

In this edition:
ordering drinks
in a café

Lesson 15

Notes

Je voudrais un café

I'd like a coffee

Programme Notes

Welcome to Coffee Break French, the podcast aimed at independent learners of French. Our regular podcasts will introduce you to the French language in easy steps. These programme notes will help you get more out of each episode by explaining how words are written and giving you more information about each phrase along with some bonus vocabulary where appropriate.

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Language Notes

un café	coffee	<i>Café</i> is also the word used for "café" ie. the place you go to have a coffee!
un café au lait	a milky coffee / white coffee	
le lait	milk	
un café crème	a coffee with cream	Note that you may be given milk depending on where you go!
un grand crème	a larger coffee with cream	Normally coffee would be served in espresso-sized cups.
un allongé	an americano coffee	A small black coffee in a larger cup with added hot water
un rallongé	an americano coffee	<i>rallongé</i> and <i>allongé</i> are both the same: it depends on which part of the French-speaking world you're in!
un thé	tea	
un thé au lait	white' tea / tea with milk	
un thé au citron	lemon tea	
le citron	lemon	
un chocolat (chaud)	a hot chocolate	You probably don't need to say <i>chaud</i> as it's obvious you would like a hot chocolate drink if you ask for <i>un chocolat</i>
un jus	a juice	
un jus d'orange	an orange juice	
un jus d'ananas	a pineapple juice	The -s is pronounced in some places and is silent in others.

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un jus de pomme	an apple juice	
une limonade	a lemonade	
de l'eau	some water	
de l'eau plate	still water	
de l'eau gazeuse	sparkling water	
une bière	a beer	
un verre de ...	a glass of ...	
une bouteille de ...	a bottle of ...	
le vin	wine	
un verre de vin	a glass of wine	
le vin rouge	red wine	
le vin blanc	white wine	
le vin rosé	rosé wine	
je voudrais ...	I would like ...	
pour moi ...	for me ...	
pour mon père ...	for my father ...	
pour ma mère ...	for my mother ...	
pour mon ami ...	for my friend (m) ...	
pour mon amie ...	for my friend (f) ...	
Vous désirez?	What would you like?	This is one of the most likely things the waiter/waitress will say to you to ask for your order.

Additional vocabulary

une tasse de ...	a cup of ...	
un café décaféiné / un déca	a decaffeinated coffee	
un coca	coke	
un orangina	fizzy orange juice	
un cidre	cider	
un cognac	brandy	
un whisky	whisky	



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