This is a list of some important foreign words and phrases that are taken from French, Latin and Greek languages:

FOREIGN WORDS MEANING

1. Ad hoc *Latin*. For the specific purpose, case or situation at hand
2. Alma mater *Latin*. The school, college or a university that one has attended
3. Ambiance French. The mood, character, quality, tone, atmosphere, etc.,

particularly of an environment

1. Au revoir *French*. Used to express farewell
2. Bon voyage *French*. an expression of good wishes when someone leaves on a

journey : goodbye

1. Déjà vu *French*. the feeling that you have already experienced something that

is actually happening for the first time

1. En masse *French*. In one group or body; altogether
2. En route *French*. On or along the way
3. Erratum *Latin*. An error in printing or writing especially such an error noted in a

list of corrections and bound into a book

1. Et cetera *Latin*. And other unspecified things of the same class; and so forth
2. Ex officio *Latin*. By virtue of office or position
3. Extempore *Latin*. Spoken, carried out or composed with little or no preparation or forethought
4. Fait accompli *French*. An accomplished, presumably irreversible deed or fact
5. Genesis *Greek*. Birth or origin. Genesis is also the name of the first book of the Bible.
6. Gourmet *French*. A connoisseur of fine food and drink
7. Gratis *Latin*. Without charge / Free
8. Habeas corpus *Latin*. One of a variety of writs that may be issued to bring a

party before a court or judge, having as its function the release of the party from unlawful restraint.

1. Impasse *French*. 1) A road or passage having no exit; 2) A situation that is so

difficult that no progress can be made; a deadlock or a stalemate.

1. In absentia *Latin*. While or although not present; in absence.
2. In memoriam *Latin*. In memory of; as a memorial to
3. In toto *Latin*. Totally; altogether
4. Laissez-faire *French*. 1) Noninterference in the affairs of others; 2) An economic

doctrine that opposes governmental regulation of or interference in commerce beyond the minimum necessary for a free-enterprise system to operate according to its own economic laws.

1. Magnum opus *Latin*. A great work especially a literacy or artistic masterpiece.
2. Nom de plume *French*. Pen-name; assumed name used by a writer instead of

original name.

1. Phobia: *Greek*. An irrational and exaggerated fear of something.
2. Plethora *Greek*. When one goes beyond what is needed or appropriate. It represents an excess or undesired abundance
3. Post-mortem *Latin*. Of or relating to a medical examination of a dead body.
4. Prima facie *Latin*. At first sight; before closer inspection
5. Pro bono *Latin*. Done without compensation for the public good.
6. Pro rata *Latin*. In proportion, according to a factor that can be calculated
   * + - 1. exactly.
7. Quasi *Latin*. Having likeness to something; resembling
8. Répondez s’il vous plait *French*. Please reply
9. Résumé *French*. A brief account of one’s professional or work experience and

qualification

1. Sangfroid *French*. Coolness and composure, especially in trying circumstances
2. Status quo *Latin*. The existing condition or state of affairs
3. Tete-a-tete *French*. Without the intrusion of a third person; in intimate privacy
4. Verbatim *Latin*. Using exactly the same words; corresponding word for word
5. Vide *Latin*. Used to direct a reader’s attention
6. Vice versa *Latin*. With the order or meaning reversed; conversely
7. Vis à vis *French*. 1) Face to face; with opposite to, 2) compared with, 3) in

relation to

1. Viva voce *Latin*. By word of mouth

**Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word:**

1. He is an …….. employee.

(a) ambiance (b) status quo (c ) ad hoc (d) gratis

1. I am proud of my ……….. that nurtured me and gave me the opportunities to learn and grow.

(a) alma mater (b) viva voce (c ) sangfroid (d) résumé

1. He is a ……….. student of the college.

(a) quasi (b) magnum opus (c ) bona fide (d) impasse

1. ………..! Have a safe trip.
2. Salut (b) Ciao (c ) vide (d) bon voyage
3. A/An ……… bears most of the risks and enjoys most of the rewards.

(a) erratum (b) entrepreneur (c ) verbatim (d) gourmet

1. A ………….. examination would be conducted for the final exam.

(a) gratis (b) viva voce (c ) vis a vis (d) fait accompli

1. The lecture seemed to drone on ………..

(a) phobia (b) in absentia (c ) prima facie (d) ad infinitum

1. The restaurant had a delightful …………...

(a) laissez-faire (b) pro bono (c ) ambiance (d) en masse

9. Even though he had never visited that place before, Kyle's strong and sudden sense of ……………. almost convinced him he'd been there before.

(a) pro rata (b) deja vu (c) faux pas (d) verbatim

10. After she finished her medical studies and worked in a hospital for two years, Radha went to Chennai to do some ………… medical work for the needy there.

(a) prima donna (b) Genesis (c) in memoriam (d) pro bono