

French Cheatsheet

Overview

French is a Romance language spoken by over 275 million people worldwide as a first or second language.

Alphabet

The French alphabet consists of 26 letters, including the following additional letters:

- é , è , ê , ë , à , â , ô , û , and ç .

Pronunciation

- r is pronounced as a guttural sound in the back of the throat.
- u is pronounced as a sound similar to the "ee" in "see", but with rounded lips.
- e is usually silent at the end of a word.
- ai , ei , oi , and ui are pronounced as diphthongs.
- ch is pronounced as the "sh" in "shoe".
- gn is pronounced as the "ny" in "canyon".

Grammar

- French uses the Latin alphabet and is written from left to right.
- Nouns have gender (masculine or feminine) and can be either singular or plural.
- Verbs are inflected for tense, aspect, and mood.
- Word order in French sentences is typically subject-verb-object.

Examples

- Bonjour! : Hello!
- Comment ça va? : How are you?
- Je ne parle pas français. : I don't speak French.
- Au revoir! : Goodbye!
- Un café, s'il vous plaît. : A coffee, please.
- Je t'aime. : I love you.

Resources

- [Duolingo French course](#)
- [French Grammar Forum](#)
- [French Dictionary](#)