

## 1 Welcome and bienvenue!

Salut! Bienvenue!

## 2 French Sounds

a: chat, salut, (as in 'father')

je: je (as in 'patition')

i: nuit, pizza (as in 'Lisa')

o: homme, gros (as in 'or')

u: tu, salut (say 'ee' while puckering your lips)

## 3 Gender

Masculine nouns use **un**, and feminine nouns use **une**.

un garçon

une fille

un homme

une femme

un chien

une pizza

## 4 I think, therefore

je **suis**

tu **es**

il/elle **est**

Examples:

Je suis un garçon

## 5 Hello there!

**Bonjour!:** Good morning!/ Good afternoon!

**Bonsoir!:** Good evening!

**Salut:** Hi!/Good bye! (If you're being casual, you can say *Salut !* any time of day!)

## 6 How are you?

Salut, **ça va?** (Hi! How are you?)

**Ça va**, et toi? (I'm fine, and you?)

## 7 Accents

In French, an accent mark over a letter can make a new sound.

je: **je** (as in 'petition') *I*.

é: **journée** (similar to 'bay') *day*.

è: **très** (as in 'bet') *very*.

If the last letter of a word is an **e** (without an accent!), it's usually silent.

**femme** *woman*

**bonne nuit!** (good night)

## 8 Verbs