

The "Very Much" Trap: Mastering Beaucoup

Native English speakers naturally want to translate "very much" literally, leading to the awkward and incorrect addition of "very" before "beaucoup"—a common trap even for advanced students!

Ditch the "Very": In French, "Very Much" simply doesn't exist. Use Beaucoup entirely on its own to mean "a lot" or "really."

Nail the Pronunciation: Forget the complex spelling; just say it like "BOKU".

Apply it Simply: Add it directly to your sentences (e.g., Merci beaucoup = Thank you very much).



Let's Practice: Fill in the Blanks

Translate the English phrases by inserting *beaucoup* into the correct spot in the French sentence.

1. I very much like running → J'aime _____ courir.
2. She very much enjoys singing → Elle aime _____ chanter.
3. We very much appreciate your help → Nous apprécions _____ votre aide.
4. I don't eat very much → Je ne mange pas _____.
5. He doesn't want to walk very much → Il ne veut pas marcher _____.