

LET'S LEARN FRENCH

I'll teach you about basic conversational phrases and a few other fun tidbits. I'd also like you to suggest what you'd like in this next issue and give us a review. Merci.

GENERAL PHRASES AND WORDS

Hello (formal)- Bonjour (bohn-ZHOOR)
Hello (informal) - Salut (sah-LUU)

Good Morning - Bonne matinée
(bong mah-tee-NAY)
Have a good day - Bonne journée
(bong zhoor-NAY)

Good Evening - Bon soir (bong-SWAHR)
Good Night - Bonne nuit (bawn-NWEE)

What is your name? - Comment vous appelez-vous? (kaw-mahn vooz AP-lay VOO?)
My name is ... - Je m'appelle ... (zhuhmah-PELL...)

Nice to meet you - Enchanté (ahn-shahn-TAY)

Thank you - Merci (merr-SEE)
You're Welcome - De rien (duh RYANG).

Please - S'il vous plaît. (seel voo PLEH)

Sorry - Je suis Désolé (zhuh swee DAY-zoh-LAY)
Pardon - Pardon (pahr-DOHN)
Excuse me - Excusez-moi. (ehk-SKEW-zay MWAH)

I can't speak French - Je ne parle pas français.
(zhuh nuh PAHRL pah frahn-SEH)

A glass of red/white wine, please. - Un verre de vin rouge/blanc, s'il vous plaît. (unhVeRR DEH vang roozh/blahng) (in case this isn't acceptable) What does that mean? - Que veut dire ça? (kuhvoo-DEERCa?)

Congratulations - Félicitations
Happy Birthday - Bon anniversaire
Merry Christmas - Joyeux

INTERESTING PHRASES AND WORDS

Sweet Dreams - Fais de beaux rêves (feh duhbo RAI-vuh)

Leave me alone - Laissez-moi tranquille!
(less-ay mwah trahn-KEEL!)

I'm lost (cuz aren't we all) - Je suis perdu. (ZHUH swee pehr-DUU)

Monday - lundi (luhn-DEE)
Friday - vendredi (vahn-druh-DEE)
Sunday - dimanche (dee-MAHNGSH)

Water - de l'eau (duh loh) (in the air)

Birds (we find this word very bizarre) - Oiseaux (waZOU)

Oh my God - Ah, la vache (aah luhVASH)
(Vache actually means cow so go figure)

Cheese - fromage (froh-MAHZH)
Bread - pain (pa)
Grapefruit - pamplemousse (pam-pleMOOZE) (a truly breathtaking word)

Lunch - déjeuner (day-zhuh-NAY)
Breakfast - petit-déjeuner
(basically "small" lunch)

Green - vert/verte (vair/vairt)
White - blanc/blanche (blahn/blahnsh)
Black - noir/noire (nwahr)
(They also, have gender for everything)

Fish - poisson (pwa-SONG)
(a beautiful word to pronounce)