there is theoretically no reason why couldn't continue working later, being economically active later in life.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

13:06	<p>Naturally, the people who oppose raising the retirement age say that “life is for living”. Human beings don’t live forever. As my father says, “we are a long time dead” (<i>nous sommes morts pour longtemps</i>). In other words, life is not just about work, work, work. We also need to enjoy life because it is finite. It would be a shame to work until the age of 75, only to finally retire when arthritis or Alzheimer’s makes life difficult. Having the opportunity to retire earlier in life, also allows people to enjoy life without work commitments. To spend precious time with friends, family, and grandchildren. To travel, to go places and not need to worry about coming back for work.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
14:17	<p>My late grandmother (<i>ma défunte grand-mère</i>), was lucky enough to retire at the age of about 60. She was in excellent health, very active. She devoted a lot of time to me and my cousins, her grandchildren, we have great memories with her. She travelled a lot, even solo. And she even visited India! She was in great health until suddenly one day, she wasn’t. And suddenly, in almost no time at all, she was gone – she didn’t even see her 80th birthday.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
15:03	<p>So, my grandmother was lucky to retire around sixty. She really enjoyed her retirement to the max. And she was a constant presence in my life. That might not have been the case, if she had been forced to continue her busy working life much later into her 60s.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

15:27	<p>Oh dear, oh dear. It seems to me that we are stuck between a rock and a hard place. The French version of this expression is “<i>entre le marteau et l'enclume</i>”. We are stuck between a rock and a hard place. Something needs to change, but no matter what decision is taken, it will ultimately be unpopular. Time will tell! I just hope that I won't have to wait until I'm 90 years old to withdraw my pension money.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
16:05	<p>That concludes this episode of <i>The Déclis Anglais Podcast</i>. If you would like to study English at home but don't know where to start, consider signing up for <i>The Déclis Anglais Club</i>. <i>The Déclis Anglais Club</i> is our online learning platform, where you can improve all areas of your English with interactive exercises.</p> <p>We have listening comprehension exercises, reading comprehension exercises. You can also improve your writing skills with dictation exercises (<i>les dictées</i>).</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
16:46	<p>And if that is not enough, you can even take part in our group conversation classes. Here you can practice speaking English with other motivated learners via Zoom, the videoconferencing platform. And of course, I am present on every call to help you with vocabulary and grammar. Interested? Then go to www.declisanglais.com for more information.</p> <p>Take care everyone, and I'll see you at the next episode. Bye for now!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

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