

Constructions avec l'infinifitif

- **Venir de + Infinitif** **To have just + past participle**

Venir de (present) + infinitif indicates that something **has** just been done
Venir de (imperfect) + infinitif indicates that something **had** just been done when another action happened

Je **viens de** terminer mon rapport – *I **have just finished** my report*

Je **venais de** laver le sol quand le chien est entré – *I **had just washed** the floor when the dog came in*

- **Après avoir/être + participe passé** **After doing something**

To translate **after doing** something, use **après avoir** (or être) + **past participle**.
When using *être* watch out for the agreement of the past participle!

- **Après avoir** mangé au restaurant indien, nous sommes allés au cinéma
- **Après être** restées à Dublin pendant une semaine, elles sont parties en Ecosse.

After eating in an Indian restaurant, we went to the cinema
After staying in Dublin for a week, they left to Scotland.

- **Après nous être** promenés, nous avons pris un bon café.

After walking, we went for a good coffee

- **Avant de + infinitif** **Before doing something**

- **Avant de partir**, ils se sont embrassés
- **Avant de me coucher**, j'ai pris un thé

Before leaving, they kissed
Before going to bed, I had some tea

- **Sans + infinitif** **Without + verb -ing**

Elle est partie **sans faire** de bruit

She left without making any noise

- **Pour - Afin de + infinitif** **In order to - so as to + infinitive**

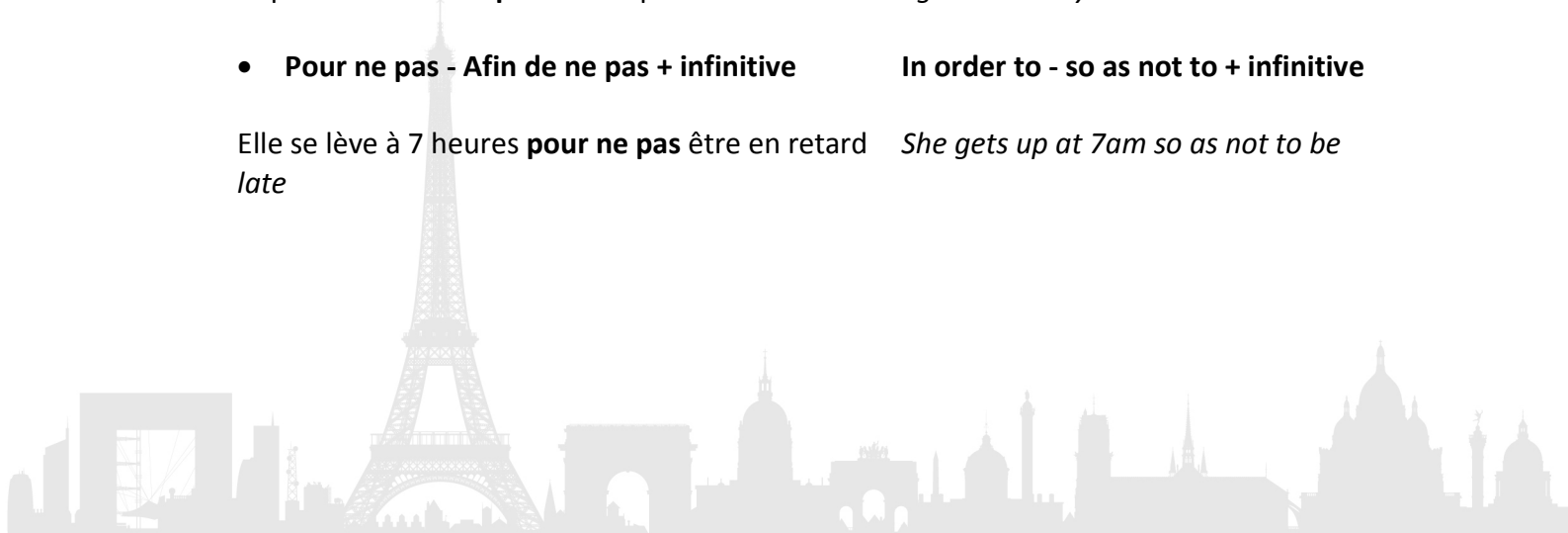
Je pars en vacances **pour** me reposer

I go on holidays to rest

- **Pour ne pas - Afin de ne pas + infinitive** **In order to - so as not to + infinitive**

Elle se lève à 7 heures **pour ne pas** être en retard

She gets up at 7am so as not to be late



Exercise 1

Translate these sentences into French:

1. After posting the letters, I crossed the street.

2. I washed my hair before going to bed.

3. I left without waiting.

4. After getting off the bus, I realised that I had lost my wallet.

5. I had just closed the door when she rang me.

Exercise 2

Translate these sentences into French:

1. After cleaning the windows, he cleaned the floor.

2. Ring your dad before going to town.

3. The pupils left without saying goodbye.

4. We got up at seven so as not to be late.

5. After staying in the hotel, we decided to go camping.

6. After getting dressed, I had breakfast.

7. I went to the post office to buy stamps.

8. Switch off your mobile phones before entering the room.

9. After breaking her leg, she stopped playing hockey.

10. He answered the question without hesitating.

