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### 'tout' as an adjective

**Tout** means 'all' or 'every' when it modifies a noun. It agrees in number and gender with the noun that follows.

Masculine singular	Masculine plural	Feminine singular	Feminine plural
tout	tous	toute	toutes

These forms of **tout** are most often used with the definite articles **le, les, la, l'**, but they may also be used with a **possessive determiner**: **tous mes** poèmes (all my poems), **toute sa** vie (all his/her life) etc. Listen as Tex recites one of his poems:

Malgré <b>toutes</b> les filles que j'ai connues, je pense à toi ... <b>tout le</b> temps, <b>toute la</b> journée, <b>tous* les</b> soirs, <b>toutes les</b> nuits.	In spite of all the girls (or all of the girls) that I have known, I think of you ... all the time, all day long, every evening, every night.
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\*Note that the final **s** of **tous** is not pronounced when it is used as an adjective.

**Tout** or **toute** may also be used without an article to mean 'every.'

Tex: **Tout** tatou est poète!      Every armadillo is a poet!



### 'tout' as a pronoun

**Tout** is **invariable** when it functions as the indefinite pronoun meaning 'everything' or 'all', as in the first sentence below.

The plural pronouns **tous** and **toutes** agree with the nouns they replace. Compare the examples below.

<i>Indefinite singular 'everything'</i>	Tammy: Tex, tu as vu ton éditeur? <b>Tout</b> s'est bien passé?	Tammy: Tex, did you see your publisher? Did <b>everything</b> go well?
<i>To replace a plural noun</i>	Tex: Les éditeurs sont des idiots, je les déteste <b>tous</b> !* Les maisons d'éditions ne comprennent pas mon art. <b>Toutes</b> refusent mes poèmes érotiques!	Tex: Publishers are fools, I hate them <b>all</b> ! Publishing houses don't understand my art. <b>All</b> refuse my erotic poems!

\*Note that the final **s** in the pronoun **tous** is pronounced, in contrast to the unpronounced **s** in **tous** as an adjective.

### 'tout' as an adverb

**Tout** may also be an adverb meaning 'all,' 'completely,' or 'quite' when it modifies another adverb, a preposition, or an adjective. Although **tout** is invariable before an adverb, a preposition or a masculine adjective, the feminine forms **toute** and **toutes** are used before feminine adjectives beginning with a consonant.



*Invariable*

Tex: Les éditeurs ne comprennent rien. Mes thèmes sont **tout** nouveaux.

Tex: Editors don't understand anything. My themes are completely new.

*Before a feminine adjective beginning with a consonant*

Tex: Et ma poésie est **toute** moderne.

Tex: And my poetry is very modern.

### tout in common idiomatic phrases

Here is a list of common idiomatic phrases with **tout**:



**pas du tout**, not at all

**tout de suite**, right away

**tout le monde**, everyone

**tout le temps**, all the time

**tous les jours**, every day

**tous (toutes) les deux**, both

**tous les deux jours**, every other day

**tous les trois jours** ... , every three days

**toutes les deux semaines**, every other week

**en tout cas**, in any case

**malgré tout**, in spite of everything

**tout à l'heure**, in a little while

**tout à coup**, all of a sudden

**tout à fait**, completely

**tout droit**, straight ahead

**tout de même**, just the same

**tout en + participe présent**, all the while ...



Listen to the dialogue:



Tammy: Alors Tex, tu as bientôt fini ton recueil de poèmes?

Tex: Oh ne m'en parle pas! J'ai perdu **tout mon** enthousiasme! J'ai **toutes sortes** de problèmes avec mon éditeur. Il refuse **tous mes** poèmes récents.

Tammy: Ne t'inquiète pas! **Tous les** grands poètes sont incompris!

Tammy: So Tex, have you almost finished writing your collection of poems?

Tex: Oh don't ask! I have lost all my enthusiasm! I have all sorts of problems with my publisher. He refuses to publish all my recent poems.

Tammy: Don't worry! All great poets are misunderstood!



exercices

fill in the blanks

Fill in the blank with the correct form of tout.

1. Tex : \_\_\_\_\_ les Américaines sont jolies!
2. Tex : Les amis, je vous invite \_\_\_\_\_ à mon anniversaire.
3. Corey : Je m'ennuie \_\_\_\_\_ le temps.
4. Edouard : A Austin, il fait beau \_\_\_\_\_ les jours.
5. Tammy : Je suis \_\_\_\_\_ excitée!
6. Tex : \_\_\_\_\_ poète est sensible.
7. Tex : Je me rase \_\_\_\_\_ les quatre jours.
8. Bette : \_\_\_\_\_ le monde aime Tex!
9. Joe-Bob : Je ne parle pas du \_\_\_\_\_ français!
10. Tammy : Bette, regarde \_\_\_\_\_ mes photos de Tex!
11. Bette : \_\_\_\_\_ les chattes détestent l'eau.
12. Joe-Bob : Je t'ai cherché \_\_\_\_\_ la journée!