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C'est combien?
[say koñbyañ]



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> 'POINT & SHOW' PICTURES

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BASIC CONVERSATION

GOODBYE/BYE! | AU REVOIR! [oh revwar]

Bye!	Au revoir [oh revwar]
See you later!	A tout à l'heure! [a toot-a-luhr]
See you tomorrow!	A demain! [a duhman]
See you soon!/Good night!	A bientôt! [a byañtoh]/Bonne nuit! [bon nwee]
It was nice to meet you.	J'ai été content/e m/f de faire votre/ta connaissance. [zjay aytay koñtaiñ/t duh fair votruh/ta konessonss]

PLEASE | S'IL VOUS/TE PLAÎT [seel voo/tuh play]

Could you do me a favour?	Est-ce que je peux vous demander un petit service? [ess-kuh zjuh puh voo duhmoñday uñ puhtee sairveess]
Can you help me, please?	Vous pouvez m'aider, s.v.p.? [voo poovay meday seel voo play]
May I?	Vous permettez? [voo pairmetay]
Don't mention it./ You're welcome.	Mais, je vous en prie. [may zjuh vooz-oñ pree]/ De rien. [duh reeyañ]
With pleasure!	Avec plaisir! [avek playzeer]

THANK YOU! | MERCI! [mairssee]

Thank you very much!	Merci beaucoup! [mairssee bohkoo]
Yes, thank you!	Merci, bien volontiers! [mairssee byañ voloñtyay]
No, thank you!	Non, merci! [noñ mairssee]
Thank you. The same to you!	Merci, vous de même/vous aussi! [mairssee voo duh mem/vooz-ohssee]
That's very kind of you, thank you.	C'est gentil, merci! [say zjontee, mairssee]

I'M SORRY! EXCUSEZ-MOI/EXCUSE-MOI! [exkuuzay-mwa/exkuuz-mwa]

I'm sorry (I'm late)!	Désolé/e m/f (d'arriver aussi tard)! [dayolay [dareevay ohssee tari]
What a pity!	Dommage! [domazj]

ALL THE BEST! | TOUS NOS VŒUX [too noh vuh]

Congratulations!	Toutes mes félicitations! [toot may fayleesseetassyon]
Happy birthday!	Bon anniversaire! [boñ-aneevairrsair]
Good luck!	Bonne chance! [bon shoñss]

COMPLIMENTS | COMPLIMENTS [koñpleemoñ]

How nice/lovely!	Très bien! [tray byañ]
That's wonderful/great!	C'est formidable! [say formeedabluh]
You speak very good English.	Vous parlez très bien anglais. [voo parlay tray byañ oñglay]
You're looking well!	Vous avez bonne mine. [vooz-avay bon meen]
I think you're very nice.	Je vous trouve très sympathique. [zjuh voo troov tray sañpateek]

beautiful	beau [boh]
excellent	excellent [exeloñ]
friendly	aimable [emabluh]
impressive	impressionnant [añprepsyonañ]
nice	sympa [sañpa]
pleasant	agréable [agrayabluh]
pretty	joli [zjolee]
tasty	délicieux [dayleessyuh]

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE



Insider Tips

► Bonjour Monsieur Dupont

Don't try to be friendly with your neighbours on holiday by using their names ... it's impolite to use the surnames of casual acquaintances in France. Stick with *Bonjour Madam*, *Bonjour Monsieur* [boñzjoor madam/muhssyuh] (Bonjour = "hello"; lit: "good day") – it's much easier, anyway.

► Only You

Unlike English, French has two ways of saying 'you': the informal *tu* [tuu] and the formal *vous* [voo]. Young people and friends use *tu* when talking to each other. If you don't know which one to go for, you're always safe using *vous* – people will tell you if they want you to use *tu* with them instead. (A final rule: *tu* is singular, *vous* is plural.)

► I Say Hello

You can't really go wrong saying *Bonjour* [boñzjoor] in France – the more colloquial *Salut* [saluu] should only be used with good acquaintances and friends or among young people. When you get to know someone better, you'll start to greet each other with *bises* [beez] ("kisses") on both cheeks. Whether you kiss two, three or four times depends very much on the region you're in and the people you're with. After saying hello, the next thing you'll inevitably hear is *Comment allez-vous/vas-tu?* [komoñt-alay-voo/va-tuu] or the more familiar *Ça va?* [sa va] ("how's it going?"). Simply answer *Ça va* [sa va] or *Très bien, merci* [tray byañ, mairssee] ("very good, thanks") – no matter how you actually feel.



➤ A CULINARY ADVENTURE

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FOOD & DRINK

GOING FOR A MEAL | ALLER MANGER [alay moŋzjay]

Is there... here?
a good restaurant
a restaurant serving
local specialities
I would like to reserve a
table for (four) for this
evening, please.
Is this table free?

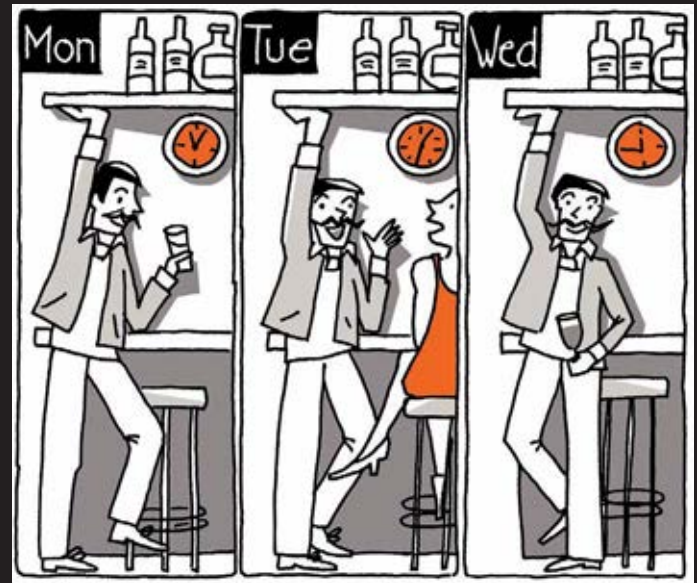
Vous pourriez m'indiquer ... [voo pooryay maŋdeekay]
un bon restaurant [uñ boñ resstoron]
un restaurant typique
[uñ resstoron teepeek]
Je voudrais retenir une table pour ce soir pour
(quatre) personnes, s.v.p. [zjuh voodray ruhtneer uun
tabluh poor suh swar poor (katruh) pairsson, seel voo play]
Est-ce que cette table est libre?
[ess-kuh set tabluh ay leebru]

A table for (two/three),
please.
Do you have a (non)smoking
area?
Where are the toilets, please?
Enjoy your meal!
Cheers!
The food is/was great!
I'm full, thank you.
Do you mind if I smoke?

Je voudrais une table pour (deux/trois) personnes,
s.v.p. [zjuh voodray uun tabluh poor (duh/trwa) pairsson, seel voo play]
Vous avez un espace (non)fumeurs?
[vooz-avay uñ-nesspass (noñ)fuumuhr]
Où sont les toilettes, s.v.p.? [oo soñ lay twalet seel voo play]
Bon appétit! [boñ-napaytee]
A votre santé./A la vôtre. [a votruh soñtay/a la vohtruh]
Ce repas est/était excellent. [suh ruhpa et/aytay exelotñ]
Non, merci. Je n'ai plus faim. [noñ mairsee zjuh nay pluu fañ]
Ça vous dérange si je fume? [sa voo dayroñzj see zjuh fuum]

a regular
(lit: a bar pillar)

un pilier de bar [uñ pilyay duh bar]



> WORDS GONE WILD

When your dictionary fails you and everyone seems to be talking gobbledegook, you've most likely been plunged headfirst into the wonderful world of slang.

WARNING! SLANG

BECOME AN INSIDER

Who hasn't been in this situation: you've made some contacts in a foreign land and are excitedly listening to your new friends chatting away – but their speech is littered with mysterious words that quite simply leave you in the dark. That's because there's a world of difference between the language you'll find in the dictionary and the language people actually use on the street. But don't panic: over the next few pages, we'll plunge you headfirst into the lingo that's spoken in cafés, clubs, bars, shops, hotels and hostels, and show you the way people talk when they're chatting on the bus, on the train, and in the lively

squares of villages, towns and cities. We've tracked down all the most authentic, essential and downright funniest slang expressions to give you some all-important insider knowledge. But beware: there are some phrases that are better left unsaid! Also, bear in mind that slang is often a very local affair and that pronunciation can vary from region to region. But with a bit of patience, you'll be able to get a handle on all the different regional dialects and listen in on what everyone has to say.

Have fun reading this chapter and broadening your vocabulary!

**Insider
Tips**