

Un grand cerf dans sa maison,  
Regardait par la fenêtre  
Un lapin venir à lui

Et frapper ainsi :

« Cerf, cerf ouvre-moi,  
Ou le chasseur me tuera !  
- Lapin, lapin, entre et viens  
Me serrer la main. »

### English

*A big deer in its house  
Was looking out of the window  
A rabbit coming towards it  
And knock like this:  
“Deer, deer, let me in,  
Or the hunter will kill me!  
- Rabbit, rabbit, come in and come  
To shake my hand.”*

This is traditional French song that I have loved since being a child!

It is always well received by children learning French because of the simple story it tells and how easily they can join in with actions, even if they don't quite keep up with the words.

There is a variety of words in the song that learners of French are likely to recognise, and it is important that they repeatedly see the same words in different contexts, e.g. grand (big - adjective), maison, fenêtre, lapin (house, window, rabbit - nouns), regarde, ouvre (look, open – verb), et (and – conjunction).

It is a good idea to get the children to look at those words that you think they already know and link them to the context in which they have already seen them, e.g. they might know “regarde” from classroom instructions.

If you like this song, you will also love a book by Jutta Bauer called “Dans sa maison un grand cerf” – [click here to watch a video of it so you can decide whether you buy it or not.](#)

All in all, this is a great and fun song that you and your child(ren) will love, I know it!

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