

French for Beginners

Bonjour,

Day 1

Some facts about French language:

French is a Romance language of the Indo-European family. It is an official language in 55 countries worldwide and one of the current official languages of the United Nations. Almost 300 million people speak French as their native language or as a second language.

French is a language that is spoken all over the world, although it is mainly since 1945 that the language has grown so much – in fact since then it has seen a 300% rise in the number of people who speak it.

Standard French is the most spoken version of the language and has been the official language of France since the 16th century.

Alphabets and their sounds –

A_{aa} B_{bay} C_{say} D_{they} E_{eh} F_f

G_{jay} H_{aash} I_{ee} J_{jee} K_{ka} L_{el}

M_{em} N_{en} O_o P_{pay} Q_{kiu} R_{ezhr}

S_{yes} T_{tey} U_{iu} V_{way} W_{double-way}

X_{eeks} Y_{eegrek} Z_{zed}

Vowels;

A E I O U H_{silent}

Accents ; The intent of showing the following today is that when you read the French Script you will come across certain characters written differently and we will be discussing this in greater detail in days to come:

Accent aigu :	é
Accent grave :	è, à, ù
Accent circonflexe :	â, ê, ô, î, û
Accent tréma :	ï
Cédille :	ç

Greetings : Lets greet in French

Bonjour Monsieur ! (bonjzhur meisieu)	Bonjour Monsieur Vincent !
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Bonjour Madame ! (bonjzhur maadaam)	Bonjour Madame Berger !
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Bonjour Mademoiselle!

Bonjour Mademoiselle Dubois !
(bonjzhur madmoizel)

Bonjour Laurent !
Bonjour Julie !
Bonjour Annabelle !

My name is

Charlotte : Vous vous appelez comment ?

Voo Voos Appaylay Komoun

Lucas : Je m'appelle **Lucas** **et vous** ? (and you?)

Zjhe Mappel Looka A Voo

Charlotte : Je m'appelle **Charlotte** ! (My name is Charlotte)

Lucas : Enchanté ! (Nice to meet you)

Oanshantay

Charlotte : Enchanté !

How are you ? Fine ?

Comment allez-vous ? (Formal) (How are you ?)

Kamounth Allay Voo

Je vais bien, merci et vous ? (I am fine, thank you and you?)

Zjhe Way Biyaun, Mercee

Comment vas-tu ? (Informal) (How are you ?)

Kamoun va tu

Je vais **très** bien, merci et toi ? (I am **very** fine, thank you and you?)

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Dialogues

Camille_(Kamil) : Bonjour Monsieur

Guillaume_(Giyaum) : Bonjour Mademoiselle

Camille : Je m'appelle Camille,
Vous vous appelez
comment ?

Guillaume : Je m'appelle Guillaume.
Comment allez-vous ?

Camille : Je vais bien,
merci et vous ?

Guillaume : Je vais bien aussi, merci
Au revoir Camille
O re vuar

Camille : Au revoir Guillaume
(Goodbye)

A short assignment for day 1:

Please find out the other greetings, such as;
Good afternoon, Good evening, Good night, etc...