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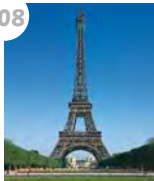
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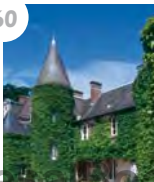
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INTRODUCTION

This book provides all the key words and phrases you are likely to need in everyday situations. It is grouped into themes, and key phrases are broken down into short sections, to help you build a wide variety of sentences. A lot of the vocabulary is illustrated to make it easy to remember, and “You may hear” boxes feature questions you are likely to hear. At the back of the book there is a menu guide, listing about 500 food terms, and a 2,000-word two-way dictionary. Numbers and the most useful phrases are listed on the jacket flaps for quick reference.

Nouns

All French nouns (words for things, people, and ideas) are masculine or feminine. The gender of singular nouns is usually shown by the word for “the”: **le** (masculine) and **la** (feminine). These change to **l’** before a vowel. The plural form is **les**. You can look up the gender of words in the French–English dictionary at the back of the book.

Adjectives

Most French adjectives change endings according to whether they describe a masculine or feminine, singular or plural word. In this book the singular masculine form is shown first, followed by the singular feminine form:

I am lost

Je suis perdu/perdue

“You”

There are two ways of saying “you” in French: **vous** (polite form and plural) and **tu** (familiar). In this book we have used **vous**, which is normal with people you don’t know.

Verbs

Verbs change according to whether they are in the singular or plural. In phrases where this happens, the singular form of the verb is followed by the plural form:

Where is/are...?

Où se trouve/trouvent...?

Pronunciation guide

Below each French word or phrase in this book, you will find a pronunciation guide in italics. Read it as if it were English and you should be understood, but remember that it is only a guide and for the best results you should listen to native speakers and try to mimic them. Some French sounds are different from those in English, so take note of how the letters below are pronounced.

a, à, â	like a in father
au	like o in over
c	before a, o, and u, like k in kite before e and i, like s in Sun
ç	like s in Sun
cc	like cc in accident
ch	like sh in ship
e, eu	like u in puff
è, ê, e	like e in fetch
e, ez, er	like ay in play
g	before a, o, and u, like g in get before e, i, and y, like s in leisure
h	silent
i	like ee in feet
j	like s in leisure
o	like o in toll
oi	like wa in wag
ou	like oo in shoot
qu	like k in kite
r	rolled at the back of the throat
u	like ew in dew
ui	like wee in between
w	like v in van

ESSENTIALS

In this section, you will find the essential words and useful phrases you need for basic everyday situations and for getting to know people. Be aware of cultural differences when you are addressing French people, and remember that they tend to be quite formal when greeting each other, using *Monsieur* for men, *Madame* for women and *Mademoiselle* for girls and younger women, and often shaking hands.



GREETINGS

Hello	Bonjour <i>bohnjoor</i>
Good evening	Bonsoir <i>bohnswar</i>
Goodnight	Bonne nuit <i>bonn nwee</i>
Goodbye	Au revoir <i>oh ruhwwar</i>
Hi/bye!	Salut! <i>sahlew</i>
Pleased to meet you	Enchanté/Enchantée <i>ohnshohntay</i>
How are you?	Comment ça va? <i>komohn sah vah</i>
Fine, thanks	Bien, merci <i>byahn mairsee</i>
You're welcome	De rien <i>düh ryahn</i>
My name is...	Je m'appelle... <i>juh mahpel</i>
What's your name?	Vous vous appelez comment? <i>voo voo zahpuhlay komohn</i>
What's his/her name?	Comment s'appelle-t-il/elle? <i>komohn sahpel teel/tel</i>
This is...	C'est... <i>say</i>
Nice to meet you	Au plaisir <i>oh playzeer</i>
See you tomorrow	À demain <i>ah duhmahn</i>
See you soon	À bientôt <i>ah byahntoh</i>

SMALL TALK

Yes/no	Oui/Non <i>wee/nohn</i>
Please	S'il vous plaît <i>seel voo play</i>
Thank you (very much)	Merci (beaucoup) <i>mairsee (bohko)</i>
You're welcome	De rien <i>duh ryahn</i>
OK/fine	D'accord/Bien <i>dahkohr/byahn</i>
Pardon?	Pardon? <i>pardohn</i>
Excuse me	Excusez-moi <i>exkewzay mwa</i>
Sorry	Désolé/désolée <i>dayzolay</i>
I don't know	Je ne sais pas <i>juh nuh say pah</i>
I don't understand	Je ne comprends pas <i>juh nuh kohnprohn pah</i>
Could you repeat that?	Vous pouvez répéter? <i>voo poovay raypaytay</i>
I don't speak French	Je ne parle pas français <i>juh nuh parl pah frohnsay</i>
Do you speak English?	Vous parlez anglais? <i>voo parlay ohnglay</i>
What is the French for...?	Comment dit-on... en français? <i>komohn dee tohn... ohn frohnsay</i>
What's that?	Qu'est-ce que c'est? <i>kes kuh say</i>
What's that called?	Ça s'appelle comment? <i>sah sahpel komohn</i>
Can you tell me...	Vous pouvez me dire... <i>voo poovay muh deer</i>

TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF

I'm from...	Je viens de... <i>juh vyahn duh</i>
I'm...	Je suis... <i>juh swee</i>
...English	...anglais/anglaise <i>ohnglay/ohnglaiz</i>
...American	...américain/américaine <i>ahmaireekahn/ahmaireeken</i>
...Canadian	...canadien/canadienne <i>kanadyahn/kanadyen</i>
...Australian	...australien/australienne <i>ohstrahlyahn/ohstrahlyen</i>
...single	...célibataire <i>sayleebahtair</i>
...married	...marié/mariée <i>maryay</i>
...divorced	...divorcé/divorcée <i>deevohrsay</i>
I am...years old	J'ai...ans <i>jay...ohn</i>
I have...	J'ai <i>jay</i>
...a boyfriend/girlfriend	...un copain/une copine <i>uhn kohpahn/ewn kohpeen</i>

You may hear...

- **D'où venez-vous?**
doo vuhnay voo
Where are you from?
- **Vous êtes marié/mariée?**
voo zayt maryay
Are you married?
- **Vous avez des enfants?**
voo zavay day zohnfohn
Do you have children?



SOCIALIZING

Do you live here?	Vous habitez ici? <i>voo zahbeetay eesee</i>
Where do you live?	Vous habitez où? <i>voo zahbeetay oo</i>
I am here...	Je suis ici... <i>juh swee eesee</i>
...on vacation	...en vacances <i>ohn vahkohns</i>
...on business	...pour affaires <i>poor ahfair</i>
I'm a student	Je suis étudiant/étudiante <i>juh swee aytewdyohn/ aytewdyohnt</i>
I work in...	Je travaille dans... <i>juh trahvaeey dohn</i>
I am retired	Je suis retraité/retraîtée <i>juh swee ruhtraytay</i>
May I have...	Je peux avoir... <i>juh puh awwar</i>
...your telephone number?	...votre numéro de téléphone? <i>vohtr newmairo duh taylayfon</i>
...your email address?	...votre adresse email? <i>vohtr ahdress email</i>
It doesn't matter	Ce n'est pas grave <i>suh nay pah grahv</i>
Cheers	Santé! <i>sohntay</i>
Are you alright?	Ça va? <i>sah vah</i>
I'm OK	Ça va <i>sah vah</i>
What do you think?	Qu'est-ce que vous en pensez ? <i>kes kuh voo zohn pohnsay</i>

LIKES AND DISLIKES

I like/love...	J'aime/j'adore... <i>jaym/jahdohr</i>
I don't like...	Je n'aime pas... <i>juh naym pah</i>
I hate...	Je déteste... <i>juh daytest</i>
I rather/really like...	J'aime bien/j'aime beaucoup... <i>jaym byahn/jaym bohkoo</i>
Don't you like it?	Vous n'aimez pas ça? <i>voo naymay pah sah</i>
I would like...	J'aimerais... <i>jaymuhray</i>
I'd like this one/that one	Je voudrais celui-là/celui-ci <i>juh voodray suhlwee lah/ suhlwee see</i>
My favorite is...	Mon préféré, c'est... <i>mohn prayfayray say</i>
I prefer...	Je préfère... <i>juh prayfayr</i>
It's delicious	C'est délicieux <i>say dayleesyuh</i>
What would you like to do?	Qu'est-ce que vous voulez faire? <i>kes kuh voo voolay fair</i>
I don't mind	Ça m'est égal <i>sah may taygahl</i>

You may hear ...

- **Vous faites quoi dans la vie?**
voo fet kwa dohn lah vee
What do you do?
- **Vous êtes en vacances?**
voo zayt ohn vahkohns
Are you on vacation?



DAYS OF THE WEEK

What day is it today?

Quel jour sommes-nous
aujourd'hui?
kel joor sohm noo
ohjoordwee

Sunday

dimanche
deemohnsh

Monday

lundi
luhndee

Tuesday

mardi
mardee

Wednesday

mercredi
maircruhdee

Thursday

jeudi
juhdee

Friday

vendredi
vohndruhdee

Saturday

samedi
samdee

today

aujourd'hui
ohjoordwee

tomorrow

demain
duhmahn

yesterday

hier
eeyair

in...days

dans...jours
dohn...joor

THE SEASONS



le printemps
luh prahntohn
spring



l'été
laytay
summer

MONTHS

January	janvier <i>johnvyay</i>
February	février <i>fayvreeyay</i>
March	mars <i>mars</i>
April	avril <i>ahvreel</i>
May	mai <i>may</i>
June	juin <i>jwahn</i>
July	juillet <i>jweeyay</i>
August	août <i>oot</i>
September	septembre <i>sayptohnbr</i>
October	octobre <i>ohktohbr</i>
November	novembre <i>nohvohnbr</i>
December	décembre <i>daysohnbr</i>



l'automne
lohtonn
fall



l'hiver
leevair
winter

TELLING THE TIME

What time is it?

Quelle heure est-il?
kel uhr ay teel

It's nine o'clock

Il est neuf heures
eel ay nuhvuhr

...in the morning

...du matin
dew mahtahn

...in the afternoon

...de l'après-midi
duh lahpray meedee

...in the evening

...du soir
dew swar



une heure

ewn uhr
one o'clock



une heure dix

ewn uhr dees
ten past one



une heure et quart

ewn uhr ay kar
quarter past one



une heure vingt

ewn uhr vahn
twenty past one



une heure et demie

ewn uhr ay duhmee
half past one



deux heures moins le quart

duh zuhr mwahn luh kar
quarter to two



deux heures moins dix

duh zuhr mwahn dees
ten to two



deux heures

duhzuhr
two o'clock

It's noon/midnight	Il est midi/minuit <i>eel ay meedee/meenwee</i>
second	la seconde <i>lah suhgohnd</i>
minute	la minute <i>lah meenewt</i>
hour	l'heure <i>luhr</i>
a quarter of an hour	un quart d'heure <i>uhn kar duhr</i>
half an hour	une demi-heure <i>ewn duhmee uhr</i>
three-quarters of an hour	trois quarts d'heure <i>trwa kar duhr</i>
late	tard <i>tar</i>
early	tôt <i>toh</i>
soon	bientôt <i>byahntoh</i>
What time does it start?	À quelle heure ça commence? <i>ah kel uhr sah komohns</i>
What time does it finish?	À quelle heure ça finit? <i>ah kel uhr sah feenee</i>

You may hear ...

- **À plus tard.**
ah plew tar
See you later.
- **Vous êtes en avance.**
voo zayt ohn nahvohns
You're early.
- **Vous êtes en retard.**
voo zayt ohn ruhtar
You're late.

