

# Des phrases utiles en Français

To hand back on September 11th

Listen to these phrases using the attached MP3 file and practice out loud. Then, memorize them to be ready to use them in your very first French class at SEM! Bienvenue!

1. Est-ce que je peux aller aux toilettes? Can I go to the bathroom?
2. Je peux aller à \_\_\_\_\_ ? Can I go to \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Est-ce que je peux chercher de l'eau? Can I get a drink of water?
4. Est-ce que je peux parler en Anglais? Can I speak English?
5. Comment dit-on \_\_\_\_\_ en Français? How do you say \_\_\_\_\_ in French?
6. Moins vite, s'il-vous-plaît. Slower please.
7. Je comprends. I understand.
8. Je ne comprends pas. I don't understand.
9. Quoi? / Comment? What? / Huh?
10. J'ai une question. I have a question.
11. Répétez s'il-vous-plaît Repeat please.
12. Qu'est-ce que ça veut dire? What does it mean?

**Essayez.** Match the French to the English to test your comprehension after having memorized the expressions.

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| ___ 1. Est-ce que je peux aller aux toilettes? | a. What does it mean?              |
| ___ 2. Qu'est-ce que ça veut dire?             | b. Slower please.                  |
| ___ 3. Est-ce que je peux chercher de l'eau?   | c. I have a question.              |
| ___ 4. Est-ce que je peux parler en Anglais?   | d. Repeat please.                  |
| ___ 5. Comment dit-on _____ en Français?       | e. How do you say _____ in French? |
| ___ 6. Moins vite, s'il-vous-plaît.            | f. I understand.                   |
| ___ 7. Je comprends.                           | g. What? / Huh?                    |
| ___ 8. Je ne comprends pas.                    | h. Can I go to the bathroom?       |
| ___ 9. Quoi? Comment?                          | i. Can I speak English?            |
| ___ 10. J'ai une question.                     | j. Can I get a drink of water?     |
| ___ 11. Répétez, s'il-vous-plaît.              | k. I don't understand.             |

# Plus de phrases utiles

Listen to the second MP3 file and keep practicing out loud. Then, memorize these expressions.

1. Je sais.I know.
2. Je ne sais pas. I don't know.
3. J'ai oublié.I forgot.
4. Pardon/Je suis désolé(e)I'm sorry.
5. Pardon/Excusez-moiExcuse me. (To get by someone.)
6. Est-ce que je peux emprunter \_\_\_\_?Can I borrow \_\_\_\_?
7. Bonne chance!Good luck!
8. Bon courage!Good luck! (hang in there!)
9. Tant mieux!Good for you!
10. Tant pis/C'est dommageToo bad
11. Vraiment?Really?
12. Merci!Thank you!
13. Bon travail.Well done.
14. Regardez!Check it out!
15. Superbe !Magnificent!
16. Excellent!Excellent!
17. Fantastique!Fantastic!
18. Merveilleux!Marvelous!
19. Génial!Great!
20. Super!Super!
21. Cool!Cool!
22. Oh mon Dieu!Oh my gosh!
23. Par exemple...For example...
24. AussiAlso
25. EncoreAgain
26. FinalementFinally
27. Les devoirsHomework
28. Le quizQuiz
29. L'examenTest
30. Bonne journée!I hope you (you all) have a good day.
31. A demain!See you tomorrow!

**Ecrivez.** Write the correct sentence in French

1. Your teacher is speaking very quickly. Ask her to slow down.

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2. You want to know how to say the word “banana” in French.

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3. Your teacher asks you if you understand and you do!

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4. Even though you wish you could wait until class is over, you NEED to go to the bathroom.

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5. You ran out of paper and you need to ask to borrow a sheet of paper.

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6. You are trying to walk to the front of the room, but a classmate is in the way.

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7. You raised your hand, but then you *forgot* what you wanted to say.

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8. Your teacher asks you a question, but you do not know the answer.

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9. Your teacher keeps saying the word “devoirs”. Ask what it means in English.

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10. You want to know how to spell “bonjour”.

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11. You have a question during French class and have tried EVERYTHING...“Je ne comprends pas”, “J’ai une question”, “Qu’est-ce que ça veut dire” and even tried to ACT OUT your question. Your teacher still does not understand what you want to know. As a last resort, you decide to ask permission to speak English.
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## The Yous of French: And There are Two!

You may have noticed that some of the “Survival French” expressions are “formal” or “informal/singular”. In French, there are two ways to say “you”:

- **Use Tu** . . . when you are talking to one person (**singular**) who you know very well (**informal**.) It is a more relaxed way of talking to a friend, family member, or a pet.
- **Use Vous** when you are talking to an adult you don’t know well (**formal**). This could be a friend of your parents, a waitress, a salesperson, or the President. It is important to show proper respect when speaking French. Many French teachers expect that you will speak to them formally, but American teachers are more casual. You may use “tu” with Mme Michaud and Mme Fisher at first, or if you forget the Vous form later. If you are ever in doubt, use “Vous”!
- **Use Vous.** . . when you are talking to more than one person (**plural**), even if you know them very well.

⑦ Imagine that you are speaking to the following people. Should you be formal or informal? Are you talking to one person (singular) or more than one person (plural)?

	Formal	Informal	Singular	Plural
1. Mrs Marlette or Mme Fisher				
2. Your best friend				
3. Your parents				
4. Your dog				
5. Your waitress				
6. Your doctor				
7. Your classmates				

8. Your dentist				
9. A favorite aunt				
10. A teacher in France				

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