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## Basic french phrases for travel pdf

If you would like to learn some French phrases for an upcoming trip to France, it is a good idea to learn some stock French phrases that you can use throughout your trip as well as some French phrases that are specific to situations that come about with travel. The French will appreciate your efforts to speak their language, so being able to speak even a little bit of French will get you very far. Basic French Phrases These French phrases are important at all times. You will say them a lot and will be seen as very polite for doing so! French English 1. Pardon. Pardon me. / Excuse me. 2. Merci. Thank you. 3. S'il vous plait. Please. 4. Je vous en prie. / De rien. You're welcome. Arrivals When you arrive in France, it is good to know these French phrases for making your way around. Of course, #5 is another that is useful all the time. French English 5. Bonjour ! / Bonsoir ! Hello! / Good evening! 6. Où se trouve un bureau de change / currency exchange desk? 7. J'aimerais changer X dollars / livres / yen en euros. I would like to change X dollars / pounds / yen into Euros. 8. Il est X heures. It is X o'clock. (Remember the 24-hr. clock is used in France.) 9. Où sont les toilettes / Where is the washroom? 10. J'aimerais un / une ... s'il vous plait. I would like a ... please. (Note: when you are asking for something, it never hurts to end it by saying "please") 11. Oui. J'ai mon passeport. Yes, I have my passport. Hotel When you get to your hotel, you can sort out your accommodations with these French phrases. French English 12. Je m'appelle ... My name is ... 13. Quel est le mot de passe pour le réseau sans fil / What's the password for [your] wireless connection? 14. Est-ce que je pourrais avoir la clef / clé de ma chambre / Could I have the key to my room? 15. J'aimerais une chambre à un lit. I'd like a room with one bed. 16. Nous avons réservé une chambre d'hôtel. We have reserved a hotel room. 17. Nous avons x valises. We have [insert # here] suitcases. 18. Où est-ce que je peux brancher mon portable / Where can I plug in / connect my phone / mobile? 19. Ma batterie est à plat. My battery's dead. 20. Le restaurant / café / bar est à quel étage / The restaurant / café / bar is on which floor? Métro Although the Paris metro is relatively easy to navigate, being numbered and color-coded and more modern than the New York subway, for instance, figuring it out will be easier if you are able to ask directions. Of course, understanding the answers is also useful. French English 21. Où se trouve le métro / Where's the subway / metro / underground? 22. J'aimerais un billet simple / hebdomadaire / mensuel. I'd like a single ride / weekly pass / monthly pass. 23. Quelle station est la station de correspondance pour cette ligne / Which station is the transfer station for this line? 24. Où est-ce qu'il faut changer de train / Where should I change trains? Dans la rue While you are navigating the streets of France on foot, it is useful to be able to communicate with people you see on the street, rather than completely rely on your mobile device, which might lose battery power and go to gasp 0%, especially since the charger you've brought with you might need a converter in France. French English 25. Est-ce que vous parlez [insert name of language here] / Do you speak [insert name of language here]? 26. Pourriez-vous parler plus lentement? Could you speak more slowly? 27. Je ne comprends pas. I don't understand. 28. Pourriez-vous répéter / Could you repeat [that]? Sightseeing Here are some French phrases that will help you when you are taking in the sights. French English 29. On va prendre un taxi. We'll take a taxi. 30. Le musée est à droite/ à gauche / tout droit. The museum is to the right, to the left, straight ahead. 31. On prendra trois places pour le concert. We'll take three seats for the concert. 32. C'est au coin de la rue. It's at the corner [of the street]. 33. Il faut traverser la rue. We need to cross the street. Chance encounters If you do happen to meet someone on your trip, or if you are into dating apps, these phrases might be useful. Let's assume you've gotten to know the person in question enough to use the informal "you" form. French English 34. Est-ce que je pourrais avoir ton numéro de téléphone / Could I have your phone number? 35. Tu aimerais regarder un film / sortir ce soir / aller au restaurant / Would you like to see a movie? go out this evening? go to a restaurant? 36. Est-ce que tu aimes danser / Do you like to dance? Restaurant ... and if you end up at a restaurant ... French English 37. Une table pour deux, s'il vous plait. A table for two, please. 38. Je prendrais les escargots. I'll take the escargots. 39. L'addition, s'il vous plait. [Just] the check, please. 40. Est-ce qu'il y a de la viande (dans ce plat) / Does this dish have any meat? For the quintessential tourist activity - or when you're scrambling to find gifts to bring back from your trip ... French English 41. C'est combien / How much [is this]? 42. Est-ce que je pourrais l'essayer / Could I try it on? 43. Je prendrais ... [insert name of item] I'll take ... [insert name of item] 44. Je peux payer en espèces. I can pay cash. 45. J'ai de la monnaie. I have change. 46. Prenez-vous les cartes de crédit? / cartes bleues? Do you take credit cards? Departures And, finally, when it is time to leave ... French English 47. Au revoir / Goodbye! 48. Mon vol est à x heures. My flight is at x o'clock. 49. Je suis en retard / I'm late! 50. Non, je n'ai pas de marchandises périssables. No, I don't have any perishable items. (While a simple "non" would suffice, it is good to recognize what you are being asked in this situation, so we have here a full sentence to study.) Enjoy your time in France, don't be afraid to use these French phrases, as they will be greatly appreciated, and have a great trip! [ ] [ ] Learn to Speak French Fluently and Effectively If you are up for more challenges, train with Glossika before you leave for your trip. And have no problem holding conversations with the locals during your stay. Glossika uses sentence patterns to help you internalize grammatical structures. Our spaced repetition audio training also gets your mouth muscles familiar with speaking French. You'll learn to communicate in real-life situations, and achieve fluency by training your speaking and listening! You May Also Like: Are you learning French? Would you love to chat to French speakers with ease, without stumbling over your words?Getting to a decent level in any language takes time because there's a lot of vocabulary you need to learn. But, one big shortcut you can use at the beginning is to work out which words and expressions you are likely to need right from the start and focus on those. And the good news is you don't have to worry about it doing it for yourself - because I've done it for you!Here's my list of the 79 essential French phrases you need to start speaking right away.Thanks to these common French phrases, you'll know exactly what to say in your first conversations with native speakers.They'll serve you for your first interactions and well into the future.By the way, if you want to learn French fast and have fun while doing it, my top recommendation is French Uncovered which teaches you through StoryLearning®.With French Uncovered you'll use my unique StoryLearning® method to learn French naturally through story... not rules. It's as fun as it is effective.If you're ready to get started, click here for a 7-day FREE trial.Anyway, back to our common French phrases.... let's discover what they are!Before We Get StartedBefore we dive into the phrases themselves, there are a couple of need-to-knows about French that'll help you make the most of this list of common French phrases.French PronunciationI've included an approximate guide for how to pronounce each of the phrases in this post based on phonetic English. Although this is no substitute for listening to recordings or native speakers pronouncing the words, it'll help you get started.I've used 'j' to represent the French 'j' sound. But be aware that in French, it has a soft pronunciation, not like the English 'j' in 'John'.For a more detailed look at dive into pronunciation, you can check out my comprehensive French pronunciation guide.A Note On 'Tu' And 'Vous'French, like many other languages, has two ways to say "you" depending on your level of familiarity with the person you are speaking to. The basic rule is: When you're speaking to strangers, especially people who are older than you, you should use vous. When you're speaking to someone you are on familiar terms with or when you speak to children, you can use tu.In my list, I've given the form you are most likely to need for that each phrase. Where you might need either, I've included both.Finally, in very informal spoken French, tu es and tu as can be abbreviated to 'es and 'as respectively. While this might not be considered strictly "correct", it is quite common.So I've used this form in my list for a couple of the more informal expressions to show where you might come across it.By the way, if you're interested in informal language, you can also check out this post on 23 colloquial French phrases for impressing the locals.Common French Greetings You Already Know First, let's look at the basic greetings in French. These are fairly simple. And you no doubt already know at least some of them.#1 Bonjour ! - Hello! (the standard greeting in French)#2 Bonsoir ! - Good evening! (replaces bonjour in the evening)#3 Salut ! - Hi! (a more informal greeting)#4 Enchanté(e) ! - Nice to meet you! (a standard expression when meeting someone for the first time)Common French Phrases For Continuing The ConversationAfter greeting someone, you'll want to move the conversation on with some small talk. Here are a few of the standard questions and answers.#5 Ça va ? - How are you? (the basic way to enquire how someone is)#6 Ça roule ? - How's it going? (a much more informal way to ask the same question, to be used with people you are on very informal terms with)#7 Comment vas-tu/comment tu vas / Comment allez-vous / - How are you? (a slightly more elegant version of ça va / ? in both the formal and informal forms)(komon va too, komon tallay voo) - the 'n' is nasal and not pronounced strongly#8 Ça va/je vais bien - I'm well (the first version is the same as the question but with different intonation. The second is another way to say it)#9 Et toi / - And you?#10 Ça va le travail/le boulot/le taf / - How's work? (boulot and taf are much more informal words for "work" that you may hear)(sa va luh tra vai, luh boe low, luh taf - the last syllable of travail rhymes with "eye")#11 Comment va ton père / Ton père va bien / - How's your father? (two ways to express this)(komon va ton pair, ton pair va byan)#12 Tu fais quoi comme travail/c'est quoi ton travail / - What's your job?/What work do you do? (can also be used with the vous form)(too fay kwah kom tra vai/say kwah ton tra vai)Must-Know French Phrases For Being Polite Next, here are the basic expressions of courtesy that you need to know right from the start.#13 Merci Be Careful!(ah ton sion, fay/et ah ton sion)#36 Au secours ! - Help! French Question WordsLearning the basic question words can get you a long way, even if you don't know much else of the language. Here they are in French:#37 Quoi ? - What?#38 Quand ? - When?#39 Qui ? - Who?#40 Comment ? - How?#41 Combien ? - How many?#42 Où ? - Where?#43 Pourquoi ? - Why?#44 Quel(le) ? - Which? (this question word agrees with the noun. The four possible forms are quel, quelle, quels, quelles - but they are all pronounced exactly the same)Check out this post on forming questions in French for more details on how to ask questions correctly.Common French QuestionsOK, so now you know the essential French question words. But what about using them to form real questions? Here are some of the most common French questions you're likely to ask or be asked.#45 Comment tu t'appelles / (tu t'appelles comment ?) - What's your name? (the first one, you are more likely to find in a textbook - the second is more likely in spoken French) (komon too tappel, too tappel komon)#46 Quel âge as-tu / (t'as quel âge ?) - How old are you? (the same here - the first version is the "textbook" form, the second is more common in informal spoken French)(kel aj ah too, too ah kel aj)#47 Quelle heure est-il / (il est quelle heure ?) - what's the time (both forms are possible, the second is more common in informal spoken French)(kel er et il/ill ay kell er)#48 C'est combien / Ça coûte combien / - How much is it? How much does that cost?(say kom byan, sa coot kom byan)#49 Tu viens d'où /?/t'es d'où ? - Where do you come from?/where are you from?#50 Tu comprends / - Do you understand? (make the question with intonation)#51 Tu parles anglais/français / - Do you speak English/French? (spoken, informal version - make the question with intonation)(too pah! ong glai/ron say)#52 Parlez-vous anglais/français / - Do you speak English/French? (formal, polite version)(parlay voo ong glai/ ron say)#53 Où est la salle de bains /?/Où sont les toilettes / - Where is the toilet/(too ay lah sal duh ban/oo son lay twah le)Important Answers In French Here are some indispensable expressions for giving information about yourself as well as answering some other basic questions in French.#54 Je m'appelle... - My name's... (the standard expression)#55 Je suis (Roger/Irlandais(e)/professeur) - I'm Roger/Irish/a teacher (can be used to give your name, nationality, job or many others)(juh swee roh jay/ear lon day/ear lon days/proh feh subr)#56 J'ai 30 ans - I'm 30 (literally, "I have 30 years" - and note that you must not omit ans at the end or the sentence won't make sense)#57 Je viens d'Ecosse/je suis d'Ecosse - I come from Scotland/(juh ven dekkoss/juh swee duh lekoss)#58 Oui - Yes#59 Non - no#60 Peut-être - Maybe#61 Tout le temps/tous les jours - All the time/every day(too luh ton/too lay jour)#62 Parfois, des fois - sometimes#63 Jamais - Never#64 Bien sûr - Of course!(byan sure - pronounced with an 's' sound and not a 'sh')Simple French Phrases For Special OccasionsIf you're lucky and make some French friends, you may even be invited to some special occasions in France. Here are the phrases you'll need for those situations.#65 Amuse-toi bien ! Amusez-vous bien ! - Have fun!(ah myooz twah byan, ah myoozay voo byan)#66 Bon voyage ! - Have a good trip!#67 Bonnes vacances ! - Have a good holiday!#68 Bon appétit ! - Bon appétit! (note that the final 't' is not pronounced in French - and nor should it be in English for that matter!)#69 Félicitations ! - Congratulations!#70 Bienvenue ! - Welcome!#71 Joyeux anniversaire ! - Happy birthday!(jway uh zannee ver sair)#72 Joyeux Noël ! - Happy/merry Christmas!#73 Bonne année ! - Happy New Year!Essential French Expressions For Saying GoodbyeFinally, here are a few useful phrases for saying goodbye.#74 Au revoir ! - Good bye! (the standard phrase)#75 Bonne journée ! - Good day! (the feminine form of bonjour is used at the end of a conversation)#76 Bonne soirée ! - Good evening! (again, the feminine form of bonsoir is used)#77 Bonne nuit ! - Good night!#78 À bientôt ! - See you soon!#79 À demain ! - See you tomorrow!Never Get Lost For Words In French AgainSo there you are! 79 common French phrases to help you take your first steps in your new language.You'll be amazed by how far these greetings, questions and basic courtesy phrases will get you in your first conversation with a French speaker.With this list, you'll be able to greet a French speaker politely, introduce yourself, get to know them better and deal with any problems that might come up.So now, all that remains is for you to go find someone to talk to in French. Armed with this list, you'll never be lost for words again.And maybe, it might just be the start you need to go on to learn to speak French fluently!If you're at beginner or false beginner level in French and want to learn to speak the language confidently, then I recommend my French Uncovered course. 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