

Back to School – Basic French Lesson 1 - Basic greetings and phrases



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## Lesson 1 & 2 - Bienvenue en France! Welcome to France

#### Topics covered in this lesson:

| Topic | Kick off – France –<br>Bienvenue en France |  |
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| Topic | Basic French prononciation                 |  |
| Topic | General Greetings formal and informal      |  |
| Topic | Some basic phrases /personal pronoun       |  |
| Topic | Article indefinite /definite               |  |
| Topic | Basic conjuguaison                         |  |
| Topic | Mood                                       |  |

#### **About France:**

- > FRANCE rich in diversity, culture and heritage.
- > Hexagon in shape.
- Strategic location in Europe.
- Capital Paris, Currency Euro,
- National day 14<sup>th</sup> July
- > Flag color Blue, White and red

#### Some more facts:

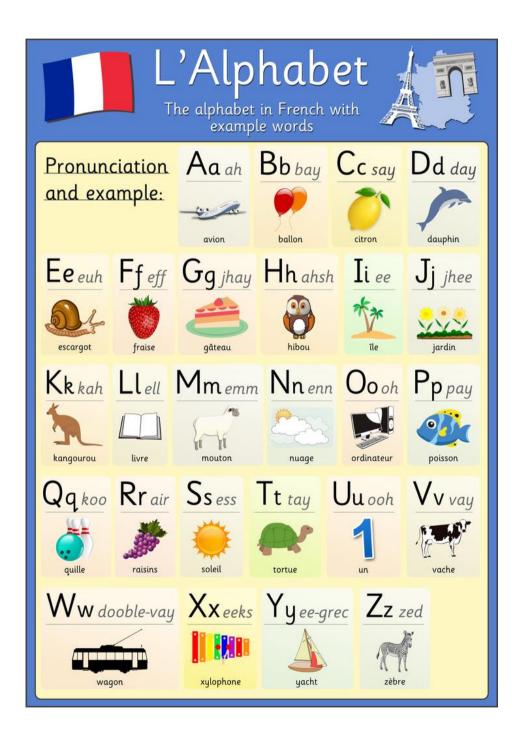
- > With its overseas territories, France has 12 different time zones.
- > France known for NUCLEAR ENERGY 58 nuclear power generation plants
- France known for FASHION DIOR, CHANNEL, VERSACE fashion capital, AIRBUS TOULOUSE
- France known for famous inventions like hot air balloon, pasteurizer, stethoscope etc.



- > G20 summit and Climate and environment sumit.
- > Famous cycling race of France : TOUR DE FRANCE
- > There are more than 800 types of Cheese in France, some famous brands— Camembert, Gruyere, La vache qui rire etc.
- > Some famous wines are Le Bourdoux, le Bourgogne, la Champagne, Vin rosée (pink wine).
- > French people are known for their interest in sports like Football, Rugby, Tennis etc.
- > Arts Famous painters and sculptors of France Manet, Monet, Rhodin, Picasso, Camille Claudel, Renoir, Degas.
- > Famous poets and writers Albert Camus, Satre, Courbet, Baudelaire, Rimbaud, Victor Hugo, Moliere, Voltaire etc.
- > Cinema Cannes film festival well known in the world. Famous Actors from France are : Gerard Depardieu, Bridget Bardot, Catherine Devenue, Julie Delpy etc.



# Lesson 1 : Basic alphabets pronunciation





## Expressions in FRENCH

| Salut - ( <i>salue</i> )                           | Hi                  |
|--|---------------------|
| Bonjour - ( <b>bɔ̃ʒur)</b>                         | Good day            |
| Bonsoir - (bonswar)                                | Good evening!       |
| Comment vas-tu? – ((commo va tue)                  | How are you?        |
| Je vais bien merci – ( <b>je vay be-an me-rsi)</b> | I am fine thank you |
| Comment tu t'appelles? (commo tu t-apell)          | What is your name ? |
|  |                     |
| Je m'appelleYves ( <i>(je ma pell)</i>             | My name is Yves     |
| Enchante ! ( on-shon-thay)                         | Nice to meet you    |
| Au revoir ( O r-ou-ware)                           | See you soon        |
| À bientôt ( aah bay-en-too)                        | See you soon        |
| Vous allez bien? (voo-zah-lay-byan)                | Are you well?       |
| À demain ( ah de-maiñ)                             | See you tomorrow    |
| À tout à l'heure ( aah-toot -a -lure )             | See you later       |
|  |                     |
| A la prochaine ( aah-la-proshaine)                 | Next times          |
|  |                     |



## Indefinite articles

| Singular   |             | PLURAL                       |
|------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Masculine  | Feminine    | MASCULINE AND FEMININE - des |
| Un (a/an)  | une (a/an)  | DES CRAYONS (some pencils)   |
| Un crayon  | une gomme   | DES STYLOS (some pens)       |
| (a pencil) | (an eraser) | DES GOMMES (some erasers)    |
| UN STYLO   | UNE VOITURE | DES VOITURES (some cars)     |
| (a pen)    | ( a car)    |                              |

#### Sentences:

- 1. C'est un mouchoir.
- 2. C'est un livre.
- 3. C'est une fenêtre
- 4. C'est un bâtiment.
- 5. Ce sont des vêtements.

#### New words:

- 1. Mouchoir Handkershief
- 2. Livre book
- 3. Fenêtre Window
- 4. Bâtiment Building
- 5. Vêtements Clothes



## Introductions - Les Présentations

| Fiche | d'information |  |
|-------|---------------|--|
|       |               |  |

Nom:

Prénom:

Date de naissance:

Nationalité:

Adresse:

Numéros de téléphone:

Domicile: Portable:

## **Definite Articles**

| Singular     | Masc. and Fem. |                |                  |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Masculine    | Feminine       | Before a vowel |                  |
| Le (the)     |                | La (the)       |                  |
| Le crayon    | La gomme       | L'arbre        | L' (the)         |
| (the pencil) | (the eraser)   | (the tree)     |                  |
| Le stylo     | La voiture     | L'horloge      | (the wall clock) |
| (the pen)    |                | (the car)      |                  |



#### **Example of some sentences:**

- 1. C'est le mouchoir.
- 2. C'est la voiture.
- 3. C'est la fenêtre.
- 4. Ce sont les vêtements.
- 5. C'est l'homme.
- 6. Ce sont les fleurs.
- 7. C'est l'enfant.
- 8. Ce sont les grands-parents.

#### New words:

- 1. Mouchoir Handkershief
- 2. Voiture Car
- 3. Fenêtre Window
- 4. Vêtements Clothes
- 5. Homme Man
- 6. Fleurs Flowers
- 7. Enfant Child
- 8. Grands-parents Grand parents.

## Basic phrases:

| J'habite à Paris. ( zha beet aa pari)                   | I stay at Paris.               |
|---|--------------------------------|
| J'habite en Inde. ( zha beet oon aind)                  | I stay in India.               |
| Il est de France. ( eel es the France)                  | He is from France.             |
| Vous êtes du Canada. ( voo aites dou kanada)            | You are from Canada.           |
| Nous sommes des Etats- Unis. ( noo some dees ektajuni ) | We are from the United States. |



#### Personal Pronouns



Je ······ Jou (singular)

Iu ······ You (singular)

II ····· He

Elle ···· She

Nous ···· We

Vous ···· You (plural)

Ils ···· They (masculine)

Elles ··· They (feminine)



# Two main auxillary verbs : Être (to be) avoir (to have)

| A                         |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Être (to be)              | English                 |
| Je suis (jhe sui)         | I am                    |
| Tu es (tou ae)            | You are                 |
| Il est ( eel ae)          | He is                   |
| Elle est ( ail ae )       | She is                  |
| Nous sommes (<br>nou som) | We are                  |
| Vous êtes ( voo aith)     | You are (plural/formal) |
| Ils sont ( eel cent)      | They are (masc. plu.)   |
| Elles sont ( ail cent)    | They are (fem. plu)     |



#### Verb - Avoir - To have

| Avoir ( to have)       |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| J'ai ( jha)            | I have                   |
| Tu as ( tou a)         | You have                 |
| Il a ( eel a )         | He has                   |
| Elle a ( ail a )       | She has                  |
| Nous avons (Nou aavon) | We have                  |
| Vous avez ( vou aave)  | You have (plural/formal) |
| Ils ont ( eel ont)     | They have (masc. plu.)   |
| Elles ont ( ail ont)   | They have (fem. plu.)    |

## Mood - Basic expressions -

| • | Je suis heureux(se)  | I am happy ( jhe sui eu-reu)            |
|---|----------------------|---|
| • | Je suis desolée      | I am sorry (jhe sui dezəle)             |
| ٠ | Je suis en colère    | I am angry (jhe sui on ko-lare)         |
|   | Je suis curieux/euse | I am curious (jhe sui cu-ri-y / cu-ri-a |

Je suis curieux/euse I am curious (jhe sui cu-ri-y / cu-ri-aise)

I am tired ( jhe suis pha-ti-ge)

I am bored (jhe monan-uii)

Je suis fatigué
 Je suis pressé
 I am tired ( jhe suis pha-ti-ge)
 I am in hurry ( jhe sui pre-se)

Je suis triste
 I am sad ( jhe sui trist)

Je suis honnête I am honest. ( jhe sui oo-nate)

Je ne comprends pas I don't understand (jhe na kamprond paa)

Je m'ennuie



| EXPRESSIONS                                   | PHRASES   |
|---|---|
| To express emotions, mood, feelings           |   |
| <b>Être heureux</b> - to be happy, glad       | Je suis heureux.  |
| <b>Être content</b> - to be happy             | Il est content de travailler comme un chef.               |
| <b>Être triste</b> - to be sad                | Elle est triste de recevoir de mauvaises notes à l'école. |
| <b>Être en colère</b> - to be angry           | Vous êtes en colère parce que la voiture est en panne.    |
| To describe someone                           |   |
| <b>Être paresseux</b> - to be lazy            | Il est paresseux. Il ne travaille pas.                    |
| <b>Être intelligent</b> - to be intelligent   | Elle est intelligente.                                    |
| <b>Être sympa</b> - to be nice, kind          | Ils sont sympas.  |
| To express a state of health                  |   |
| <b>Être fatigué</b> - to be tired             | Je suis très fatigué.                                     |
| <b>Être malade</b> - to be ill                | Elle est malade, elle a de la fièvre.                     |
| <b>Être en forme</b> - to be on form, healthy | Nous sommes en forme toujours.                            |

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