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Programme Notes

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Language Notes

s'il vous plaît ...	please	Used to attract the waiter's attention in a café
qu'est-ce que je vous sers?	what would you like?	Three ways the waiter or waitress may ask you what you would like to order.
qu'est-ce que vous désirez?	what would you like?	
qu'est-ce que vous voudriez?	what would you like?	
je prends ...	I'll have ...	Literally this means "I take ..."
je prends un verre de limonade	I'll have a glass of lemonade	
je prends une limonade	I'll have a lemonade	Note that it's <i>un verre de...</i> but <i>une limonade</i>
je voudrais encore un café	I'll have another coffee	
encore un verre de vin rouge, s'il vous plaît	another glass of red wine, please	
manger	to eat	
j'aime manger	I like to eat	
boire	to drink	
j'ai faim	I'm hungry	Literally this means "I have hunger"
avoir faim	to be hungry	Literally, "to have hunger"
j'ai soif	I'm thirsty	Literally, "I have thirst"
avoir soif	to be thirsty	Literally, "to have thirst"
on peut manger ici?	Can one eat here? Is it possible to eat here?	This question could be used in a café to find out if it's possible to order food in the café
fumer	to smoke	

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on peut fumer ici?	Can one smoke here? Is it possible to smoke here?	
un sandwich	sandwich	Most likely to be made of crusty baguette bread with a filling
un sandwich au jambon	ham sandwich	
un sandwich au fromage	cheese sandwich	
un sandwich au jambon et fromage	ham and cheese sandwich	
le jambon	ham	
le fromage	cheese	
un croque monsieur	cheese and ham toastie	
un croque madame	cheese and ham toastie with an egg on top	
des frites	chips, French fries	
l'addition	the bill, cheque	
l'addition s'il vous plaît	the bill, please	
bon appétit	enjoy your meal	
santé	cheers!	

Additional vocabulary

le petit déjeuner	breakfast	
le déjeuner	lunch	
le dîner	dinner	
c'est mon tour	It's my round	
qu'est-ce que tu prends?	What are you having?	Said to a friend, inviting him/her to have a drink or something to eat
les glaçons	ice cubes	
pas de glaçons, s'il vous plaît	no ice, please	
je t'offre un verre	let me buy you a drink	Informal - said to a friend
je vous offre un verre	let me buy you a drink	formal - said to a stranger
un morceau de ...	a piece of ...	



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