

## FAILLIR – Today's French

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### FAILLIR -- to almost...

FAILLIR is a very French verb. Let's see what it means and how it works in this worksheet.

#### *What FAILLIR means*

FAILLIR is a funny verb. I'd say it's more of an auxiliary, a helping verb as it's almost never used on its own. It relies on another verb in the infinitive form.

- FAILLIR aller → to almost go
- FAILLIR prendre le mauvais bus → to almost take the wrong bus

#### **Look at this sentence**

- J'ai failli gagner aux cartes cet après-midi.
  - *I almost won the card game this afternoon.*

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## Exercice – Practice

Translate the sentences from one column to another. From French to English (la version) is easier, from English to French (la thèse) a bit more challenging.

*Traduisez les phrases d'une colonne à une autre. Du français en anglais (la version) est plus facile, de l'anglais au français (la thèse) un peu plus difficile.*

### Translate from French to English

1. Elle a failli tomber.
2. On a failli te perdre.
3. Vous avez failli aller à Batz, mais le bateau n'est jamais arrivé.

### Or translate from English to French for more challenge

1. She almost fell.
2. We almost lost you.
3. You almost went to Batz, but the boat never came.

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