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Beginning Conversational French

Lesson 6: Accommodations

Lesson 6 Introduction

Learning Objectives

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After completing this lesson you will be able to:

1. Identify and apply French vocabulary for staying at a hotel.
2. Identify and apply French vocabulary for staying at a youth hostel.
3. Identify and apply French vocabulary for camping.
4. Respond with a negative in French.

Introduction

Lodging

Welcome back! We're going to talk about lodging. You've made it off the plane, and you've found your way to your new temporary home. Now you need to register, find your room, and make yourself at home.

In this lesson, you'll learn vocabulary and dialogues for all sorts of lodging options. In chapter 2, you'll learn about hotels. Hotels are the most popular place for tourists to stay, so we'll spend the most time on them. We'll learn how to conjugate the verb **vouloir** because there are probably going to be a lot of things that you're going to want from the hotel employees.

In chapter 3, you'll find out how to talk about other places to stay. First, you'll learn about youth hostels. Then we'll move on to apartments, resorts and castles.

Finally, you'll learn about requesting special items and information. We're also going to learn how to use the negative so that you will be able to address any problems of not having things that might arise, which seems to be inevitable when you travel. Anyone ever forgotten their toothbrush? Or run out of toilet paper in the bathroom of the place where you are staying? Well, no fears, you're going to learn how to ask for these things in French.

Along the way, we'll discuss how hotels are rated in France. Also, floors in a building are numbered differently in different parts of the world. We'll spend some time talking about how they're numbered so you can find your way around.

Get ready to learn about lodging! Don't worry. You don't need a reservation for this one!

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Chapter 1: Hotels

Hotels

Hotels

Let's learn how to talk to hotel employees! Would you prefer a room overlooking the pool?

The most common place for tourists to stay is in a hotel. They're everywhere! Be sure to ask about specifics, such as the bathroom and if breakfast is included.

Some hotel rooms don't have private bathrooms. Rooms with a private bath can have a toilet, shower, bathtub, or all of these features. If you're concerned about a private bath with specific amenities, request one.

In France, hotels are rated on a scale of one to five stars. The number of stars that a hotel has is based on how many amenities it has, rather than the quality of the amenities. A higher number of stars does not necessarily mean that it is a better hotel, just that it has more amenities and services. Hotels with more stars are often more expensive, since you will be paying for the extra amenities. So do your research to be sure that you are getting what you want in a hotel.

Hotel Vocabulary

Hotel Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
l'hôtel	{loh-tehl} Play audi	hotel
enregistrer	{an-ruh-zhee-stray} Play audi	to check in
la note	{lah-noht} Play audi	bill
la chambre	{lah-shanbr} Play audi	single room
l'adulte	{lah-doolt} Play audi	adult
l'enfant	{lan-fan} Play audi	child
la salle de bains	{lah-sahl-duh-bin} Play audi	bathroom
les toilettes	{lay-twah-leht} Play audi	toilet
le papier hygiénique	{luh-pah-pyay-ee-zhuh-neek} Play audi	toilet paper
le w-c	{luh-vay-say} Play audi	water closet

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
la douche	{lah-doosh} Play audi	shower
le lit	{luh-lee} Play audi	bed
la serviette	{lah-sehr-vyeht} Play audi	towel
le drap	{luh-drahp} Play audi	sheet
le téléphone	{luh-tay-lay-fohn} Play audi	telephone

Translations

Conjugation Corner: vouloir

When you are traveling, there are many things that you are going to want to have, especially when it comes to amenities in a hotel room. Therefore, you are going to want to learn the verb vouloir, which means to want to. Vouloir is an irregular verb, so it is one of the ones that you are going to need to learn.

Here's how it is conjugated:

Text equivalent start.

je veux {juh-vuh}

nous voulons {noo-voo-lon}

tu veux {too-vuh}

vous voulez {voo-voo-lay}

il/elle veut {eel/ehl-vuh}

ils/elles veulent {eel/ehl vuhl}

Text equivalent stop.

Now let's look at how you might want to use this verb to get what you want.

Text equivalent start.

Topic	Information
Je veux une chambre avec une salle de bain privée s'il vous plaît {juh-vuh-oon-shanbr-ah-vehk-oon-sahl-duh-bin-pree-vay-seel-voo-pleh}.	I want a room with a private bath please.
Nous voulons **la chambre pour trois** s'il vous plaît {noo-voo-lon-lah-shanbr-por-twah- seel-voo-pleh}.	We want a room for three please.
Je veux m'enregistrer s'il vous plaît. {juh-vuh-man-reh-gee-stray-seel-voo-pleh}.	I would like to check in please.
Voulez-vous que je paie la note maintenant ? {voo-lay-voo-kuh-juh-pay-lah-not-min-tan-an}?	Do you want me to pay the bill now?

Read the topic in the first column. Then read the second column for the information.

Text equivalent stop.

Hotel Dialogues

Hotel Reservation Dialogue

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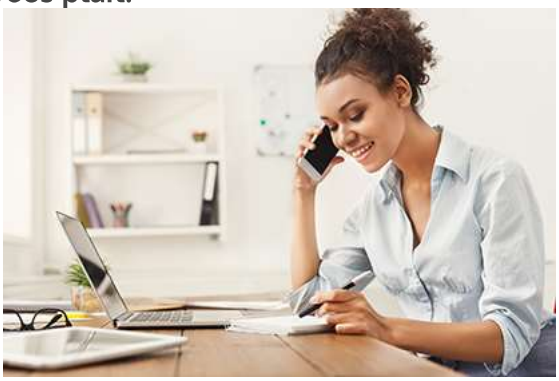
Madame:

Je voudrais réserver une chambre, s'il vous plaît.



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Pronounciation: *zhuh-voo-dray-ray-zehr-vay-oon-shanbr seel-voo-play*

Translate

I'd like to reserve a room, please.

Monsieur:

Combien de personnes?

▶ Play audio

Pronounciation: *kon-byen-duh-pehr-son?*

Translate

For how many people?

Dialogue One: Hotel Reservation

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Deux adultes et un enfant.

▶ Play audio

Pronounciation: *duh-zah-doolt-ay-an-an-fan*

Translate

Two adults and a child.

Monsieur:

Quand est-ce que vous arriverez?

▶ Play audio

Pronounciation: *kan-tehs-kuh-voo-zah-reev-ray?*

Translate

When will you be arriving?

Dialogue One: Hotel Reservation

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Slideshow Slide 3 starts here

Madame:

Le treize juin.

Play audi

Pronounciation: *luh-trehz-zhwin*

Translate

June 13.

Monsieur:

Quand est-ce que vous quitterez l'hôtel?

Play audi

Pronounciation: *kan-tehs-kuh-voo-kee-tay-ray-loh-tehl?*

Translate

When will you be checking out?

Dialogue One: Hotel Reservation

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

Slideshow Slide 4 starts here

Madame:

Le vingt-trois juin.

▶ Play audio

Pronounciation: *luh-vin-twah-zhwin*

Translate

June 23.

Dialogue One: Hotel Reservation

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Hotel Check In Dialogue

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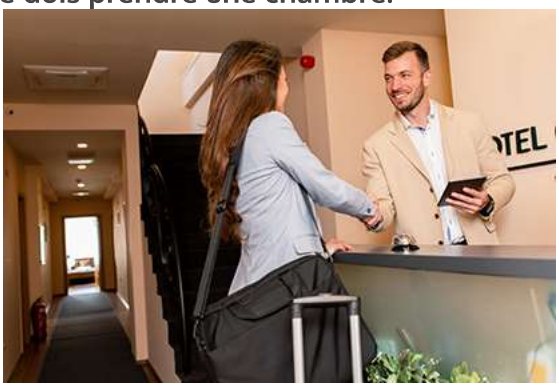
Madame:

Je dois prendre une chambre.



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Pronounciation: *zhuh-dwah-pran-druh-oon-shanbr*

Translate

I need to check in.

Monsieur:

Avez-vous une réservation?

Play audio

Pronounciation: *ah-vay-voo-zoon-ray-sehr-vah-syon?*

Translate

Do you have a reservation?

Dialogue Two: Hotel Check In

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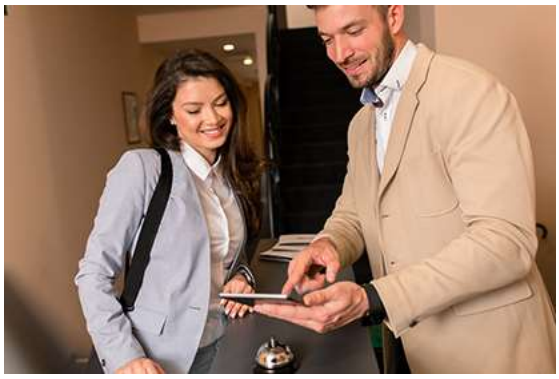
Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Oui.



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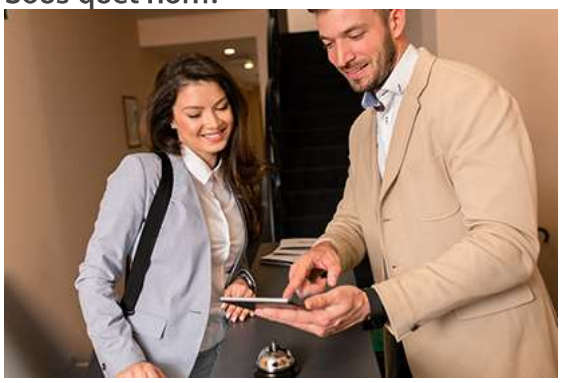
Pronounciation: *wee*

Translate

Yes

Monsieur:

Sous quel nom?



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Pronounciation: *soo-kehl-non?*

Translate

Under what name?

Dialogue Two: Hotel Check In

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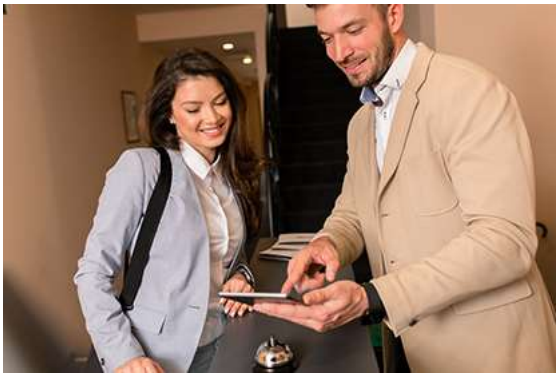
Madame:

Chirac.



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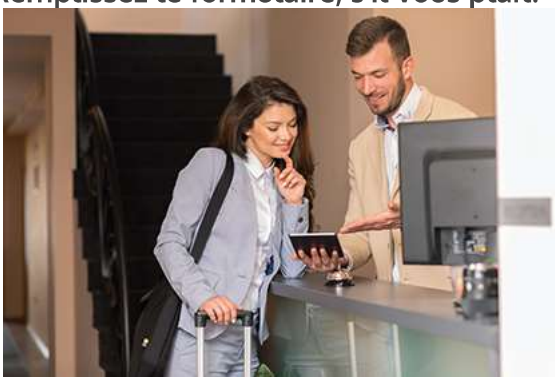
Pronounciation: *shee-rahk*

Translate

Chirac.

Monsieur:

Remplissez le formulaire, s'il vous plaît.



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Pronounciation: *ran-plee-say-luh-fohr-moo-layr-seel-voo-play*

Translate

Please fill out this form.

Dialogue Two: Hotel Check In

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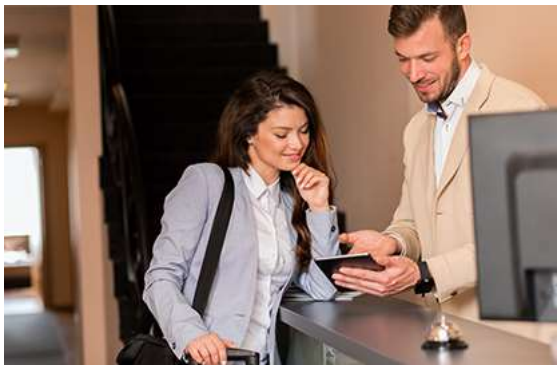
Slideshow Slide 4 starts here

Madame:

D'accord.



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Pronounciation: *dah-kohr*

Translate

OK

Dialogue Two: Hotel Check In

Slideshow Slide 4 ends here

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Madame:

Est-ce que je peux prendre ma clé?

Play audi

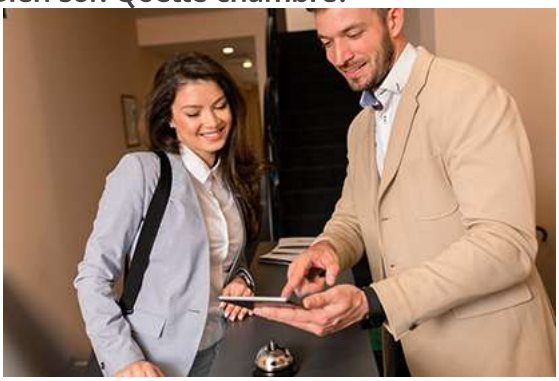
Pronounciation: *ehs-kuh-zhuh-puh-prandr-mah-klay?*

Translate

May I pick up my key?

Monsieur:

Bien sûr. Quelle chambre?



Play audi

Pronounciation: *byen-soor. kehl-shanbr?*

Translate

Of course. What room?

Dialogue Three: Hotel Check In

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Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Numéro quatre cents soixante-huit.

▶ Play audio

Pronounciation: *noo-may-roh-katr-san-swah-zant-wee*

Translate

Number 468.

Dialogue Three: Hotel Check In

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Travel Journal

Different countries have different methods for numbering floors in a building. For example, in the United States, when you step off the sidewalk into a building, you're standing on the first floor. If you go up one level, you're on the second floor.

In Great Britain, France, and most of Europe, you step off the sidewalk onto the ground floor. If you go up one level, you're on the first floor.

Julies's Travel Journal

One of the things that was kind of hard for me to get used to when I traveled in France was how they number the floors in buildings. When I stayed in a hotel in Nice with a group of other exchange students, the concierge told me that the restaurant was on the first floor. Well, I walked all over (what I thought was) the first floor and couldn't find it. I walked back up to the front desk to ask again. He told me to take the stairs and pointed over to them. I then realized that the French first floor is what I am used to calling the second floor – I had been walking around searching for it on the RC. I learned that in France, the ground floor of a building is called **le rez de chaussée**, which literally translates as level with the road. So, when you want to go down to the lobby, you must press the button that says RC. In fact, to be called a floor (**l'etage**), there must be elevation involved, so **le premier étage** (the first floor) is what we Americans would call the second floor. Fascinating stuff, isn't it?!

Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
l'étage	{lay-tahzh} ▶ Play audi	floor
le rez de chaussée	{luh-ray-duh-shoh-say} ▶ Play audi	ground floor
le premier étage	{luh-pruhm-yay-ay-tahzh} ▶ Play audi	first floor

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
le deuxième étage	{luh-duh-zyehm-ay-tahzh}	second floor
	▶ Play audi	

Translations

Now you know all about reserving and staying at hotels. Let's talk about some other lodging options!

Chapter 2: Hostels, Apartments, Bed & Breakfasts and Resorts

Hostels

Hostels, Apartments, Bed & Breakfasts and Resorts

Hotels aren't the only places to stay. Lots of people enjoy off-the-beaten-path lodging. In this chapter, you'll learn about youth hostels, rental apartments, bed & breakfasts and a few other interesting choices.

Youth hostels are just about the most inexpensive places to stay. Even though the word *youth* is in their name, they're not just for young people. People of any age, couples and families can all stay in youth hostels. Some have different areas for men and women and some have rooms set aside for couples and families.

Youth hostels don't have many fancy amenities. They're clean and inexpensive, though and they're perfect for the traveler on a tight budget. Some people love the special *ambiance* of youth hostels! They can be a wonderful place to interact with other travelers as opposed to tourists.

You need to become a member of **International Youth Hostels** to be able to stay in them. See the Resources for Further Learning section for this lesson for a link to their site.

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
l'auberge de jeunesse	{loh-behrzh-duh-zhun-ehs} ▶ Play audi	youth hostel
la carte d'adhérent	{lah-kahrt-dah-day-ran} ▶ Play audi	member card

Translations

Ready for dialogues? Here we go!

Hostel Dialogue

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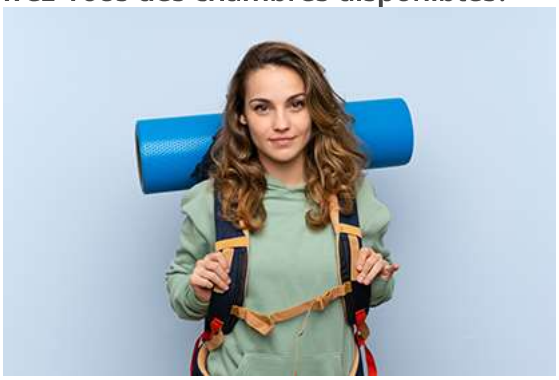
Madame:

Avez-vous des chambres disponibles?



▶ Play audi

Pronunciation: *ah-vay-voo-day-shanbr-dee-spoh-neebl?*

Translate

Do you have any vacancies?

Monsieur:

Oui.

▶ Play audi

Pronunciation: *wee*

Translate

Yes.

Dialogue Four: Hostel

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Quel est le prix pour une nuit?

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *keh-leh-luh-pree-pour-oon-nwee?*

Translate

How much is it per night?

Monsieur:

Douze euros.

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *doo-zoe-roh*

Translate

Twelve euros.

Dialogue Four: Hostel

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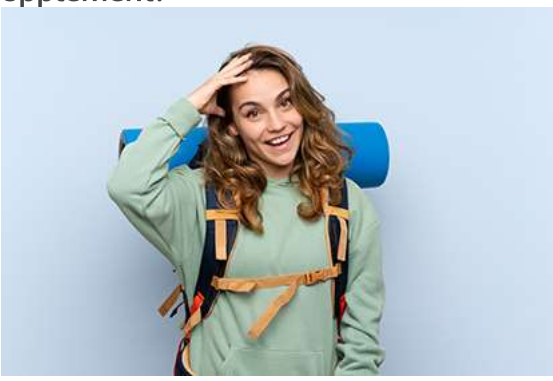
Slideshow Slide 3 starts here

Madame:

Est-ce que les linges sont en supplément?



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Pronounciation: *ehs-kuh-lay-linzh-son-tan-soo-play-man?*

Translate

Are linens extra?

Monsieur:

Oui. Les linges coûtent cinq euros par nuit..

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *wee. lay-linzh-koot-sink-oe-roh-pahr-nwee.*

Translate

Yes. They cost five euros per night.

Dialogue Four: Hostel

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

Slideshow Slide 4 starts here

Madame:

D'accord. Voici dix-sept euros.

▶ **Play audio**

Pronounciation: *dah-kohr. vwah-see-dee-seht-oe-roh*

Translate

OK. Here's seventeen euros.

Dialogue Four: Hostel

Slideshow Slide 4 ends here

Slideshow Slide 5 starts here

Monsieur:

Pouvez-vous m'indiquer le chemin à ma chambre?

▶ Play audi

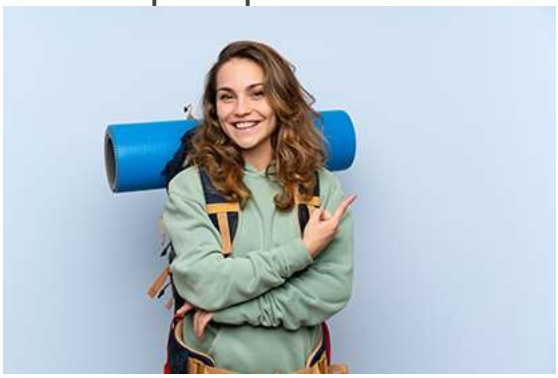
Pronounciation: *poo-vay-voo-man-dee-kay-luh-shuh-min-ah-mah-shanbr?*

Translate

Which way is my room?

Madame:

Les hommes restent au premièr étage, et les femmes restent au deuxième étage. Prenez n'importe que lit.



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Pronounciation: *lay-zohm-rehst-oh-pruh-myay-ay-tahzh-ay-lay-fahm-rehst-oh-duh-zyehm-ay-tahzh. pruh-nay-nin-pohrt-kuh-lee*

Translate

Men are on the first floor and women are on the second floor. Take any free bed.

Dialogue Four: Hostel

Slideshow Slide 5 ends here

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Monsieur:

Où sont les toilettes?

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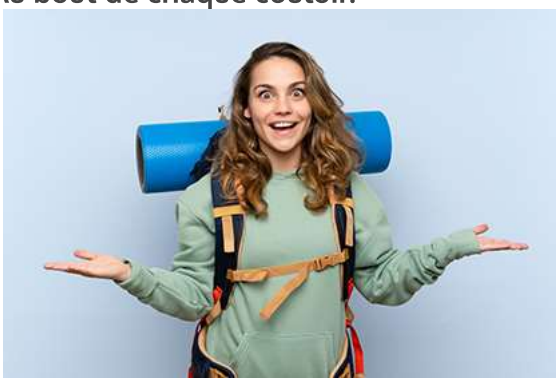
Pronounciation: *oo-son-lay-twah-leht?*

Translate

Where are the bathrooms?

Madame:

Au bout de chaque couloir.



▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *oh-boo-duh-shahk-koo-lwahr*

Translate

At the end of each hall.

Dialogue Five: Hostel

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Apartments, Bed & Breakfasts and Resorts

If you're looking for a *home away from home* atmosphere, you can rent apartments. There are services that rent apartments and they can help you find one to fit your needs. As with any short-term rental, let the buyer beware. Investigate the rental service and insist on seeing photos of the property. Ask about any hidden charges, such as key fees, utilities and cleaning charges. Apartment rentals are usually rather expensive. But, if you're looking for a great view of the Eiffel Tower, apartments can't be beat!

Rental Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
l'appartement	{lah-pahr-tuh-man} ▶ Play audi	apartment
le gaz	{luh-gahz} ▶ Play audi	gas

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
l'électricité	{lay-lehk-tree-see-tay} ▶ Play audi	electricity
l'eau	{loh} ▶ Play audi	water
la taxe	{lah-taks} ▶ Play audi	tax
la clé	{la-klay} ▶ Play audi	key

Translations

Let's learn some apartment dialogues!

Apartment Dialogues

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Madame:

Je voudrais louer un appartement.

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *zhuh-voo-dray-loo-ay-an-ah-pahr-tuh-man*

Translate

I'd like to rent an apartment.

Monsieur:

Combien de chambres?

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *kon-byen duh shanbr?*

Translate

How many bedrooms?

Dialogue Six: Apartment

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Une chambre.

Play audio

Pronounciation: *oon-shanbr*

Translate

One bedroom.

Monsieur:

Pour combien de temps?

Play audio

Pronounciation: *poor-kon-byen-duh-tan?*

Translate

For how long?

Dialogue Six: Apartment

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Slideshow Slide 3 starts here

Madame:

Pour une semaine.

Play audi

Pronounciation: *poor-oon-suh-min*

Translate

One week.

Monsieur:

D'accord. Je vérifierai la disponibilité.

Play audi

Pronounciation: *dah-kohr. zhuh vay-ree-fee-ay-lah-dee-spon-ee-beel-ee-tay*

Translate

OK. I'll check availability

Dialogue Six: Apartment

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

A nice *in between* option is a bed & breakfast. They're homey, personal and breakfast is included!

Bed and Breakfast Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
la chambre d'hôte	{lah-shanbr-doht} Play audi	bed & breakfast
le petit déjeuner	{luh-puh-tee-day-zhuh-nay} Play audi	breakfast
la salle à manger	{lah-sahl-ah-man-zhay} Play audi	dining room

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
la cuisine	{lah-kwee-zeen} ▶ Play audi	kitchen
le salon	{luh-sah-lon} ▶ Play audi	lounge

Translations

Let's practice talking to owners of bed & breakfasts!

Bed and Breakfast Dialogue

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Madame:

Est-ce que vous permettez les enfants à votre chambre d'hôte?

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *ehs-kuh-voo-pehr-meh-tay-lay-zin-fan-ah-vohtr-shanbr-doht?*

Translate

Do you allow children at your bed & breakfast?

Monsieur:

Bien sûr! Nous adorons les familles!

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *byen-soor! noo-zah-dohr-on-lay-fah-meey!*

Translate

Of course! We love families!

Dialogue Seven: Bed and Breakfast

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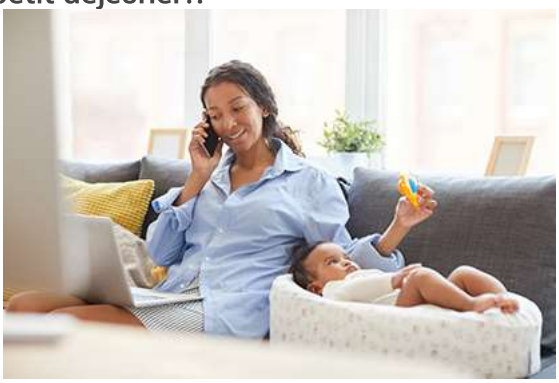
Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

A quelle heure est-ce que vous servez le petit déjeuner?.



Play audi

Pronounciation: *ah-keh-lur-ehs-kuh-voo-sehr-vay-luh-puh-tee-day-zhuh-nay?*

Translate

What time is breakfast?

Monsieur:

De sept heures à neuf heures.

Play audi

Pronounciation: *duh-seh-tur-ah-nuh-vur*

Translate

From 7:00 to 9:00.

Dialogue Seven: Bed and Breakfast

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

If you're looking for fancy accommodations, you've come to the right place! Now we're going to talk about all-inclusive resorts and castles. Get ready to max out your credit cards!

Resort Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
la station	{lah-stah-syon} Play audi	resort
tout compris	{too-kon-pree} Play audi	all-inclusive

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
les repas	{lay-ruh-pah}	meals
	Play audi	
le château	{luh-shah-toh}	castle
	Play audi	

Translations

. Here are a few dialogues!

Resort Dialogues

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Madame:

J'aimerais réserver une chambre, s'il vous plaît.

Play audi

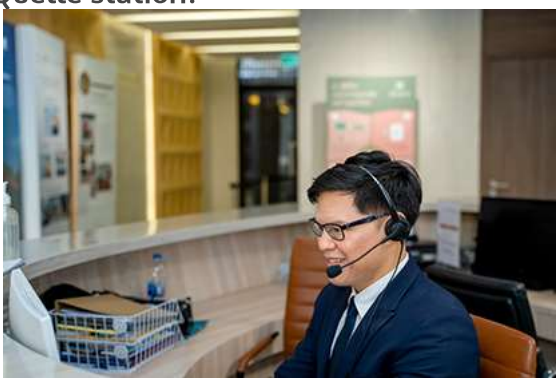
Pronounciation: *zhin--ray-ray-sehr-vay-oon-shanbr-seel-voo-play*

Translate

I'd like to make a reservation, please.

Monsieur:

Quelle station?



Play audi

Pronounciation: *kehl-stah-syon?*

Translate

Which resort?

Dialogue Eight: Resort

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Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Club Med.

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *kloob-mehd*

Translate

Club Med.

Monsieur:

On peut rester un, deux, ou trois semaines.

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *on-puh-reh-stay-an-duh-oo-twah-seh-min*

Translate

I have one, two, or three week packages.

Dialogue Eight: Resort

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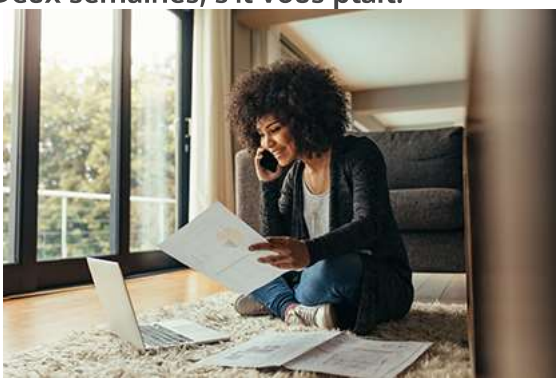
Madame:

Deux semaines, s'il vous plaît.



Play audi

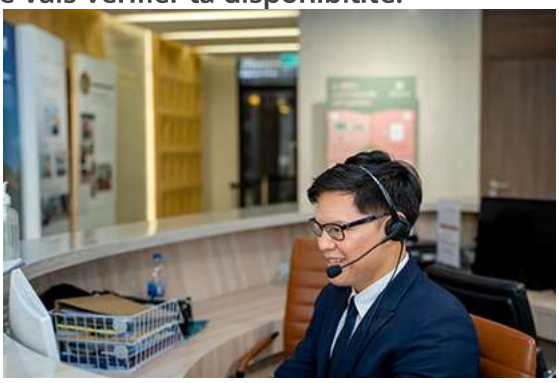
Pronounciation: *duh-seh-min-seel-voo-play*

Translate

Two weeks, please.

Monsieur:

Je vais vérifier la disponibilité.



Play audi

Pronounciation: *zhuh-vay-vay-ree-fee-ay-lah-dees-pon-ee-bee-lee-tay*

Translate

I'll check availability.

Dialogue Eight: Resort

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

Well, we've explored high-end accommodations. Now we're going to the opposite extreme. In the next chapter, you'll learn about camping. You'll also learn how to make special requests wherever you're staying.

Chapter 3: Camping and Special Requests

Camping Vocabulary and Dialogues

Camping and Special Requests

Get out your sleeping bags! We're going to talk about camping. Campsites in France are rated on a one- to four-star scale, just like hotels. Be sure to ask about specific amenities like gas and showers. Can't you hear the crickets chirping!

Camping Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
faire du camping	{fehr-doo-kan-peeng} Play audi	to camp
la tente	{lah-tant} Play audi	tent
le sac de couchage	{luh-sahk-duh-koo-shahzh} Play audi	sleeping bag
les sanitaires	{lay-san-ee-tayr} Play audi	bathrooms
les douches	{lay-doosh} Play audi	showers
le terrain de camping	{luh-the-rin-duh-kan-peeng} Play audi	campsite
le feu	{luh-fuh} Play audi	fire

Translations

Time for a dialogue about the great outdoors!

Camping Dialogue

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Madame:

Nous aimerions un terrain de camping, s'il vous plaît.

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *noo-zim-ree-on-an-tuh-rin-duh-kan-peeng-seel-voo-play*

Translate

We'd like a campsite, please.

Monsieur:

Combien de nuits?

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *kon-byen-duh-nwee?*

Translate

How many nights?

Dialogue Nine: Camping

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Seulement cette nuit. Ça coûte combien ?

▶ Play audio

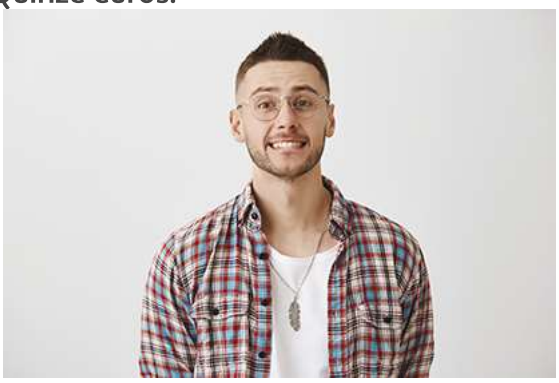
Pronounciation: *soo-luh-man-seht-nwee. Sah-koot-kon-byen?*

Translate

Just tonight. How much is it?

Monsieur:

Quinze euros.



▶ Play audio

Pronounciation: *kan-zoe-roh*

Translate

Fifteen euros.

Dialogue Nine: Camping

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Slideshow Slide 3 starts here

Madame:

D'accord. C'est bon!

▶ Play audio

Pronounciation: *dah-kohr. Seh-bon!*

Translate

OK. Sounds good!

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

Sometimes when you are traveling, you realize that you have forgotten something crucial, like your toothbrush or you run into a situation where the ice machine is broken in the hotel or the electricity goes out in the apartment that you are renting. In these situations you are going to need to know how to say "not" or a negative sentence, so let's take a look at how to do that.

Grammar Stop: Stating the Negative

To state the negative in French, you are going to put ne and pas around the verb. Let's look at some examples:

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Term	Definition
Je **n'**ai **pas** de brosse à dents. {juh-nay-pah-duh-brohs-ah-dan}	I don't have a toothbrush.
La machine à glaçons **ne** marche **pas.** {lah-mah-sheen-ah-glah-son-nuh-mahrsh-pah}	The ice machine isn't working
Il **n'**y a **pas** d'électricité. {eel-nee-ah-pah-day-lehk-tree-cee-tay.}	There isn't any electricity

Great Job!

You've reached the end of the flashcards.

Review these as much as you'd like before moving on.

Instructions: Consider each term in the first column and try to recall what it means. Then read the second column to check if you were right!

Text equivalent stop.

You know how to ask for campsites, hotel rooms, rates, bathroom information, and what to say when there isn't something. What if you need anything else? You've come to the right place!

Let's learn how to get the help we need! Here are three important phrases that you will want to learn for trying times like these.

Il n'y a pas... {eel-nee-ah-pah...} = There is no...

Je n'ai pas {juh-nay-pah ...} = I don't have...

Avez-vous... ? {ah-vay-voo...?} = Do you have?

Here is some vocabulary that you may want to know for interacting with the employees at your accommodations.

Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
la piscine	{lah-pee-seen} ▶ Play audi	pool
la machine à glaçons	{lah-mah-sheen-ah-glah-son} ▶ Play audi	ice machine
le réfrigérateur	{luh-ray-free-zhay-rah-tur} ▶ Play audi	refrigerator
le micro-onde	{lah-mee-kroh-ond} ▶ Play audi	microwave
le sèche-cheveux	{luh-sehsh-shuh-vuh} ▶ Play audi	hair dryer

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
la brosse à dents	{lah-brohs-ah-dan} Play audi	toothbrush
le dentifrice	{luh-dan-tee-frees} Play audi	toothpaste
le savon	{luh-sah-von} Play audi	soap
le shampooing	{luh-shan-pwan} Play audi	shampoo

Translations

Hotels in Europe have very helpful employees called a *concierge*. They can answer questions and assist you with any problems or special requests. Their services are free, and they know tons of information about their local areas. Take advantage of them! They'll give you terrific insider hints!

Here are some dialogues that you might want to have with the concierge.

Dialogue

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Madame:

Pouvez-vous me dire quel métro va à Euro-Disney?

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *poo-vay-voo-muh-deer-kehl-may-troh-vah-ah-oe-roh-deez-nee?*

Translate

Do you know which subway goes to Euro-Disney?

Monsieur:

Vous vous en trouveriez mieux de prendre le RER.

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *voo-voo-zan-troo-vehr-ee-ay-myuh-duh-prandr-luh-ayr-ay-ayr*

Translate

It's better to take the RER train.

Dialogue Ten: Hotels

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Quelle ligne?

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *kehl-leeny?*

Translate

Which line?

Monsieur:

Prenez la ligne A au fin, la station Marne la Vallée/Chessy.

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *pruh-nay-lah-leeny-ah-oh-fin-lah-stah-syon-mahrn-lah-vah-lay-shay-see*

Translate

Take line A to the end, Marne la Vallée/Chessy station.

Dialogue Ten: Hotels

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Slideshow Slide 3 starts here

Monsieur:

Quand est-ce qu'on ouvre?

Play audi

Pronounciation: *kan-ehs-kon-oovr?*

Translate

When do they open?

Madame:

On ouvre à neuf heures.

Play audi

Pronounciation: *on-oovr-ah-nuh-vur*

Translate

They open at 9:00.

Dialogue Ten: Hotels

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Madame:

Pouvez-vous me recommander quelque place de prendre un sandwich et une boisson?

Play audio

Pronounciation: *poo-vay-voo-muh-ruh-kon-man-day-kehl-kuh-plahs-duh-prand-ran-sand-veesh-ay-oon-bwah-son?*

Translate

Where's a good place to get a sandwich and beverage?

Monsieur:

Essayez le café en bas de la rue.

Play audio

Pronounciation: *eh-say-ay-luh-kah-fay-an-bah-duh-lah-roo*

Translate

Try the café down the street.

Dialogue Eleven: Hotels

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Est-ce qu'il y a des pharmacies ouvert à cette heure?

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *ehs-keel-ee-ah-day-fahr-mah-see-oo-vehr-tah-seh-tur?*

Translate

Are any pharmacies open this late?

Monsieur:

Il y a une juste au coin qui est ouvert jusqu'à à trois heures du matin.

▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *eel-ee-ah-oon-zhoos-toh-- -kwan-kee-eh-too-vehr-zhoo-kah--twah-zur-doo-mah-tin*

Translate

There's one just around the block that's open until 3:00.

Dialogue Eleven: Hotels

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Slideshow Slide 3 starts here

Madame:

Est-ce qu'on vend des calmants?

Play audi

Pronounciation: *ehs-kon-van-day-kahl-man?*

Translate

Do they sell pain relievers?

Monsieur:

Je suis sûr qu'on les vend.

Play audi

Pronounciation: *zhuh-swee-soor-kon-lay-van*

Translate

I'm sure they do.

Dialogue Eleven: Hotels

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

Do you feel like you're almost ready for a trip to France? Bien sûr? You've learned so much, haven't you? Keep up the good work!

Lesson 6 Review

Review

Let's Review!

In this lesson, you learned all about accommodations. You know how to talk about hotels, youth hostels, apartments, bed & breakfasts, resorts, and even castles! You'll be able to stay exactly where you want!

We've covered the full range of lodging options. Camping is a super-cheap way to travel. Of course, for you billionaires out there, only castles will do! Most people stay at the middle-of-the-road hotels.

Try to check out your accommodations as much as possible before you go. Get personal recommendations whenever you can. Otherwise, the Internet is very helpful.

Ask lots of questions when you make your reservations. Be sure you know the specifics of what you're getting for your money. It's a good idea to ask for a letter of confirmation. Be sure to take it with you on your trip! Proper planning can make vacations more relaxing.

In the next lesson, we're going to learn about food! Who doesn't love food?! We'll talk about restaurants, words for food items, and everyone's favorite, desserts! Practice your French! *A bientôt!*

Lesson 6 Assignment

Assignment

Part I- Listen to each of these important phrases and then record yourself saying them and play them back to see how you sound. Then using some of the vocabulary from this lesson, make them into complete sentences that say something you might need to say.

Il n'y a pas... {eel-nee-ah-pah...} = There is no...

▶ Play audi

Record Audio

Je n'ai pas {juh-nay-pah ...} = I don't have...

▶ Play audi

Record Audio

Avez-vous... ? {ah-vay-voo...?} = Do you have?

▶ Play audi

Record Audio

Text equivalent start.

Item to Match	Matching Choices	Correct Match
to check in	• l'hôtel • la chambre • enregistrer • la clé	• enregistrer
key	• le lit • la chambre • l'hôtel • la clé	• la clé
bed	• l'hôtel • le lit • vouloir • la tente	• le lit
hotel	• la chambre • la tente • le lit • l'hôtel	• l'hôtel
tent	• le lit • la clé • la chambre • la tente	• la tente
room	• le lit • la chambre • l'hôtel • vouloir	• la chambre
to want	• vouloir • le lit • l'hôtel • la clé	• vouloir

Instructions: Read the item in the first column and consider which choice(s) it matches to in the second column. Read the third column to find out if you are correct.

Text equivalent stop.

Lesson 6 Discussion Area

General Discussion

Please feel free to use the Discussion Area for this lesson to ask any questions that may have come to mind as you reviewed the lesson content or completed your assignment.

Discussion Activity

Please visit one of the sites in the Resources for Further Learning. Share an interesting fact that is related to this lesson. Please include which site you visited.

Lesson 6 Quiz

5 correct out of 5 questions

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1. Which of these is the ground floor of a hotel in France?

✓ A. le rez de chausseé

Correct!

B. le ménage

C. le deuxième étage

D. le premier étage

2. How do you say "youth hostel" in French?

A. le lit

✓ B. L'auberge de jeunesse

Correct!

C. la famille

D. le membre

3. Which of these show the correct way to state a negative in French (I don't have a toothbrush)?

A. J'ai ne pas de brosse à dents.

B. Je ne pas ai de brosse à dents.

✓ C. Je n'ai pas de brosse à dents.

Correct!

D. Je n'ai de brosse à dents.

4. How do you say "sleeping bag" in French?

✓ A. le sac de couchage

Correct!

B. le terrain de camping

C. le camping-car

D. les sanitaires

5. What is the name for a hotel employee who helps guests?

A. le stationnement

B. le coiffeur

C. l'assouplissant textile

✓ D. le concierge

Correct!

Lesson 6 Resources for Further Learning

Hostelling International (https://www.hihostels.com)

https://www.hihostels.com

Lots of information about youth hostels.

Clearinghouse for Hotels in France (http://www.france-hotels.net/)

http://www.france-hotels.net/

Helps you find hotel rooms in France.

Paris Hotel Star Ratings: What Do They Mean? (https://www.parisdiscoveryguide.com/paris-hotel-star-ratings.html)

https://www.parisdiscoveryguide.com/paris-hotel-star-ratings.html

In case you were wondering what the French stars for hotels really mean.

Gites de France (places to stay) (https://www.gites-de-france.com/en)

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In case you want to explore some places to stay in different cities in France (or just daydream) about your next trip, this is a fun site to explore.

All Inclusive Vacations in France (https://www.clubmed.us/d/europe-mediterranean/france)

https://www.clubmed.us/d/europe-mediterranean/france

To plan your next get away...

Best Castles to Rent in France (https://manorcastles.com/places/category/rent-entire-castle/france-1/)

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If you're planning a fancy get together, why not stay in a castle?

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