



# PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

Episode 29:

"Good" is not the "right" word

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00:00	<p>Hello there, dear listeners and welcome! You are listening to <i>The Déclis Anglais Podcast</i>. This is <i>the</i> podcast for French-speaking, intermediate learners of English. This podcast is designed to be a steppingstone (<i>un tremplin</i>) a steppingstone, to give you the confidence you need to move to more advanced English materials.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
00:32	<p>And, if you really want to make progress in your English this year, why not sign up for <i>The Déclis Anglais Club</i>? Every month, we create interactive, online learning materials based on episodes of this podcast. You can practice your listening and reading comprehension, you can improve your writing with dictation exercises (<i>les dictées</i>), and pre-recorded lessons show you how to improve your speaking.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
01:07	<p>And if you're really motivated, our <i>BOOST</i> level subscription will even give you access to our monthly, online conversation classes, where you can practice speaking English with other motivated learners, under the guidance of a qualified English teacher. Just go to our website, <a href="http://www.declisanglais.com">www.declisanglais.com</a>, that's <a href="http://www.declisanglais.com">www.declisanglais.com</a> for more information.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

<p>01:42</p> <p>02:08</p>	<p>So, let's get into today's episode, number 29. My name is Tom, I'm your teacher from Déclic Anglais. Thank you for joining me, today.</p> <p>The title of today's episode is: <i>"Good" isn't the "right" word.</i></p> <p>Tom, what does that mean? <i>Ca veut dire quoi?</i></p> <p>Well, today I'm hoping to help you clear up a mistake I hear <i>very</i> often, <i>extremely</i> often in my students' English. And this really is a mistake that I hear coming from French-speakers because of a tendency to translate French words and expressions directly, literally into English.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>02:30</p>	<p>Don't worry, this is a very normal thing to do. As a language learner myself, I can sympathise with you completely. So, please don't think that you are abnormal if you do this, ok?</p> <p>So, let me begin by asking you a question:</p> <p><i>Comment dit-on "bon" en anglais?</i></p> <p>For example: <i>"Il est bon ce gateau!"</i> or <i>"c'est bon, tu peut entrer maintenant."</i></p> <p>Hmmm, so you could translate <i>bon</i> as "good" or "ok", yes?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>03:03</p>	<p>Alright then, let me ask you another question:</p> <p><i>Comment dit-on "bon" mais dans le sense, "ce n'est pas le bon mot de passe" or: "Je n'ai pas le bon clef pour ouvrir la porte."</i></p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>



04:54	<p>And on hearing this, my student realises her mistake, laughs and says: "the <i>RIGHT</i> word, I can't remember the <i>RIGHT</i> word. What's the <i>RIGHT</i> word for <i>disponible</i>?"</p> <p>So, there you are, ladies and gentlemen. If you recognise yourself here, don't worry, you are not alone. If you make this common mistake, it's very easy to correct. Your English will be instantly better, trust me.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:24	<p><i>Mais Tom, le mot right veut aussi dire "à droite", non?</i></p> <p>Yes, it does. "Turn right at the traffic lights. The bakery is on the right."</p> <p>But <i>right</i> is far more flexible. It also means correct, appropriate, accurate/precise, and much more.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:47	<p>Let's look at some examples:</p> <p><i>Est-ce que les chausseurs sont de la bonne pointure ?</i> Are the shoes the right size? Not the <i>good</i> size, no. Are the shoes the <i>RIGHT</i> size?</p> <p><i>C'est le bon moment pour apprendre l'anglais.</i> It's the right time to learn English.</p> <p><i>Tu t'appelles Paul, n'est-ce pas?</i> Your name is Paul, right?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

06:14	<p>So, pay attention to your English when you are speaking or writing. I know it's easier said than done, but trust me, it is well worth the effort <i>cela vaut le coup</i>, it's well worth the effort to correct this small mistake. Just stop for a moment and ask yourself: "Should I use <i>good</i> or <i>correct</i> here?"</p> <p>If you are taking an exam in English, saying <i>good</i> when you should be saying <i>right</i> or <i>correct</i> can make a difference to getting the grade you want.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
06:48	<p>Alright, so when do we use <i>good</i>, then?</p> <p>Basically, <i>good</i> is an adjective that we use to talk about quality. For example, "<i>le gateau est bon.</i>" Well, here we are talking about the quality of the cake: the flavour, the texture, you see? If you put it in your mouth and you say: "mmm..." then you definitely say that the cake is <i>good</i>.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
07:18	<p>But let's imagine you must go to bakery and order a cake for a friend's birthday. They have a large selection of cakes and you must choose a cake for your friend's party. So, which is the <i>right</i> cake for your friend's party?</p> <p>You, see?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

07:39 So, there we have it, dear listeners. I hope that this episode of *The Décllic Anglais Podcast* has helped you rectify this common mistake. Like I said earlier, don't feel discouraged if this is a mistake you often make. Learning is a journey and we are all human, we can only try our best.

*(Ecrivez vos notes ici).*

08:01 Have a nice day, everyone and I look forward to seeing you for our next episode!  
Bye for now.

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