

EPISODE 90 CHEAT SHEET

“Savoir” Vs. “Connaître”: Which One to Choose?

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SAVOIR (TO KNOW)

- as in knowing "how to" (a skill) or knowing a piece of information

CONNAÎTRE (TO KNOW)

- as in being familiar with someone, something, or somewhere

EXAMPLES

- *Il sait nager.* (He knows how to swim.)
- *Elle sait parler français.* (She knows how to speak French.)
- *Est-ce que vous savez où est la pharmacie ?* (Do you know where the pharmacy is?)
- *Je ne sais pas où elle est.* (I don't know where she is.)

- *Je connais sa sœur.* (I know his sister.)
- *Est-ce que tu connais Paris ?* (Do you know Paris?)
- *Je connais cette chanson !* (I know this song!)

GRAMMAR TIP

- ➔ "savoir" is often followed by verbs
- ➔ "connaître" is often followed by nouns

- *Je ne connais pas ce pays.* (I don't know this country.)
- *Je connais très bien son cousin.* (I know his cousin very well.)
- *Je ne sais pas conduire.* (I don't know how to drive.)
- *Je sais qu'il est en retard.* (I know that he is late.)

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