

French greetings and salutations

If you want to be polite in a French-speaking country, memorize these common French words and phrases and use them liberally in your routine interactions.

French	Pronunciation	English
à bientôt	ah bee-ehn-toe	see you soon
à demain	ah deh-mehn	see you tomorrow
à toute à l'heure	ah toot ah luhr	see you later
à vos souhaits	ah voh soo-eh	bless you (after a sneeze)
Adieu	ah-dyuh	goodbye
au revoir	oh reh-vwah	goodbye
bienvenue	bee-ehn veh-noo	welcome
bonne chance	bohn shahnce	good luck
bonne nuit	bohn nwee	goodnight
Bonjour	bohn-jhoor	hello
Bonsoir	bohn-swahr	good evening
de rien	deh ree-en	you're welcome
enchante	ahn-shant-ay	pleased to meet you (to a male)
enchante	ahn-shant-ay	pleased to meet you (to a female)
Merci	mehr-see	thank you
merci beaucoup	mehr-see bo-koo	thank you very much
Salut	sah-loo	hello or goodbye
Sant	sahn-tay	cheers
tant pis	tahn pee	Never mind