

Get Class Norms.
At the beginning of the year
 emphasize the importance
 of gender-affirming language
 learning to students' work
 with them (especially non-
 binary students & trans students
 - to decide best practices
 for responding to misgendering.
 Some suggestions:
 - let nb/trans students take
 a break from class when it happens.
 - correct them in English 1st
 then French, for a teachable
 moment!
 - include French homework w/
 a variety of pronouns.
 (elle, il, il)

What if a student misgendered an out classmate?

note your students' pronouns.
 Sometimes teachers forget to use my correct pronouns.
 When this happens to me, "sorry" & self-correction helps repair harm, but other students may have different needs. To minimize misgendering, write down student pronouns in class & sub plans.

PRONOUNS:
 Making space to share:
 In introductions, going over phrases like "mon pronome" or "j'utilise les pronoms" helps normalize sharing pronouns & avoiding misgendering. Please don't mandate pronoun sharing; that could put students who aren't ready yet. **BLLE:** Singular she; **IEL:** Singular they; **IL:** Singular he.

Why?
 Will you can call me Dorte.
 !'m 18, my pronouns are they.
 I love learning and I love learning them /iel, and!
 French because some of my favorite authors are French: I love Camus, Celine, Duras, & many others!
 but often, my teacher misgender me because of a lack of gender-affirming curriculum. This makes class super exhausting & unsafe form. **Je-I** hope this time can show you some gender-neutral options to use in non-binary students in your french class!

Student Labor:
 It is exhausting when I have to educate my classmates or teacher on why gender-affirming language is important to my ability to learn. Please don't force non-binary kids to educate you or their class on their identity - instead, one-on-one check-ins & working with the student's support network (ie other teachers or a trusted adult) can help lessen a non-binary student's burden of self-advocacy!

LANGUAGE GUIDE:
 Some gender-neutral suffixes?
 feminine + neutre + mots - types

-e	-ae	employé/e ↳ employa.e
-ie	-x	jolie ↳ jolix
-ine	-aine	Copine ↳ copaine
-elle	-eux	intellectuelle ↳ intellectueux
-me	-an	-bon/ue ↳ ban

Will you enjoy reading? Feel free to make copies & fold them to share w/ a friend?
 (Google "AI Zine folding")
 If you aren't sure on how to fold a zine.
 Thank you for learning how to support trans* & non-binary students!

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A ZINE ON GENDER-AFFIRMING LANGUAGE FOR THE FRENCH CLASSROOM
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