

L'oral d'anglais aux concours

rappels de base



~~We can see that...~~ > The column(ist) **LOOKS AT...**

~~We will see that...~~ > **I will ARGUE that...**



1. Vérifier la prononciation des mots courants / d'actualité > <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/pronunciation/english/>

think (≠ sink !!!)	→ θɪŋk ≠ sɪŋk	young	→ jʌŋ	euthanasia	→ ,ju:θə'neɪziə
thought	→ θɔ:t	blood, flood	→ blʌd, flʌd	pneumatic	→ nju:'mæti:k
although	→ ɔ:l'ðəʊ	Guardian	→ 'gɑ:diən	psychologist	→ saɪ'kɒlədʒɪst
could, should, would	→ kʊd (forme non accentuée : kəd)	NASA	→ 'næsə	hierarchical	→ ,haɪə'rɑ:kɪkəl
woman ≠ women	→ 'wʊmən ≠ 'wɪmɪn	X	→ eks	1 crisis, 2 crises	→ 1 'kraɪsɪs, 2 'kraɪsɪ:z
engineer	→ ,endʒɪ'niə	utopian	→ ju:'təʊpiən	xenophobia	→ ,zen.ə'fəʊ.bi.ə

2. Savoir dire la date (cf. fiche de cours)

British English	American English
1 st Sept. 2026 → THE first OF September twenty-twenty-six	Sept. 1 st , 2026 → September (the) first, two-thousand(-and)-twenty-six

1 → THE first 2 → THE second 3 → THE third

21 → THE twenty-first 22 → THE twenty-second 23 → THE twenty-third 31 → THE thirty-first

Ex. The US presidential election was held **ON** the 5th of November 2025. — US presidents are inaugurated **IN** January.

3. Savoir lire les données quantitatives

• Les N renvoyant à des **NOMBRES** fonctionnent COMME DES ADJECTIFS > **invariables & sans préposition OF**

Ex. "Elon Musk and his DOGE team have been on a mission to trim government spending. Yet over the years, Musk and his businesses have received at least **\$38 billion** in government contracts, loans, subsidies and tax credits, often at critical moments, helping seed the growth that has made him the world's richest person." (*The Washington Post*, 26/02/2025)

• Les N renvoyant à des **ORDRES DE GRANDEUR** fonctionnent comme en français

Ex. "**Billions of** taxpayer dollars are now being used to pay tuition at religious schools across the country, as state voucher programs expand dramatically." (*The Washington Post*, 03/06/2024)

• % → **per cent** (**invariable**) ex. "Sixty-two **per cent** of Americans identify as Christians." (Pew Research Center, 26/02/2025)

• Ratios (fractions) > **X IN Y / W OUT OF Y**

Ex. "Over four **Palestinians in ten** are aged under 14." (UN, 2009) "**Three out of four** Israelis want to end the Gaza war". (*Haaretz*, 31/07/2025)

• Chiffres à virgule

Ex. "The **current** legal limit for driving is 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood, or **0.08 per cent**, and was established in 1967. It is currently one of the highest limits in Europe, after Malta proposed to lower its drinking limit **from 0.08 per cent to 0.05 per cent**." (*The Times*, 17/06/2024)

→ **nought POINT oh** eight / **nought POINT oh** five

• Comparaisons de supériorité/infériorité

+		-	
deux fois plus grand	→ twice AS large/tall/big	deux fois moins grand	→ half AS large/tall/big
trois fois plus d'espace (sg.)	→ three times AS MUCH space	trois fois moins d'espace (sg.)	→ three times LESS space
cinq fois plus d'habitants (pl.)	→ five times AS MANY inhabitants	cinq fois moins d'habitants (pl.)	→ five times FEWER inhabitants

4. Points de grammaire à surveiller tout particulièrement

• The column **was** published / **came out** **IN** September 2025. **Jamais de present perfect pour situer un événement dans le passé !!!**

PRÉTÉRIT !!! ← date révolue

• The columnist **agreeS** with... ≠ **DOES** not **agree** with... **to agree est un VERBE !!!**

• **THE** United-States **is** / **has** / **does** / **wants**, etc... } **SINGULIER !!!**

THE United-Kingdom ≠ **Ø** (Great-) Britain ; **Ø** Brexit

Ø Pres. Zelenskyy, **Ø** King Charles, **Ø** Prince William, **Ø** Pope Leo XIVth ≠ **THE** Ukranian President, **THE** King, **THE** Prince of Wales, **THE** Pope

Ø Nature ≠ **THE** environment

