

Ex. : The barn is fifty feet long, by twenty five feet broad.

La grange a 50 pieds de long sur 25 de large

As may be seen by the foregoing example, the English language uses the verb *to be*, whilst the French use the verb *to have*.

Ex. : The tree is a hundred feet high.
L'arbre a cent pieds de haut.

Observations on adjectives

1o *De* is sometimes used instead of *que* after a comparative, it must be translated by *than*.

Ex. : He has more than ten men with him.
Il a plus de dix hommes avec lui.

2o *De* coming after a comparative is sometimes followed by a term of comparison expressing number, quantity, measure, etc. It ought to be translated by *by*.

Ex. : He is taller by the whole head.
Il est plus grand de toute la tête.
He is older by far.
Il est plus vieux de beaucoup.

Exercice

A traduire et à apprendre

La cour de récréation a trois cents pieds de long sur deux cents pieds de large. Vous ne pourre