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'Shortcut' Phrase

Easy-to-remember alternative to the full phrase



Q&A Pair

Question-and-answer pair – we suggest a response to the question asked



Look For

Phrases you may see on signs, menus etc



Listen For

Phrases you may hear from officials, locals etc



Language Tip

An insight into the foreign language



Culture Tip

An insight into the local culture

How to read the phrases:

- Coloured words and phrases throughout the book are phonetic guides to help you pronounce the foreign language.
- Lists of phrases with tinted background are options you can choose to complete the phrase above them.

These abbreviations will help you choose the right words and phrases in this book:

 a adjective
 m masculine
 pol polite

 f feminine
 n noun
 sg singular

 inf informal
 pl plural
 v verb

ABOUT THIS BOOK

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Learn about French, build your own sentences and pronounce words correctly.

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Travel Phrases

Ready-made phrases for every situation buy a ticket, book a hotel and much more.











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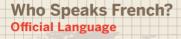


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Why Bother

You may be told of a cosy vineyard way off the tourist track, or discover that there's little merit in the stereotype about the French being rude.

Distinctive Sounds

Throaty r, silent h, nasal vowels (pronounced as if you're trying to force the sound 'through the nose').

French in the World

French is the official language of a number of international organisations (including the UN and the International Olympic Committee). French films are

80 MILLION speak French as their first language

50 MILLION speak French as their second language

internationally renowned, and France has won the Nobel Prize in Literature more times than any other country.

French in France

Speaking a language other than their own is an emotional affair for the French, as attested by the online Musée des Horreurs (Museum of Horrors) of the Paris-based Défense de la Langue Française (DLF; Defence of the French Language; www.langue -française.org, in French).

False Friends

Warning: many French words look like English words but have a different meaning altogether, eg *menu* me·new is a set lunch, not a menu (which is *carte* kart in French).

Language Family

Romance (developed from the Latin spoken by the Romans during their conquest of the 1st century BC). Close relatives include Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Romanian.

Must-Know Grammar

French has a formal and informal word for 'you' (*vous* voo and *tu* tew respectively); it distinguishes between masculine and feminine forms of words, eg *beau/belle* bo/bel m/f (beautiful).

Donations to English

Numerous – thanks to the Norman invasion of England in the 11th century, some estimate that three-fifths of everyday English vocabulary arrived via French. You may recognise *café*, *déjà vu*, *bon vivant*, *cliché*...



5 Phrases to Learn Before You Go

What are the opening hours?
Quelles sont les heures d'ouverture?
kel son lay zer doc-vair-tewr

French business hours are governed by a maze of regulations, so it's a good idea to check before you make plans.

2 I'd like the set menu, please. Je voudrais le menu, s'il vous plait. zher voo·dray ler mer·new seel voo play

The best-value dining in France is the two- or three-course meal at a fixed price. Most restaurants have one on the chalkboard.

Which wine would you recommend?
Quel vin vous conseillez?
kel vun voo kon-sav-vav

Who better to ask for advice on wine than the French?

Can I address you with 'tu'?
Est-ce que je peux vous tutoyer?
es ker zher per voo tew-twa-vav

Before you start addressing someone with the informal 'vou' form, it's polite to ask permission first.

Do you have plans for tonight/tomorrow? Vous avez prévu quelque chose ce soir/demain? voo za·vay pray·vew kel·ker shoz ser swar/der·mun

To arrange to meet up without sounding pushy, ask friends if they're available rather than inviting them directly.

Understanding

KEY PHRASES

Do you speak English?

l don't understand.

What does ... mean?

Parlez-vous anglais?

Je ne comprends pas.

Que veut dire ...?

par·lay·voo ong·glay

zher ner kom·pron pa ker ver deer ...

Do you speak	Parlez-vous anglais?
English?	par·lay·voo ong·glay
🛕 l speak a little.	Je parle un peu. zher parl um per

Do you understand? Comprenez-vous? kom·prer·nay·voo

Je comprends. Je kom·pron

Je ne comprends pas. zher ner kom pron pa

I need an interpreter who speaks English.

J'ai besoin d'un interprète de langue anglaise.

zhav ber zwun dun nun tair pret

der long ong·glay·zer

I'd like to practise
French.

Je voudrais parler en français.
Zher voo-dray par-lay on fron-s

French. zher voo-dray par-lay on fron-say

What does ... mean? Que veut dire ...?

ker ver deer ...

How do you pronounce Comment le prononcez-vous? ko-mon ler pro-non-say voo