



Quel Navet ! What a flop !

by Sue Burgess

Thanks to Keith Bradley for pointing out a mistake that slipped into last month's article about veggies. Parsnips are of course **panais** and a **navet** is a turnip. That is unless of course it is a complete flop! (the alternative meaning for **navet**).

To express your tastes and your opinions, you can use adjectives or adverbs:

- C'est bien** → **c'est mal** (it's good → it's bad)
- C'est passionnant** → **c'est ennuyeux** (it's enthralling → it's boring)
- C'est bon** → **c'est mauvais** (it's good → it's bad)
- C'est juste** → **c'est faux** (it's correct → it's wrong).

You can give your opinion about someone or something:

- C'est un bon film** → **c'est un mauvais film** (it's a good film → it's a bad film)
- C'est une idée excellente** → **c'est une mauvaise idée** (it's an excellent idea → it's a bad idea).
- C'est un garçon sympathique** → **c'est un garçon déplaisant** (He's a pleasant boy → he's an unpleasant boy).

Be careful: **bien / mal** are adverbs (they don't change) - You should say: "**Il est bien, ton rapport**" or "**C'est un bon rapport**" (it is good, your report / It is a good report).

You can shade your opinion by using words such as **très** (very), **plutôt** (rather), **assez** (quite), or familiar expressions like **super**, **hyper**, **vachement** (great, top, really). **C'est super bon. C'est hyper bon. C'est vachement bon.**

You can also use the negative form:

- Ce n'est pas bon = c'est mauvais.**
- Ce n'est pas mauvais = c'est bon.**

By using combinations of the expressions given above, you have different shades ranging from positive opinions to negative opinions, slang expressions and more formal expressions.

Hyper bon / super bon / vachement bon / excellent / exquis, (exquisite) **succulent**, (succulent), **super chouette** (really great).

From very positive to less positive: **très bon / très /assez / plutôt / assez bon / plutôt bon / pas mauvais / sans intérêt** (without interest).

And from bad to very bad: **pas trop mauvais / pas bon / franchement mauvais / horrible** or other adjectives: **affreux** (awful), **nul** (rubbish), **vachement mauvais** (really bad), **ennuyeux** (boring).

If you like slang type expressions you have **super mauvais** (REALLY bad) and **hyper mauvais** (really really bad).

VOCABULARY / VOCABULAIRE:

une opinion positive sur une personne.....	A positive opinion about a person
beau/belle	handsome / beautiful
sympathique	nice
élégant(e)	elegant
dynamique	dynamic
franc/franche	frank
sérieux/sérieuse	serious
génial(e)	really great
une opinion positive sur un objet.....	A positive opinion about an object
original	different
fonctionnel	functional / practical



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moderne	modern
superbe	superb
A positive opinion about a meal	une opinion positive sur un plat
délicieux	delicious
A negative opinion about a person	une opinion négative sur une personne
antipathique	unpleasant
bête	stupid
une opinion négative sur un plat	A negative opinion about a meal
immangeable	inedible
dégueulasse (slang and quite vulgar)	disgusting