

50 Essential French Phrases for Beginners

1. **Bonjour (Good morning/Hello)** - A standard greeting used in both formal and informal settings.

Example: "Bonjour, comment ça va?" (Hello, how are you?)

2. **Bonsoir (Good evening)** - A greeting used in the evening in both formal and informal situations.

Example: "Bonsoir, Madame." (Good evening, ma'am.)

3. **Salut (Hi/Bye)** - An informal greeting or farewell.

Example: "Salut, ça va?" (Hi, how's it going?)

4. **Au revoir (Goodbye)** - A polite way to say goodbye.

Example: "Au revoir, à demain!" (Goodbye, see you tomorrow!)

5. **Merci (Thank you)** - To express gratitude.

Example: "Merci pour le cadeau." (Thank you for the gift.)

6. **Merci beaucoup (Thank you very much)** - To emphasize appreciation.

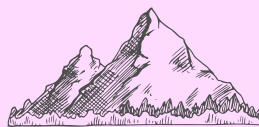
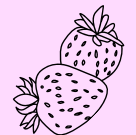
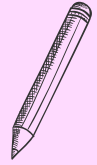
Example: "Merci beaucoup pour votre aide." (Thank you very much for your help.)

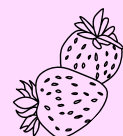
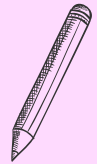
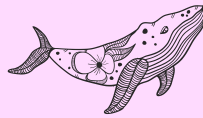
7. **De rien (You're welcome)** - A polite response to someone who thanked you.

Example: "Merci pour le café." "De rien." (Thank you for the coffee. You're welcome.)

8. **S'il vous plaît (Please - formal)** - A polite request in a formal context.

Example: "Pourriez-vous me passer le sel, s'il vous plaît?" (Could you pass me the salt, please?)





9. S'il te plaît (Please - informal) - A polite request in an informal context.

Example: "Passe-moi le sucre, s'il te plaît." (Pass me the sugar, please.)

10. Excusez-moi (Excuse me - formal) - To get someone's attention, apologize, or make your way through a crowd.

Example: "Excusez-moi, pourriez-vous me dire où se trouve la gare?" (Excuse me, could you tell me where the train station is?)

11. Excuse-moi (Excuse me - informal) - Informal version of "Excusez-moi."

Example: "Excuse-moi, tu pourrais m'aider avec ça?" (Excuse me, could you help me with this?)

12. Pardon (Pardon/Sorry) - To apologize for a minor mistake or inconvenience, or to ask someone to repeat what they said.

Example: "Pardon, je n'ai pas compris." (Sorry, I didn't understand.)

13. Comment ça va? (How are you?) - A common way to ask someone how they are doing.

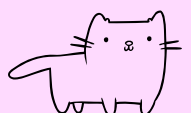
Example: "Salut, comment ça va?" (Hi, how are you?)

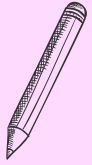
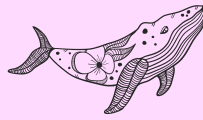
14. Comment allez-vous? (How are you? - formal) - A more formal way to ask someone how they are doing.

Example: "Bonjour, Madame Martin, comment allez-vous?" (Hello, Mrs. Martin, how are you?)

15. Je m'appelle... (My name is...) - To introduce yourself and share your name.

Example: "Je m'appelle Pierre. Enchanté." (My name is Pierre. Nice to meet you.)





16. Enchanté(e) (Nice to meet you) - To express that you are pleased to meet someone.

Example: "Je m'appelle Sophie. Enchantée." (My name is Sophie. Nice to meet you.)



17. Oui (Yes) - An affirmative response.

Example: "Est-ce que tu veux venir au cinéma avec moi?" "Oui!" (Do you want to come to the movies with me? Yes!)



18. Non (No) - A negative response.

Example: "Tu aimes les épinards?" "Non." (Do you like spinach? No.)



19. Comment tu t'appelles? (What's your name? - informal) - To ask someone's name in an informal context.

Example: "Comment tu t'appelles?" "Je m'appelle Julie." (What's your name? My name is Julie.)



20. Comment vous appelez-vous? (What's your name? - formal) - To ask someone's name in a formal context.

Example: "Comment vous appelez-vous?" "Je m'appelle Monsieur Dupont." (What's your name? My name is Mr. Dupont.)



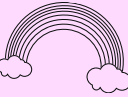
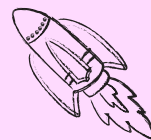
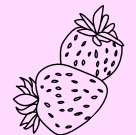
21. Ça va? (How's it going?) - A casual way to ask someone how they are doing.

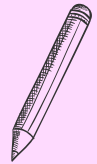
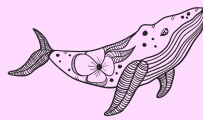
Example: "Salut, ça va?" "Oui, ça va bien, merci." (Hi, how's it going? Yes, I'm fine, thank you.)



22. D'accord (Alright/OK) - To express agreement or understanding.

Example: "On se retrouve à 19h?" "D'accord." (We'll meet at 7 PM? Alright.)





23. Je ne sais pas (I don't know) - To express uncertainty or lack of knowledge.

Example: "Où est la bibliothèque?" "Je ne sais pas." (Where is the library? I don't know.)



24. Je ne comprends pas (I don't understand) - To indicate that you don't understand something.

Example: "Je ne comprends pas cette phrase." (I don't understand this sentence.)



25. Pouvez-vous répéter, s'il vous plaît? (Can you repeat, please? - formal) - To ask someone to repeat something in a formal context.

Example: "Pouvez-vous répéter, s'il vous plaît?" (Can you repeat, please?)



26. Peux-tu répéter, s'il te plaît? (Can you repeat, please? - informal) - To ask someone to repeat something in an informal context.

Example: "Peux-tu répéter, s'il te plaît?" (Can you repeat, please?)



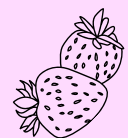
27. Parlez-vous anglais? (Do you speak English? - formal) - To ask if someone speaks English in a formal context.

Example: "Parlez-vous anglais?" "Oui, un peu." (Do you speak English? Yes, a little.)



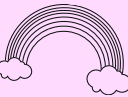
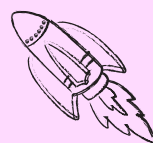
28. Tu parles anglais? (Do you speak English? - informal) - To ask if someone speaks English in an informal context.

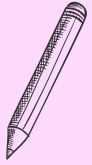
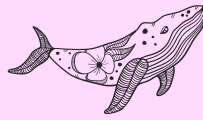
Example: "Tu parles anglais?" "Oui, assez bien." (Do you speak English? Yes, quite well.)



29. Combien ça coûte? (How much does it cost?) - To inquire about the price of something.

Example: "Combien ça coûte, ce sac?" (How much does this bag cost?)





30. Où sont les toilettes? (Where is the bathroom?) - To ask for the location of the restroom.

Example: "Où sont les toilettes, s'il vous plaît?" (Where is the bathroom, please?)

31. À tout à l'heure (See you later) - To say goodbye when you expect to see someone later the same day.

Example: "Je vais au magasin. À tout à l'heure!" (I'm going to the store. See you later!)

32. À bientôt (See you soon) - To say goodbye when you expect to see someone again soon.

Example: "Au revoir, à bientôt!" (Goodbye, see you soon!)

33. À demain (See you tomorrow) - To say goodbye when you plan to see someone the next day.

Example: "Bonne soirée, à demain!" (Have a good evening, see you tomorrow!)

34. Quelle heure est-il? (What time is it?) - To ask for the current time.

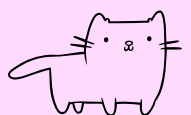
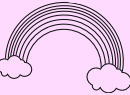
Example: "Quelle heure est-il?" "Il est 3 heures de l'après-midi." (What time is it? It's 3 PM.)

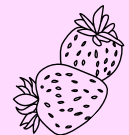
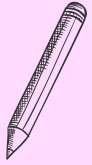
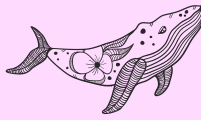
35. Comment dit-on... en français? (How do you say... in French?) - To ask for the translation of a word or phrase.

Example: "Comment dit-on 'apple' en français?" "On dit 'pomme'." (How do you say 'apple' in French? It's 'pomme'.)

36. J'aimerais... (I would like...) - To express a preference or desire for something.

Example: "J'aimerais une tasse de thé, s'il vous plaît." (I would like a cup of tea, please.)





37. Je voudrais... (I would like...) - Another way to express a preference or desire for something.

Example: "Je voudrais un billet pour Paris, s'il vous plaît." (I would like a ticket to Paris, please.)

38. C'est bon (It's good) - To express satisfaction or approval.

Example: "Tu as goûté ce gâteau?" "Oui, c'est bon!" (Have you tasted this cake? Yes, it's good!)

39. Je suis fatigué(e) (I am tired) - To express that you are tired.

Example: "Je suis fatigué, je vais me coucher." (I am tired, I'm going to bed.)

40. Je suis désolé(e) (I am sorry) - To apologize for a mistake or inconvenience.

Example: "Je suis désolé, je suis en retard." (I am sorry, I am late.)

41. Je t'aime (I love you) - To express love or affection for someone.

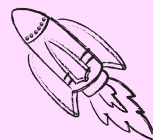
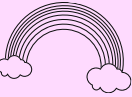
Example: "Je t'aime, mon amour." (I love you, my love.)

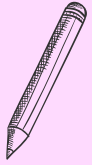
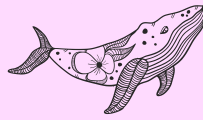
42. Il fait beau (The weather is nice) - To describe pleasant weather.

Example: "Il fait beau aujourd'hui, n'est-ce pas?" (The weather is nice today, isn't it?)

43. Il fait froid (It's cold) - To describe cold weather.

Example: "Il fait froid ce matin!" (It's cold this morning!)





44. Il fait chaud (It's hot) - To describe hot weather.
 Example: "Il fait chaud cet après-midi, allons à la plage." (It's hot this afternoon, let's go to the beach.)



45. C'est loin? (Is it far?) - To ask about the distance to a destination.
 Example: "C'est loin, la gare?" "Non, c'est à 10 minutes à pied." (Is the train station far? No, it's a 10-minute walk.)



46. C'est près? (Is it near?) - To ask about the proximity of a destination.
 Example: "C'est près, l'épicerie?" "Oui, juste au coin de la rue." (Is the grocery store near? Yes, just around the corner.)



47. Où se trouve...? (Where is... located?) - To ask for the location of a place.
 Example: "Où se trouve le musée d'Orsay?" (Where is the Orsay Museum located?)



48. Qu'est-ce que c'est? (What is it?) - To inquire about the nature or identity of something.
 Example: "Qu'est-ce que c'est, ça?" "C'est une écharpe." (What is this? It's a scarf.)



49. Je voudrais réserver une table (I would like to reserve a table) - To make a reservation at a restaurant.
 Example: "Je voudrais réserver une table pour deux personnes à 20h, s'il vous plaît." (I would like to reserve a table for two people at 8 PM, please.)



50. L'addition, s'il vous plaît (The check, please) - To request the bill at a restaurant.
 Example: "L'addition, s'il vous plaît." (The check, please.)

