

Spotlight on Brittany: Language

Getting New Glasses

A.	Wow, you look as though you are struggling to read that.
B.	Yes, you're right. I know I am going to have to get some new glasses, but I have been putting it off because I don't understand the system.
A.	Well, go to a specialist for an eye test and they'll give you a prescription.
B.	But then where do I take the prescription?
A.	Well, your lenses and frames can then be provided by any number of opticians; even some of the big supermarket chains have in-store opticians now, so you can visit two or three and compare prices.
B.	Oh, that's good to know. Now, could you help me with some of the words I'll need?
A.	Well, you probably know that glasses are <i>'les lunettes'</i>
B.	<i>'Les lunettes'</i> , yes, but what about lenses?
A.	Lenses are <i>'les verres'</i>
B.	<i>'Les verres'</i> .
A.	And contact lenses are <i>'les lentilles'</i>
B.	<i>'Les lentilles'</i> .
A.	And you might be asked if you want lenses in a particular shade, so that's <i>'les verres teints'</i> .
B.	<i>'Les verres teints'</i> . <i>'Teints'</i> that sounds a bit like <i>'tinted'</i> , maybe I should ask for some rose-tinted spectacles!
A.	Ha... I am sure you would get them. The French are very adventurous for shapes and colours when they get new glasses.
B.	Yes, I've noticed! So what's the word for frames?
A.	A frame is <i>'une monture'</i> .
B.	<i>'Une monture'</i> .
A.	Well, I hope that helps.
B.	Oh, it certainly does. Thanks. I'll stop putting it off now.
A.	Bye.
B.	Bye.