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The Parisian Shopper's Guide to High Numbers

Mastering 10s, 100s, and 1,000s in France.



Your Shopping Itinerary



The Local Market:
Mastering the 10s.



The High-End Boutique:
Mastering the 100s.

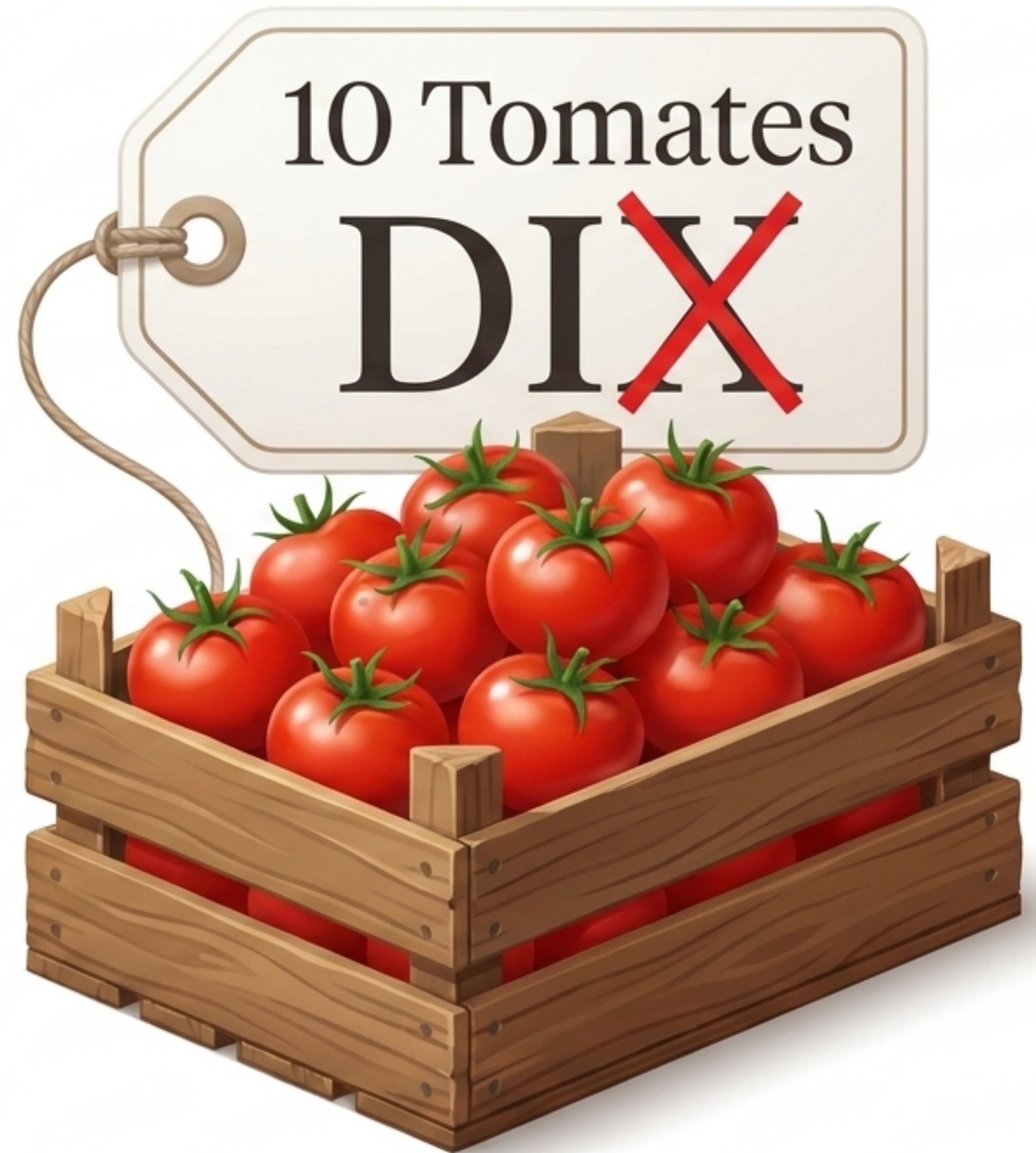


The Antique Dealer:
Mastering the 1,000s.

At the Market: The Silent 'X'

When **Dix** (10) is followed by a word starting with a consonant, the 'X' goes completely silent.

Je voudrais dix tomates.



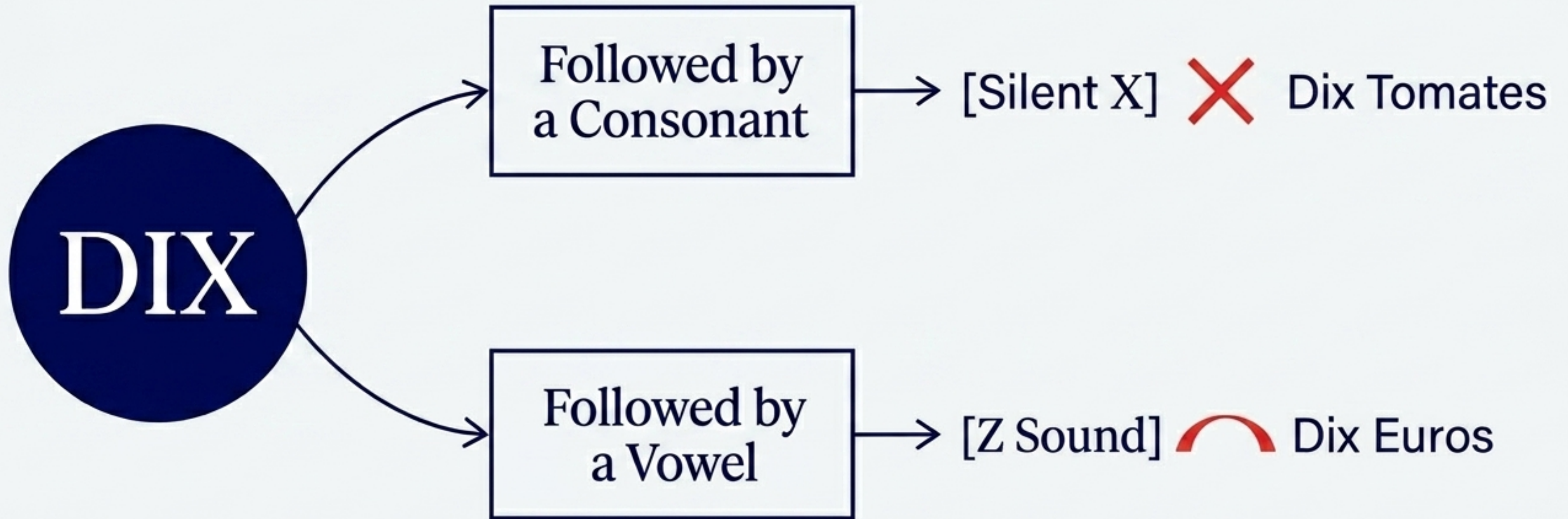
At the Register: The Voiced 'Z'

DIX  [z] EUROS

When Dix is followed by a vowel, you must connect the words. The 'X' transforms into a buzzing 'Z' sound.

Pronounce it: di-zuh-ro

The 'Dix' Decision Tree



The Boutique: Mastering Hundreds



100 = Cent

100 ≠ ~~Un~~ Cent

English speakers naturally want to say 'One Hundred'. In French, we drop the 'One'. It is simply **Cent**.

J'ai acheté ces chaussures cent euros.

The 'Mille' Rule

Just like with hundreds, never say 'Un Mille'. It is simply **Mille**.

Pay close attention:
Make sure to clearly voice the
'L' sound when speaking.

Ce billet d'avion coûte mille euros.



The Multiplier Trap

Number	English Logic	French Logic
100	One Hundred	[Drop the One] -> Cent
1,000	One Thousand	[Drop the One] -> Mille

The rule is consistent: when jumping to a new decimal baseline (100 or 1,000), French assumes the 'One'. Just state the baseline.

The Final Checkout

Spent French
11/00 Mai

Product	1,350 €
Product	200 €
Product	1,000 €
Product	50 €
Product	200 €
1,210 €	
Subtotal	1,210 €
Shipping	200 €
Dix	10 €

French boutique

Mille (No 'Un'!)

Deux Cent

Dix (Followed by Euros = 'Z' sound!)

Spoken as: Mille deux cent dizuhro.

You are now ready to shop in Paris.

