

FRENCH CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

FOR CARMEN SANDIEGO EPISODES

SEASON 1, EPISODE 5: "The Duke of Vermeer Capers"

In this episode, Carmen and her crew plot to steal rare paintings from another thief in a mission that takes them from Amsterdam to a Swiss chateau.

Who Are They? / Qui sont ces personnes?

Students guess which characters from this episode their teacher is talking about.

1. Organize students in teams of four. Each team should delegate a spokesperson.
2. Ask students to recall all the characters they saw in this episode. List the characters on the board and provide the French translation when necessary. The list should include Carmen, Agent Devineaux (L'agent Devineaux), Agent Argent (l'agent Argent), Chief (la chef), Countess Cleo (la comtesse Cléo), Zack, Ivy, Player, and Dash Haber.
3. Read the following clues. Have team members work together as fast as possible to agree on an answer for each clue.

Il/Elle prétend être un duc. (Zack)

Il/Elle a un château en Suisse. (la comtesse Cléo)

Il/Elle aime le rouge. (Carmen)

C'est l'assistant(e) de la comtesse Cléo. (Dash Haber)

C'est l'assistant(e) de l'agent Devineaux. (l'agent Argent)

Il/Elle a un accident et sa voiture tombe dans l'eau. (l'agent Devineaux)

Il/Elle déteste le poisson. (Zack)

C'est la sœur de Zack. (Ivy)

Il/Elle donne des ordres à l'agent Devineaux. (la chef)

The group spokespersons raise their hands when their team has an answer.

The first team to raise their hand and give the correct answer in French wins the round.

4. Repeat for each clue. The team with the greatest number of correct answers wins.





My Favorite Part / Ce que je préfère

Students reflect on the episode and write a few sentences explaining their favorite part of the episode and why they liked it.

1. Have students work in pairs to discuss their favorite parts.
2. The pairs agree on one scene to describe and prepare a short presentation in French about the scene and why they like it. You might guide students by listing the following questions:

Quels personnages sont dans cette scène?

Que font les personnages?

Qu'est-ce qui se passe?

Pourquoi est-ce que vous aimez cette scène?

3. Students present their favorite scene to the class.



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