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Episode 153:

Title: "Thank You for Five Wonderful Years "

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00:00	<p>Welcome to the Déclic Anglais Podcast, THE podcast for intermediate, French-speaking learners of English. This podcast is like a steppingstone (<i>un tremplin</i>) to help you understand more advanced materials in English. There is a transcript (<i>une transcription</i>) available for this and every episode of this podcast. You can download the transcript for free from the link in the description of this episode. Or go to <a href="http://www.declicanglais.com/podcast">www.declicanglais.com/podcast</a>.</p> <p>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</p>
01:02	<p>Hello there, dear listeners. This is Tom speaking, your host and guide to the English language. Welcome to this special mini-episode of <i>The Déclic Anglais Podcast</i>.</p> <p>So, here we are in December 2025. That means that <i>The Déclic Anglais Podcast</i> is now 5 years old! Episode number one was released on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. And now, more than 150 episodes later, we are still here together. Incredible!</p> <p>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</p>
02:03	<p>Over the last 5 years, you – my wonderful listeners – have played this podcast over <b>two million times</b>. And from December 2024 to December 2025, you have listened to this podcast over <i>six hundred thousand</i> (600,000) times.</p> <p>That's absolutely amazing for me to think about!</p> <p>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</p>

02:47	<p>When I began this podcast in 2020, I did NOT expect it to become so popular.</p> <p>So today, I would like to say <b>a very big thank you</b> – to all of you - for listening, for downloading, and especially for supporting this podcast.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
03:12	<p>I receive a LOT of emails from you, my dear listeners, telling me how this podcast has helped you to feel more confident in English. Unfortunately, I can't answer every message, but I do read as many as possible. Your kind words touch me deeply, and I am very grateful (<i>très reconnaissant</i>) for all of your support, for all of your encouragement.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
03:51	<p>This podcast takes a lot of time and effort to produce. It's your support that motivates me to continue. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart (<i>Je vous remercie tous du fond du cœur</i>).</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

04:22	<p>As I mentioned earlier, from December 2024 to December 2025, this podcast has been listened to over 600,000 times. So, where are you, my dear listeners? Which countries listen to Déclic Anglais the most?</p> <p>Well, looking at my statistics, I can confirm that you are VERY international – you come from every continent! As the old saying goes: “The sun never sets on <i>The Déclic Anglais Podcast!</i>” (« <i>Le soleil ne se couche jamais sur le Déclic Anglais Podcast !</i> »)</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:25	<p>In first place, we have Metropolitan France, with almost five hundred thousand (500,000) listens. (Well, of course! France <i>is</i> the most-populous French-speaking country – so, no surprises there). Among the overseas <i>départements</i> and territories, Réunion Island took first place with about four thousand (4,000) listens. Thank you, France, and thank you very much, Réunion Island.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
06:14	<p>In second place we have <b>Belgium</b> with twenty-three thousand (23,000) listens. Thank you, Belgium - and thank you also for your amazing beer!</p> <p>Third place goes to beautiful <b>Switzerland</b> with fourteen thousand (14,000) listens in the last year. A wonderful country with lovely people, and stunning scenery. Thank you, Switzerland!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

06:57	<p>Fourth place takes us outside of Europe, all the way across the Atlantic to <b>Canada</b>, with twelve thousand (12,000) listens in the last year. Now, I imagine that most of the Canadian listeners are based around the province of Quebec. Thank you very much for listening, my lovely Canadians! I have only visited the English-speaking parts of Canada, and I hope to visit Quebec one day soon – but maybe not in the middle of winter.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
07:40	<p>Next, I would like to give an enormous thank you to my listeners in <b>Côte d'Ivoire</b> – you guys listened to the podcast six thousand (6,000) times! Thank you very much, Côte d'Ivoire.</p> <p>I would also like to give an honourable mention to some other African countries, especially <b>Sénégal, Congo, Morocco, and Madagascar</b>. Thank you so much for the thousands of listens this last year, everyone. And I really hope to visit your parts of the world one day, too!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
08:27	<p>And finally, over the last year, this podcast was also listened to over two thousand (2,000) times in my native United Kingdom! Now, I wonder if this number is mostly French-speakers travelling around Great Britain, or French-speaking ex-patriates living there. I'm very curious, so let me know, dear listeners!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

09:03	<p>I sometimes say that I am an “accidental podcaster”. What I mean is that before 2020, creating a podcast had never crossed my mind (<i>avant 2020, je n'avais jamais envisagé de créer un podcast</i>). And it was actually my wife Charlotte who really put the idea of starting a podcast in my head!</p> <p>Even then, when I published the first episode, I didn’t expect anything special. I certainly didn’t imagine that, five years later, this podcast would receive hundreds of thousands of listens every year.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
10:07	<p>Time really does fly — <i>le temps passe vite !</i></p> <p>I like to think that the quality of the podcast has improved over time (<i>que la qualité du podcast s'est améliorée au fil du temps</i>). But, dear listeners, that’s where I need your help, where I need your feedback.</p> <p>If you have any suggestions, comments, tips, or ideas for future episodes, please feel free to contact me. I always try to read as many emails as possible.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

11:00	<p>So, what's the plan for 2026? Well, dear listeners, I don't want to give the surprises away (<i>Je ne veux pas dévoiler les surprises</i>).</p> <p>But 2026 will take us around the world! We will begin the year by "going down under" that is, visiting Australia. Later in 2026 we will accompany famous Arctic explorers (<i>des explorateurs célèbres de l'Arctique</i>) during the "heroic age" of polar exploration.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
12:05	<p>We will explore the Welsh language (<i>la langue galloise</i>), "the senior language of Britain" - a language that captivated the author J.R.R. Tolkien, creator of <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> (<i>Le Seigneur des Anneaux</i>).</p> <p>2026 will also see us investigate important questions in life, such as: "Can eating chocolate make you a more intelligent person?" and "How much chocolate is <b>too much</b> chocolate?"</p> <p>All this and more, dear listeners, coming to you on <i>The Décl'ic Anglais Podcast</i>.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
13:04	<p>Now then, before we finish, I want to congratulate YOU, the learners of English. Learning languages is hard work – trust me, I know. And English can be a difficult language to learn.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

13:29	<p>Listening to this podcast regularly, listening to a foreign voice, following 15-minute episodes – this demands patience and determination. So, to all of you listeners who persevered and continued listening through 2025 – WELL DONE! Great work!</p> <p>And if you didn't listen regularly in 2025, don't worry - it's not too late to begin. Every day is a new opportunity to learn and improve.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
14:14	<p>And so, as we approach the end of the year, I wish you a wonderful holiday season. May 2026 bring you all good health, happiness, and many more “<i>déclics</i>” in your English.</p> <p>Thank you very much again for five wonderful years.</p> <p>Take care, everyone, and see you in the next episode. Bye for now!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>



## How did it go?

Take a moment to revisit the notes that you took.

List here 3 words or expressions (minimum) that you would like to remember from this podcast. We recommend that you consult a free, online dictionary like

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