

TOUT ce qu'il faut savoir sur **TOUT, TOUTE, TOUS, TOUTES**

Used as an *adjective*, **TOUT** (fem. **TOUTE**; plural: **TOUS, TOUTES**) means **ALL THE, THE WHOLE**:

Il chante <i>tout le temps</i> .	He sings <i>all the</i> time.
<i>Toute</i> ma maison est à vous.	<i>My whole</i> house is yours.
<i>Tous</i> mes amis sont partis.	<i>All</i> my friends have left.
<i>Toutes</i> ces jeunes filles sont charmantes.	<i>All</i> these young girls are charming.

Used before a period of time, **TOUS LES, TOUTES LES**, means **EVERY**:

<i>toutes les</i> fois	<i>every</i> time
<i>tous les</i> mois	<i>every</i> month
<i>tous les</i> deux jours	<i>(every other) every</i> two days

TOUT, TOUTE used without an article before the noun (except before periods of time) means **EVERY, ANY, ALL** (generally used in the singular:

<i>Tout</i> homme doit se rendre utile	<i>All</i> men must make themselves useful.
J'ai <i>toute</i> raison de croire que vous réussirez	I have <i>every</i> reason to believe you will succeed.
Il a perdu <i>toute</i> confiance.	He lost <i>all</i> confidence.
En <i>tout</i> cas.	In <i>any</i> case (at <i>any</i> rate).

The pronouns **TOUS, TOUTES** mean **ALL, ALL OF US / YOU / THEM**. **TOUT** meaning **EVERYTHING, ANYTHING**, is *invariable*. With **TOUS-pronoun**, the **S** is pronounced:

Ils sont tous (pronounced <i>tousse</i>) venus.	Tout est cher
Nous partirons tous (pronounced <i>tousse</i>)	Prenez tout ce que vous voulez
Je les ai tous (pronounced <i>tousse</i>) invités	

TOUT as an adverb means **ALL, QUITE, THE VERY**. It is *invariable* before another adverb and before an adjective in the masculine and before an adjective in the feminine which begins with a vowel or a mute H. **But--TOUTE, TOUTES** are used before an adjective in the feminine which begins with a consonant or an aspirate H:

Ils sont <i>tout</i> tristes.	They are <i>quite (very)</i> sad.
Elle est <i>tout</i> heureuse.	She is <i>quite (very)</i> happy.
Elle est <i>toute</i> couverte de neige.	She is <i>all</i> covered with snow.
Elles sont <i>toutes</i> honteuses.	They are <i>quite</i> ashamed. (Note the ambiguity of this sentence in both French and English. It could also mean "they are <i>all</i> ashamed" too!!)

Do you have a headache yet???