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Introduction

The Rough Guide French phrasebook is a highly practical introduction to the contemporary language. Laid out in clear A-Z style, it uses key-word referencing to lead you straight to the words and phrases you want – so if you need to book a room, just look up ‘room’. The Rough Guide gets straight to the point in every situation, in bars and shops, on trains and buses, and in hotels and banks.

The main part of the Rough Guide is a double dictionary: English-French then French-English. Before that, there’s a section called **Basic Phrases** and to get you involved in two-way communication, the Rough Guide includes, in this new edition, a set of **Scenario** dialogues illustrating questions and responses in key situations such as renting a car and asking directions. You can hear these and then download them free from www.roughguides.com/phrasebooks for use on your computer or MP3 player.

Forming the heart of the guide, the **English-French** section gives easy-to-use transliterations of the French words wherever pronunciation might be a problem. Throughout this section, cross-references enable you to pinpoint key facts and phrases, while asterisked words indicate where further information can be found in a section at the end of the book called **How the Language Works**. This section sets out the fundamental rules of the language, with plenty of practical examples. You’ll also find here other essentials like numbers, dates, telling the time and basic phrases. In the **French-English** dictionary, we’ve given you not just the phrases you’ll be likely to hear (starting with a selection of slang and colloquialisms) but also many of the signs, labels, instructions and other basic words you may come across in print or in public places.

Near the back of the book too the Rough Guide offers an extensive **Menu Reader**. Consisting of food and drink sections (each starting with a list of essential terms), it’s indispensable whether you’re eating out, stopping for a quick drink, or browsing through a local food market.

bon voyage!
have a good trip!

Basic Phrases

BASIC PHRASES

yes
oui
[wee]

no
non
[non]

OK
d'accord
[dakor]

hello
bonjour
[bONjoor]

good morning
bonjour
[bON-joor]

good evening
bonsoir
[bON-swa]

good night
bonne nuit
[bon nwee]

goodbye
au revoir
[o ruh-vwa]

please
s'il vous plaît
[seel voo play]
(if using 'tu' form) s'il te plaît
[seel tuh play]

yes please
oui, merci
[wee mairsee]

thanks, thank you
merci
[mairsee]

thank you very much
merci beaucoup
[mairsee bo-koo]

no thanks
non, merci
[non mairsee]

don't mention it
je vous en prie
[juh voo zON pree]

how do you do?
(when being introduced)
enchanté!
[ONshONTay]

how are you?
comment vas-tu/allez-vous?
[komON va-tOO/alay-voo]

fine, thanks, and you?
bien, merci, et toi/vous?
[b-yAN mairsee ay twa/voo]

pleased to meet you
enchanté!
[ONshONTay]

excuse me

(to get past, to get attention)

pardon

[par-dON]

(to say sorry) excusez-moi,

pardon

[esk00zay-mwa]

sorry: (I'm) sorry

je suis désolé, excusez-moi

[juh swee dayzolay, esk00zay-mwa]

sorry?

(didn't understand) pardon?

[par-dON]

I understand

je comprends

[juh konPRON]

I don't understand

je ne comprends pas

[pa]

do you speak English?

parlez-vous l'anglais?

[parlay-voo ONglay]

I don't speak ...

je ne parle pas ...

[juh nuh parl pa]

could you say it slowly?

pourriez-vous parler plus
lentement?

[pooree-ay-voo parlay ploo lONTMON]

could you repeat that?

pourriez-vous répéter?

[pooree-ay-voo raypaytay]

could you write it down?

pouvez-vous me l'écrire?

[poovay-voo muh laykreer]

I'd like ...

je voudrais ...

[juh voodray]

can I have a ...?

j'aimerais ...

[jemray]

do you have ...?

as-tu/avez-vous ...?

[at00/away-voo]

how much is it?

c'est combien?

[say KONb-yAN]

cheers!

(toast)

santé!

[sONTay]

(thanks) merci!

[mairsee]

it is ...

c'est ...

[say]

where is ...?

où est ...?

[oo ay]

is it far from here?

c'est loin d'ici?

[say lWAN dee-see]

Scenarios

1. Accommodation

is there an inexpensive hotel you can recommend?

► pouvez-vous me recommander un hôtel bon marché?

[poovay-voo muh ruhkomONday AN otel BON marshay]

désolé, ils sont tous complets ◀

[dayzoley, eel SON tooSS KONplay]

I'm sorry, they all seem to be fully booked

can you give me the name of a good middle-range hotel?

► pouvez-vous me donner le nom d'un bon hôtel à prix moyen

[poovay-voo muh donay luh NON dAN bonotel a pree mwa-YAN]

voyons; vous voulez être dans le centre? ◀

[vwa-YON; voo vooley zetr DON luh SONtr]

let me have a look, do you want to be in the centre?

if possible

► si possible

[see posseebl]

est-ce que ça vous dérange d'être un peu en dehors de la ville? ◀

[eskuh sa voo dayRON] detr AN puh ON duh-or duh la veel]

do you mind being a little way out of town?

not too far out

► pas trop en dehors

[pa tro ON duh-or]

where is it on the map?

► où est-ce sur le plan?

[oo ess sOOr luh plON]

can you write the name and address down?

► pouvez-vous me noter le nom et l'adresse?

[poovay-voo muh notay luh NON ay ladress]

I'm looking for a room in a private house

► je cherche une chambre chez l'habitant

[juh shairsh oON shONbr shay labeeton]

2. Banks

bank account	le compte en banque	[kONT ON bonk]
to change money	changer de l'argent	[shONjay duh larjON]
cheque	le chèque	[shek]
to deposit	déposer	[daypozay]
euro	l'euro	[urro]
pin number	le code	[kod]
pound	la livre	[leevr]
to withdraw	retirer	[ruhteeray]

can you change this into euros?

▶ pouvez-vous changer ceci en euros?

[poovay-voo shONjay suhsee ON nurro]

comment désirez-vous votre argent? ◀

[komON dayzeeray-voo votr arjON]

how would you like the money?

small notes

▶ petites coupures

[puhteet koopoor]

big notes

▶ grosses coupures

[gross koopoor]

do you have information in English about opening an account?

▶ avez-vous des informations en anglais pour l'ouverture d'un compte?

[avay-voo dayzANformass-yON ON nONGlay poor loovairtOOR DAN kONT]

oui, quelle sorte de compte désirez-vous ouvrir? ◀

[wee kel sort duh kONT dayzeeray-voo zoovreer]

yes what sort of account do you want?

I'd like a current account

je voudrais ouvrir un compte courant

[juh voodray zoovreer AN kONT koorON]

votre passeport, s'il vous plaît ◀

[votr pass-por seel voo play]

your passport, please

can I use this card to draw some cash?

▶ puis-je retirer de l'argent avec cette carte?

[pweej ruhteeray duh larjON avek set kart]

vous devez aller à la caisse ◀

[voo duhvay zalay ala kess]

you have to go to the cashier's desk

I want to transfer this to my account at the Banque de France

▶ je voudrais transférer ceci sur mon compte à la Banque de France

[juh voodray trONss-fayray suhsee sOOR mon kONT ala bonk duh frONss]

d'accord, mais vous devrez régler la communication ◀

[dakor, may voo duhvray rayglay la komOoneekass-yON]

OK, but we'll have to charge you for the phonecall

3. Booking a room

shower	la douche	[doosh]
telephone in the room	le téléphone dans la chambre	[taylayfon dON la shONbr]
payphone in the lobby	téléphone public dans le hall	[taylayfon pOobleek dON luh ol]

do you have any rooms? pour combien de personnes? ◀
 ▶ avez-vous des chambres libres? [poor KONb-YAN duh pairson]
 [avay-voo day shONbr leebr] **for how many people?**

for one/for two
 ▶ pour une personne/pour deux personnes
 [poor ON pairson/poor duh pairson]

oui, nous avons des chambres libres ◀
 [wee noo zavON day shONbr leebr]
yes, we have rooms

pour combien de temps? just for one night
 [poor KONb-YAN duh tON] juste pour une nuit ◀
for how many nights? [jOost poor ON nwee]

how much is it?
 ▶ combien est-ce?
 [KONb-YAN ess]

90 euros avec salle de bain et 70 euros sans ◀
 [katr VAN dee zurro avek sal duh BAN ay swassONT deess sON]
90 euros with bathroom and 70 euros without bathroom

does that include breakfast?
 ▶ le petit-déjeuner est-il compris?
 [luh puhtee dayjuhnay ayteel KONpre]

can I see a room with bathroom?
 ▶ puis-je voir une chambre avec salle de bain?
 [pweej vwahr ON shONbr avek sal duh BAN]

ok, I'll take it
 ▶ d'accord, je la prend
 [dakor, juh la PRON]

when do I have to check out?
 ▶ quand dois-je libérer la chambre?
 [KON dwaj leebayray la shONbr]

is there anywhere I can leave luggage?
 ▶ puis-je laisser mes bagages quelque part?
 [pweej lessay may bagahj kelkuh par]

4. Car hire

automatic	automatique	[otomateek]
full tank	le réservoir plein	[raysairvwahr plAN]
manual	manuelle	[manwel]
rented car	la voiture de location	[vwatooR duh lokass-yON]

I'd like to rent a car pour combien de temps? ◀
 ▶ je voudrais louer une voiture [poor KONb-yAN duh tON]
 [juh voodray looay oON vwatoor] for how long?

two days I'll take the ...
 ▶ deux jours ▶ je prend la ...
 [duh joor] [juh prON la ...]

is that with unlimited mileage? oui ◀
 ▶ est-ce que c'est avec kilométrage illimité? [wee]
 [eskuh say tavek kilomaytrahj eeleeemeyay] yes

puis-je voir votre permis de conduire, s'il vous plaît? ◀
 [pweej vwahr votr pairmee duh KONdweer seel voo play]
 can I see your driving licence, please?

et votre passeport ◀
 [ay votr pass-por]
 and your passport

is insurance included?
 ▶ l'assurance est-elle comprise?
 [lassooRONss etel KONpreez]

oui, mais il y a une franchise de cent euros ◀
 [wee mayzeel ya oON fronsheez duh sON urro]
 yes, but you have to pay the first 100 euros

pouvez-vous laisser cent euros de caution? ◀
 [poovay-voo lessay sON urro duh koss-yON]
 can you leave a deposit of 100 euros?

and if this office is closed, where do I leave the keys?
 ▶ et si cette agence est fermée, où dois-je laisser les clés?
 [ay see set aJONss ay fairmay oo dwaj lessay lay klay]

laissez-les dans cette boîte ◀
 [lessay-lay dON set bwat]
 you drop them in that box

5. Communications

ADSL modem	le modem ADSL	[modem aday-essel]
at	arobase	[arobaz]
dial-up modem	le modem par téléphone	[modem par taylayfon]
dot	point	[pwAN]
Internet	l'Internet	[ANtairnet]
mobile (phone)	le portable	[portahbl]
password	le code	[kod]
telephone socket	l'adaptateur pour	[adaptaturr poor]
adaptor	prise téléphonique	preez taylayfoneek]
wireless hotspot	la zone d'accès sans fil	[zon daxay sON feel]

is there an Internet café around here?

► y a-t-il un café internet par ici?

[yateel AN kafay ANtairnet par ee-see]

can I send email from here?

► puis-je envoyer des emails d'ici?

[pweej ONvwa-yay day zeemail dee-see]

where's the at sign on the keyboard?

► où est le signe arobase sur le clavier?

[oo ay luh seeñ arobaz s00r luh klav-yay]

can you switch this to a UK keyboard?

► pouvez-vous le mettre en clavier britannique?

[poovay-voo luh metr ON klav-yay breetaneek]

can you help me log on?

► pouvez-vous m'aider à me connecter?

[poovay-voo mayday a muh konektay]

can you put me through to ...?

► pouvez-vous me passer ...?

[poovay-voo muh passay]

I'm not getting a connection, can you help?

► je n'arrive pas à me connecter, pouvez-vous m'aider?

[juh nareev pa a muh konektay poovay-voo mayday]

where can I get a top-up card for my mobile?

► où puis-je acheter une recharge pour mon portable?

[oo pweej ashuhtay 00n ruhsharj poor mon portahbl]

zero	five
zéro	cinq
[zayro]	[SANK]

one	six
un	six
[AN]	[seess]

two	seven
deux	sept
[duh]	[set]

three	eight
trois	huit
[trwa]	[weet]

four	nine
quatre	neuf
[katr]	[nuhf]

6. Directions

hi, I'm looking for rue de la Paix

► bonjour, je cherche la rue de la Paix
[bONjoor juh shairsh la rOO duh la pay]

désolé, je ne connais pas ◀
[dayzoley juh nuh konay pa]
sorry, never heard of it

hi, rue de la Paix, do
you know where it is?

bonjour, la rue de la
Paix, vous connaissez?
[bONjoor la rOO duh la pay
voo konessay]

hi, can you tell me where rue de la Paix is?

► bonjour, pouvez-vous me dire où se trouve la rue de la Paix?
[bONjoor poovay-voo muh deer oo suh troov la rOO duh la pay]

je ne suis pas d'ici non plus ◀
[juh nuh swee pa dee-see non ploO]
I'm a stranger here too

where?

où?
[oo]

which direction?

quelle direction?
[kel deereks-yON]

► au deuxième feu à gauche
[o duhz-yeym fuh a gohsh]

left at the second traffic lights

► juste au coin

[jOOsto kwAN]
around the corner

► ensuite c'est la première à droite

[ONsweet say la pruhm-yair a drwat]
then it's the first street on the right

après le ...
[apray luh]
past the ...

en face de
[ON fass duh]
opposite

plus loin
[ploO lwAN]
further

rue
[rOO]
street

devant
[duhvON]
in front of

à gauche
[a gohsh]
on the left

près de
[pray duh]
near

tourner
[toornay]
turn off

à droite
[a drwat]
on the right

juste après
[jOOst apray]
just after

prochain,
prochaine
[proshAN, pro-
shen]
next

tout droit
[too drwa]
straight
ahead

en arrière
[ONnar-yair]
back

là-bas
[laba]
over there

7. Emergencies

accident	l'accident	[akseedON]
ambulance	l'ambulance	[ONbOOlONss]
consul	le consul	[kONsOO]
embassy	l'ambassade	[ONbassad]
fire brigade	les pompiers	[pONp-yay]
police	la police	[poleess]

help!

▶ à l'aide!

[a led]

can you help me?

▶ pouvez-vous m'aider?

[poovay-voo mayday]

please come with me! it's really very urgent

▶ suivez-moi s'il vous plaît! c'est vraiment très urgent

[sweevay-mwa seel voo play say vraymON tray zOOrjON]

I've lost (my keys)

▶ j'ai perdu (mes clés)

[jay pairdOO (may klay)]

(my mobile) is not working

▶ (mon portable) ne marche pas

[(mON portahbl) nuh marsh pa]

(my purse) has been stolen

▶ on m'a volé (mon sac à main)

[ON ma volay mON sakamAN]

I've been mugged

▶ on m'a agressée

[ON ma agressay]

comment vous appelez vous? ◀

[komON voo zaplay-voo]

what's your name?

montrez-moi votre passeport ◀

[mONtray mwa votr pass-por]

I need to see your passport

I'm sorry, all my papers have been stolen

▶ désolé, on m'a volé tous mes papiers

[dayzoley ON ma volay too may pap-yay]

8. Friends

hi, how're you doing?

► bonjour, ça va?

[bONjoor sa va]

oui, et toi? ◀

[wee ay twa]

ok, and you?

yeah, fine

► oui, ça va

[wee sa va]

not bad

► pas mal

[pa mal]

d'you know Mark?

► tu connais Mark?

[too konay mark]

oui, nous nous connaissons ◀

[wee noo noo konesson]

yeah, we know each other

and this is Hannah

► et voici Hannah

[ay vwa-see hanna]

where do you know each other from?

► d'où vous connaissez-vous?

[doo voo konessay-voo]

nous nous sommes rencontrés chez Léo ◀

[noo noo som rONkONtray shay lay-o]

we met at Léo's place

that was some party, eh?

► c'était une fête super, hein?

[saytay oOn fet sOOpair AN]

géniale ◀

[jayñal]

the best

are you guys coming for a beer?

► vous venez prendre une bière?

[voo vuhnay prONdr oOn b-yair]

cool, on vient ◀

[kool ON v-YAN]

cool, let's go

non, j'ai rendez-vous avec Lola ◀

[nON jay rONday-voo avek lola]

no, I'm meeting Lola

see you at Luke's place tonight

► à ce soir chez Luke

[a suh swahr shay look]

à plus ◀

[a plOss]

see you

9. Health

I'm not feeling very well

▶ je ne me sens pas très bien
[juh nuh muh SON pa tray b-YAN]

can you get a doctor?

▶ pouvez-vous appelez un médecin?
[poovay-voo aplay AN maydsAN]

▶ où avez-vous mal?

[oo avay-voo mal]

where does it hurt?

it hurts here

j'ai mal ici ◀

[jay mal ee-see]

▶ avez-vous mal tout le temps?

[avay-voo mal too luh TON]

is the pain constant?

it's not a constant pain

je n'ai pas mal tout le temps ◀

[juh nay pa mal too luh TON]

can I make an appointment?

▶ est-ce que je peux prendre rendez-vous?
[eskuh juh puh prONdr rONday-voo]

can you give me something for ...?

▶ pouvez-vous me donner quelque chose contre ...?
[poovay-voo muh donay kelkuh shohz KONtr]

yes, I have insurance

▶ oui, je suis assuré
[wee juh swee zassOOray]

antibiotics

les antibiotiques

[ONteeb-yoteek]

antiseptic

la pommade

[pomad ONteesepteek]

ointment

antiseptique

cystitis

la cystite

[seesteet]

dentist

le dentiste

[dONteest]

diarrhoea

la diarrhée

[d-yaray]

doctor

le médecin

[maydsAN]

hospital

l'hôpital

[opee-tal]

ill

malade

[malad]

medicine

le médicament

[maydeekamON]

painkillers

les analgésiques

[analjayzeek]

pharmacy

la pharmacie

[farmassee]

to prescribe

prescrire

[preskreer]

thrush

le muguet

[mOogay]

10. Language difficulties

a few words
interpret
to translate

quelques mots
l'interprète
traduire

[kelkuh mo]
[Antairpret]
[tradweer]

votre carte de crédit a été refusée ◀
[votr kart duh kraydee a aytay ruhf00zay]
your credit card has been refused

what, I don't understand; do you speak English?

▶ pardon, je ne comprend pas; parlez-vous anglais?
[pardon juh nuh konPRON pa; parlay-voo ONglay]

ce n'est pas valide ◀
[suh nay pa valeed]
this isn't valid

could you say that again?

▶ pouvez-vous répéter?
[poovay-voo raypaytay]

slowly
doucement ◀
[dooss-mON]

I understand very little French

▶ je ne comprend pas beaucoup le français
[juh nuh konPRON pa bokoo luh frONsay]

I speak French very badly

▶ je parle très mal le français
[juh parl tray mal luh frONsay]

vous ne pouvez pas payer avec cette carte ◀
[voo nuh poovay pa pay-yay avek set kart]
you can't use this card to pay

▶ comprenez-vous?
[konpruhnay-voo]
do you understand?

sorry, no
non, désolé ◀
[nON dayzolay]

is there someone who speaks English?

▶ est-ce qu'il y a quelqu'un qui parle anglais?
[eskeel ya kelKAN kee parl ONglay]

oh, now I understand

▶ ah, je comprend maintenant
[ah juh konPRON manTRON]

is that ok now?

▶ est-ce que ça va maintenant?
[eskuh sa va manTRON]

11. Meeting people

hello

▶ bonjour
[bONjoor]

bonjour, je m'appelle Marie ◀
[bONjoor juh mapel maree]
hello, my name's Marie

Graham, from England, Thirsk

▶ Graham, de Thirsk en Angleterre
[graham duh thirsk ON nONGluhtair]

je ne connais pas, où est-ce? ◀
[juh nuh konay pa, oo ess]
don't know that, where is it?

not far from York, in the North; and you?

▶ pas très loin de York, dans le nord; et vous?
[pas tray lWAN duh york DON luh nor; ay voo]

je suis de Pau; vous êtes ici tout seul? ◀
[juh swee duh po; voo zet zee-see too sur]
I'm from Pau; here by yourself?

no, I'm with my wife and two kids

▶ non, avec ma femme et mes deux enfants
[NON avek ma fam ay may duh ZONfon]

what do you do?

▶ qu'est-ce que vous faites?
[keskuh voo fet]

je suis dans l'informatique ◀
[juh swee DON lANformateek]
I'm in computers

me too

▶ moi aussi
[mwa o-see]

here's my wife now

▶ voici ma femme
[vwa-see ma fam]

enchanté de faire votre connaissance ◀
[ONshONTay duh fair votr konessonss]
nice to meet you

12. Post offices

airmail	par avion	[par av-yON]
post card	la carte postale	[kart postal]
post office	la poste	[posst]
stamp	le timbre	[tANbr]

what time does the post office close?

▶ à quelle heure ferme la poste?

[a kel urr fairm la posst]

▶ à dix-sept heures les jours de semaine

[a deesset urr lay joor duh suhmen]

five o'clock weekdays

is the post office open on Saturdays?

▶ la poste est-elle ouverte le samedi?

[la posst aytel oovairt luh sam-dee]

jusqu'à midi ◀

[jOoska meedee]

until twelve

I'd like to send this registered to England

▶ j'aimerais envoyer ceci en Angleterre en recommandé

[jemray ZONvwy-yay suhsee ON nONGluhtair ON ruhkomONday]

très bien, ce sera dix euros ◀

[tray b-YAN suh suhra dee zurro]

certainly, that will cost 10 euros

and also two stamps for England, please

▶ et deux timbres pour l'Angleterre, s'il vous plaît

[ay duh tANbr poor lONGluhtair seelvooplai]

do you have some airmail stickers?

▶ avez-vous des étiquettes par avion?

[avay-voo day zayteeket par av-yON]

do you have any mail for me?

▶ avez-vous du courrier pour moi?

[avay-voo dOO koor-yay poor mwa]

colis	parcels
étranger	international
intérieur	domestic

13. Restaurants

bill	l'addition	[adeess-yON]
menu	le menu	[muhnOO]
table	la table	[tahbl]

can we have a non-smoking table?

▶ pouvons-nous avoir une table pour non-fumeurs?
[poovON-noo zavvahr oon tahbl poor non foomurr]

there are two of us

▶ nous sommes deux
[noo som duh]

there are four of us

▶ nous sommes quatre
[noo som katr]

what's this?

▶ qu'est-ce que c'est?
[keskuh say]

c'est une sorte de poisson ◀

[say toon sort duh pwassON]

it's a type of fish

c'est une spécialité locale ◀

[say toon spayss-yaleetay lokal]

it's a local speciality

entrez, je vais vous montrer ◀

[ONtray juh vay voo montray]

come inside and I'll show you

we would like two of these, one of these, and one of those

▶ nous en voudrions deux comme ceci, un comme ceci, et un comme cela
[noo zON voodree-yON duh kom suhsee AN kom suhsee ay AN kom suhla]

▶ et comme boisson?

[ay kom bwassON]

and to drink?

red wine

▶ du vin rouge

[doo vAN rooj]

white wine

▶ du vin blanc

[doo vAN blON]

a beer and two orange juices

▶ une bière et deux jus d'orange
[oon bee-air ay duh joo dorON]

some more bread please

▶ encore un peu de pain, s'il vous plaît
[ONkor AN puh duh pAN seel voo play]

▶ cela vous a plu?

[suhla voo za ploO]

how was your meal?

excellent, very nice!

▶ excellent!, très bon!

[exselON tray bON]

▶ autre chose?

[ohtr shohz]

anything else?

just the bill thanks

▶ non, l'addition, merci

[non ladeess-yon mairsee]

14. Shopping

puis-je vous aider? ◀
[pweej voo zayday]
can I help you?

can I just have a look around? yes, I'm looking for ...
▶ est-ce que je peux juste regarder? ▶ oui, je cherche ...
[eskuh juh puh jooost ruhgarday] [wee juh shairsh ...]

how much is this? trente-deux euros ◀
▶ combien ça coûte? [tront duh zurro]
[konb-yAN sa koot] thirty-two euros

OK, I think I'll have to leave it; it's a little too expensive for me
▶ bon, je vais devoir laisser; c'est un peu trop cher pour moi
[bon juh vay duhvwat lessay say TAN puh tro shair poor mwa]

et ceci? ◀
[ay suhsee]
how about this?

can I pay by credit card?
▶ puis-je payer par carte de crédit?
[pweej pay-yay par kart duh kraydee]

it's too big it's too small
▶ c'est trop grand ▶ c'est trop petit
[say tro grON] [say tro puhtee]

it's for my son – he's about this high
▶ c'est pour mon fils – il est à peu près grand comme ça
[say poor mON feess - eelay ta puh pray grON kom sa]

▶ désirez-vous autre chose? that's all thanks
[dayzeeray voo ohtr shohz] ▶ non, merci, c'est tout
will there be anything else? [nON mairsee say too]

make it twenty euros and I'll take it
▶ pour vingt euros j'achète
[poor vAN turro jashet]

fine, I'll take it
▶ d'accord, j'achète
[dakor jashet]

caisse	échanger	fermé	ouvert	soldes
cash desk	to exchange	closed	open	sale

15. Sightseeing

art gallery	le musée d'art	[moozay dar]
bus tour	la visite en bus	[veezet ON boos]
city centre	le centre ville	[sONtr veel]
closed	fermé	[fairmay]
guide	le guide	[geed]
museum	le musée	[moozay]
open	ouvert	[oovair]

I'm interested in seeing the old town

▶ j'aimerais voir la vieille ville

[jemray vwahr la v-yay veel]

are there guided tours?

désolé, c'est complet ◀

▶ y a-t-il des visites guidées?

[dayzoley say KONplay]

[yateel day veezeet geeday]

I'm sorry, it's fully booked

how much would you charge to drive us around for four hours?

▶ combien nous prendriez-vous pour nous faire visiter pendant quatre heures?

[KONb-YAN noo prONdr-yay-voo poor noo fair veezeetay pONdon katr urr]

can we book tickets for the concert here?

▶ pouvons-nous réserver des billets pour le concert ici?

[poovON-noo rayzairvay day bee-yay poor luh konsair ee-see]

▶ oui, sous quel nom?

quelle carte de crédit? ◀

[wee soo kel nON]

[kel kart duh kraydee]

yes, in what name?

which credit card?

where do we get the tickets?

à l'entrée ◀

▶ où devons-nous prendre les billets?

[a lONtray]

[oo duhVON noo prONdr lay bee-yay]

at the entrance

is it open on Sundays?

▶ est-ce ouvert le dimanche?

[ess oovair luh deemonsh]

how much is it to get in?

▶ combien coûte l'entrée?

[KONb-YAN koot lONtray]

are there reductions for groups of 6?

▶ y a-t-il des réductions pour les groupes de six personnes?

[yateel day raydooks-YON poor lay groop duh see pairson]

that was really impressive!

▶ c'était fantastique!

[saytay fONtasteek]

16. Trains

to change trains	changer de train	[shONjay duh tran]
platform	le quai	[kay]
return	l'aller-retour	[alay-ruhtoor]
single	l'aller simple	[alay SANpl]
station	la gare	[gar]
stop	l'arrêt	[aray]
ticket	le billet	[bee-yay]

how much is ...?

► combien coûte ...?

[konb-yAN koot]

a single, second class to ...

► un aller simple, deuxième classe, pour ...

[AN alay SANpl, duhz-yem klass, poor ...]

two returns, second class to ...

► deux allers-retours, deuxième classe, pour ...

[duh zalay-ruhtoor duhz-yem klass, poor ...]

for today

► pour aujourd'hui

[poor ojordwee]

for tomorrow

► pour demain

[poor duhMAN]

for next Tuesday

► pour mardi prochain

[poor mardee proshan]

il y a un supplément à payer pour le TGV ◀

[eel ya AN sooplayman a pay-yay poor luh tayjayvay]

there's a supplement for the TGV

voulez-vous réserver une place? ◀

[voolay-voo rayzairvay oon plass]

do you want to make a seat reservation?

vous devez changer à Bordeaux ◀

[voo duhvay shONjay a bordo]

you have to change at Bordeaux

is this seat free?

► cette place est-elle libre?

[set plass aytel leebr]

excuse me, which station are we at?

► excusez-moi, quel est cet arrêt?

[exkOozay mwa kelay setaray]

is this where I change for Nice?

► est-ce ici que je dois changer de train pour Nice?

[es ee-see kuh juh dwa shONjay duh tran poor neess]

English



French

A

a, an* **un, une** [AN, ʊn]
 about: about 20 **environ vingt** [ONveeron]
 it's about 5 o'clock **il est cinq heures environ**
 a film about France **un film sur la France** [sʊr]
 above **au-dessus de** [o-duh-sʊ duh]
 abroad **à l'étranger** [a laytronjay]
 absolutely (I agree) **absolument** [absolʊmon]
 accelerator **l'accélérateur m** [axaylayraturr]
 accept **accepter** [axeptay]
 accident **l'accident m** [axeedON]
 there's been an accident **il y a eu un accident** [eelya ʊ]
 accommodation **le logement** [lojmon]
 accurate **précis** [praysee]
 ache **la douleur** [doolurr]
 my back aches **j'ai mal au dos** [jay]
 across: across the road **de l'autre côté de la route** [duh lohtr kohtay duh]
 adapter **l'adaptateur m** [adaptaturr]
 (plug) **la prise multiple** [preez moʊlteep]
 address **l'adresse f** [adress]
 what's your address? **quelle est votre adresse?** [kel ay votr]
 address book **le carnet d'adresses** [karnay dadress]

admission charge **le droit d'entrée** [drwa dontray]
 adult **l'adulte mf** [adʊlt]
 advance: in advance **d'avance** [davONss]
 aeroplane **l'avion m** [av-yON]
 after **après** [apray]
 after you **après toi/vous** [twa/vʊ]
 afternoon **l'après-midi m** [apray-meedee]
 in the afternoon **l'après-midi**
 this afternoon **cet après-midi**
 aftershave **l'après-rasage m** [apray-razahj]
 aftersun cream **la crème après-soleil** [krem apray-solay]
 afterwards **ensuite** [ONsweet]
 again **de nouveau** [duh noovo]
 against **contre** [kontr]
 age **l'âge m** [ahj]
 ago: a week ago **il y a une semaine** [eelya]
 an hour ago **il y a une heure**
 agree: I agree **je suis d'accord** [juh swee dakor]
 AIDS **le SIDA** [seeda]
 air **l'air m**
 by air **en avion** [ON avyON]
 air-conditioning **la climatisation** [kleemateezass-yON]
 airmail: by airmail **par avion** [avyON]
 airmail envelope **l'enveloppe par avion f** [ONvlop par avyON]
 airport **l'aéroport m** [a-airopor]
 to the airport, please **à l'aéroport, s'il vous plaît**

airport bus **la navette de l'aéroport** [navet]
 aisle seat **la place côté couloir** [plass kohtay koolwahr]
 alarm clock **le réveil** [rayvay]
 alcohol **l'alcool m** [alkol]
 alcoholic **alcoolisé** [alkoleezay]
 Algeria **l'Algérie f** [aljayree]
 Algerian (adj) **algérien** [aljayree-AN]
 all: all the boys **tous les garçons** [too]
 all the girls **toutes les filles** [toot]
 all of it **tout** [too]
 all of them **tous** [tooss]
 that's all, thanks **c'est tout, merci**
 allergic: I'm allergic to ... **je suis allergique à ...** [juh swee alairjeek]
 allowed: is it allowed? **est-ce que c'est permis?** [eskuh say pairmee]
 all right **d'accord** [dakor]
 I'm all right **ça va** [sa]
 are you all right? **ça va?**
 almond **l'amande f** [amOND]
 almost **presque** [presk]
 alone **seul** [surl]
 alphabet **l'alphabet m** [alfabay]
 a ah h ash o o v vay
 b bay i ee p pay w doobl-vay
 c say j jee q koo x eeks
 d day k ka r air y ee-grek
 e uh l el s ess z zed
 f ef m em t tay
 g jay n en u oo

Alps **les Alpes fpl** [alp]
 already **déjà** [dayja]
 also **aussi** [o-see]
 although **bien que** [b-YAN kuh]
 altogether **en tout** [ON too]
 always **toujours** [toojoor]
 am*: I am **je suis** [juh swee]
 a.m.: at seven a.m. **à sept heures du matin** [urr doo matAN]
 amazing (surprising) **étonnant** [aytonON]
 (very good) **remarquable** [ruhmark-abl]
 ambulance **l'ambulance f** [ONBOOLONss]
 call an ambulance! **appelez une ambulance!** [aplay]
 America **l'Amérique f** [amayreek]
 American **américain(e)** [amayreekAN, -ken]
 I'm American (man/woman) **je suis américain/américaine**
 among **parmi** [parmee]
 amount **la quantité** [konteetay]
 (money) **la somme** [som]
 amp: a 13-amp fuse **un fusible de 13 ampères** [foozeibl ... ONpair]
 amphitheatre **l'amphithéâtre m** [ONfeetay-ahtr]
 and **et** [ay]
 Andorra **Andorre f** [ONDor]
 angry **fâché** [fashay]
 animal **l'animal m** [aneemal]
 ankle **la cheville** [shuhvee]
 anniversary (wedding) **l'anniversaire de mariage m**

[aneevairsair duh maree-ahj]
 annoy: this man's annoying
 me **cet homme m'importune**
 [ANport00n]
 annoying **ennuyeux**
 [ONwee-uh]
 another **un autre** [ohtr]
 can we have another room?
est-ce que nous pouvons
avoir une autre chambre?
 [eskuh noo poovON zavwa 00n
 ohtr]
 another beer, please **encore**
une bière, s'il vous plaît
 [ONkor]
 antibiotics **les antibiotiques**
 [ONteebeeoteek]
 antifreeze **l'antigel m**
 [ONteejel]
 antihistamine
l'antihistaminique m [ONtee-
 eestameeneek]
 antique: is it an antique? **est-**
ce un objet d'époque? [ess AN
 objay daypok]
 antique shop **l'antiquaire m**
 [ONteekair]
 antiseptic **le désinfectant**
 [dayZANfekTON]
 any: have you got any bread/
 tomatoes? **avez-vous du**
pain/des tomates? [avay-voo
 d00 .../day]
 do you have any change?
avez-vous de la monnaie?
 [duh]
 sorry, I don't have any
désolé, je n'en ai pas [juh non
 ay pa]

anybody **quelqu'un** [kelKAN]
 does anybody here speak
 English? **est-ce qu'il y a**
quelqu'un ici qui parle
anglais? [eskeel-ya]
 there wasn't anybody there
 il n'y avait personne
 [pairson]
 anything **n'importe quoi**

dialogues

anything else? **désirez-**
vous autre chose?
 [dayzeeray-voo ohtr shohz]
 nothing else, thanks **c'est**
tout, merci [say too
 mairsee]
 would you like anything to
 drink? **veux-tu/voulez-**
vous boire quelque chose?
 [vuh-t00/voolay-voo bwahr
 kelkuh-shohz]
 I don't want anything,
 thanks **je ne veux rien,**
merci [ree-AN]

apart from **sauf** [sohf]
 apartment **l'appartement m**
 [apartmon]
 appendicitis **l'appendicite f**
 [apONdeesheet]
 aperitif **l'apéritif m**
 [apayreeteef]
 apology **les excuses** [exk00z]
 appetizer **l'entrée f** [ONtray]
 apple **la pomme** [pom]
 appointment **le rendez-vous**

dialogue

good afternoon, how
can I help you? **bonjour**
monsieur/madame, que
puis-je faire pour vous?
[kuh pweej fair poor voo]
I'd like to make an
appointment **j'aimerais**
prendre rendez-vous
[jemray prONdr]
what time would you
like? **quelle heure vous**
conviendrait-elle? [kel urr
voo KONvee-ANDrayt-el]
three o'clock **trois heures**
I'm afraid that's not
possible, is four o'clock
all right? **cela ne va pas**
être possible, est-ce que
quatre heures vous irait?
[vooz eeray]
yes, that will be fine **oui,**
cela ira parfaitement [eera
parfetmON]
the name was ...? **c'est**
monsieur/madame ...?
[say]

apricot **l'abricot m** [abreeko]
April **avril** [avreel]
are*: we are **nous sommes**
[noo som]
you are **tu es/vous êtes** [too ay,
voo zet]
they are **ils sont** [eel son]
area **la région** [rayjee-ON]
area code **l'indicatif m**
[ANdeekateef]

arm **le bras** [bra]
arrange: will you arrange it for
us? **pouvez-vous vous en**
occuper? [poovay-voo voo zON
okoo pay]
arrival **l'arrivée f** [areevay]
arrive **arriver** [areevay]
when do we arrive? **à quelle**
heure arrivons-nous?
[areevON-noo]
has my fax arrived yet? **mon**
fax est-il arrivé? [areevay]
we arrived today **nous**
sommes arrivés aujourd'hui
art **l'art m** [ar]
art gallery **le musée d'art**
[moozay]
artist **l'artiste mf** [arteest]
as: as big as **aussi gros que**
[ohsee gro kuh]
as soon as possible **dès que**
possible [day]
ashtray **le cendrier** [sONdreeay]
ask **demander** [duhMONday]
I didn't ask for this **ce n'est**
pas ce que j'ai commandé
[suh nay pa suh kuh jay komONday]
could you ask him to ...?
peux-tu/pouvez-vous lui
demander de ...? [puh-too/
poovay-voo lwee ...]
asleep: she's asleep **elle dort**
[dor]
aspirin **l'aspirine f** [aspeereen]
asthma **l'asthme m** [as-muh]
astonishing **étonnant** [aytonON]
at: at the hotel **à l'hôtel** [a]
at the station **à la gare**
at the café **au café** [o]

at six o'clock à six heures
 at Paul's chez Paul [shay]
 athletics l'athlétisme **m**

[atlayteess-muh]

Atlantic l'Atlantique **m**
 [atlONteek]

attractive séduisant
 [saydweezON]

aubergine l'aubergine **f**

August août [oo]

aunt la tante [tONt]

Australia l'Australie **f** [ostralee]

Australian australien(ne)
 [ostralee-AN, -en]

I'm Australian (man/woman) je
 suis australien/australienne

Austria l'Autriche **f** [otreesH]

automatic (car) la voiture
 automatique [vwatOO
 otomateek]

autumn l'automne **m** [oton]
 in the autumn en automne
 [ON]

avenue l'avenue **f**

average (not good) moyen
 [mwY-AN]

on average en moyenne [ON
 mwY-en]

awake: is he awake? est-il
 réveillé? [rayvay-yay]

away: go away! allez-vous en!
 [alay-voo ZON]

is it far away? est-ce que c'est
 loin? [eskuH say lWAN]

awful affreux [afruh]

axle l'essieu **m** [ess-yuh]

B

baby le bébé [baybay]

baby food les aliments pour
 bébé [aleeMON poor]

baby's bottle le biberon
 [beeberON]

baby-sitter le/la baby-sitter

back (of body) le dos [doh]
 (back part) l'arrière **m** [aree-air]

at the back à l'arrière

can I have my money back?

est-ce que vous pouvez me

rendre mon argent? [eskuH
 voo poovay muH rONdr]

to come back revenir [ruh-
 veneer]

to go back rentrer [rONtray]

backache le mal de reins [duH
 rAN]

bad mauvais [movay]

a bad headache un violent
 mal de tête [veeolON]

badly mal

bag le sac
 (handbag) le sac à main [MAN]
 (suitcase) la valise [valeez]

baggage les bagages **mpl**
 [bagahj]

baggage check la consigne
 [kONseeñ]

baggage claim le retrait des
 bagages [ruhtray]

bakery la boulangerie
 [boolONjree]

balcony le balcon [balkON]

a room with a balcony une
 chambre avec balcon

bald **chauve** [shohv]
 ball (large) **le ballon** [balON]
 (small) **la balle** [bal]
 ballet **le ballet**
 banana **la banane** [banan]
 band (musical) **l'orchestre m**
 [orkestr]
 (pop, rock) **le groupe**
 bandage **le pansement**
 [pONsmON]
 Band-aids® **les pansements**
mpl [pONsmON]
 bank (money) **la banque**
 [bonk]
 bank account **le compte en**
banque [kont ON bonk]
 bar **le bar**
 a bar of chocolate **une**
tablette de chocolat [tablet duh
 shokola]
 barber's **le coiffeur pour**
hommes [kwafurr poor om]
 basket **le panier** [pan-yay]
 bath **le bain** [ban]
 can I have a bath? **est-ce que**
je peux prendre un bain?
 [eskuh juh puh prONdr AN ban]
 bathroom **la salle de bain** [sal
 duh ban]
 with a private bathroom **avec**
salle de bain
 bath towel **la serviette de bain**
 battery **la pile** [peel]
 (for car) **la batterie**
 bay **la baie** [bay]
 be* **être** [etr]
 beach **la plage** [plahj]
 beach mat **la natte** [nat]
 beach umbrella **le parasol**

beans **les haricots** [areeko]
 runner beans **les haricots à**
rames [ram]
 broad beans **les fèves** [fev]
 beard **la barbe** [barb]
 beautiful **beau, f belle** [bo, bel]
 because **parce que** [parss-kuh]
 because of ... **à cause de ...** [a
 kohz duh]
 bed **le lit** [lee]
 I'm going to bed **je vais me**
coucher [juh vay muh kooshay]
 bed and breakfast **la chambre**
avec petit déjeuner [shONbr
 avek puhtee dayjuhnay]
 bedroom **la chambre à**
coucher [shONbr a kooshay]
 beef **le bœuf** [burf]
 beer **la bière** [bee-air]
 two beers, please **deux**
bières, s'il vous plaît [bee-air]
 before **avant** [avON]
 begin: when does it begin? **à**
quelle heure est-ce que ça
commence? [sa kom-mONss]
 beginner **le débutant, la**
débutante [daybootON, -tONT]
 beginning: at the beginning **au**
début [o dayboo]
 behind **derrière** [dairiyair]
 behind me **derrière moi**
 beige **beige** [bej]
 Belgian **belge** [belj]
 (man/woman) **le/la Belge**
 Belgium **la Belgique** [beljeek]
 believe **croire** [krwahr]
 below **sous** [soo]
 belt **la ceinture** [sANToor]
 bend (in road) **le virage** [veerahj]

berth (on ship) **la couchette**

【kooshet】

beside: beside the ... **à côté du/de la ...** [a kotay doo]

best **le meilleur** [may-yurr]

better **mieux** [m-yuh]

are you feeling better? **est-ce que tu te sens/vous vous sentez mieux?** [eskuh too tuh son/voo voo sontay]

between **entre** [ONtr]

beyond **au delà** [o duhla]

bicycle **le vélo** [vaylo]

big **grand** [grON]

too big **trop grand**

it's not big enough **ce n'est pas assez grand** [pa zassay]

bike **le vélo** [vaylo]

(motorbike) **la moto**

bikini **le bikini**

bill **l'addition f** [adeess-yON]

(US) **le billet (de banque)** [bee-yay duh bonk]

could I have the bill, please?

l'addition, s'il vous plaît

bin **la poubelle** [poo-bel]

bin liners **les sacs poubelle mpl**

binding (ski) **la fixation**

【feexass-yON】

bird **l'oiseau m** [wazo]

biro® **le stylo-bille** [steelo-bee]

birthday **l'anniversaire m**

【aneevairsair】

happy birthday! **bon**

anniversaire!

biscuit **le biscuit** [beeskwee]

bit: a little bit **un peu** [AN puh]

a big bit **un gros morceau**

【gro morso】

a bit of ... **un morceau de ...**

a bit expensive **un peu cher**

bite (by insect) **la piqûre**

【peekoor】

(by dog) **la morsure** [morsoor]

bitter (taste etc) **amer** [amair]

black **noir** [nwahr]

blanket **la couverture**

【koovairtoor】

bleach (for toilet) **l'eau de Javel**

f [ohd javel]

bless you! **santé!** [sontay]

blind **aveugle** [avurgl]

blind (on window) **le store** [stor]

blister **l'ampoule f** [ONpool]

blocked (road, pipe, sink) **bouché**

【booshay】

block of flats **l'immeuble m**

【eemurbl】

blond(e) **blond** [blON]

blood **le sang** [sON]

high blood pressure

l'hypertension f [eepairTONs-yON]

blouse **le chemisier** [shuhmeez-yay]

blow-dry **le brushing**

I'd like a cut and blow-dry **je**

voudrais une coupe et un

brushing

blue **bleu** [bluh]

blusher **le rouge à joues** [rooj]

a joo]

boarding house **la pension**

【pons-yON】

boarding pass **la carte**

d'embarquement [donbarkuh-mon]

boat **le bateau** [bato]

body **le corps** [kor]
 boil (water) **faire bouillir** [fair booyeer]
 (potatoes etc) **faire cuire à l'eau** [kweer a lo]
 boiled egg **l'œuf à la coque** m [urf ala kok]
 bone **l'os** m [oss]
 bonnet (of car) **le capot** [kapo]
 book **le livre** [leevr]
 (verb) **réserver** [rayzairvay]
 can I book a seat? **est-ce que je peux réserver une place?**

dialogue

I'd like to book a table for two **j'aimerais réserver une table pour deux** [jemray rayzairvay]
 what time would you like it booked for? **pour quelle heure voudriez-vous réserver?** [poor kel urr voodree-ay-voo]
 half past seven **sept heures et demi**
 that's fine **très bien**
 and your name? **votre nom?**

bookshop/bookstore **la librairie** [leebrairie]
 boot (footwear) **la botte** [bot]
 (of car) **le coffre** [kofr]
 border (of country) **la frontière** [front-yair]
 bored: I'm bored **je m'ennuie** [juh mon-nwee]

boring **ennuyeux** [ON-nwee-yuh]
 born: I was born in Manchester **je suis né à Manchester** [juh swee nay]
 I was born in 1960 **je suis né en mille neuf cent soixante** [ON meel nuhf SON swassont]
 borrow **emprunter** [ONprAntay]
 may I borrow ...? **puis-je emprunter ...?**
 both **les deux** [lay duh]
 bother: sorry to bother you **je suis désolé de vous déranger** [juh swee dayzolay duh voo dayron-jay]
 bottle **la bouteille** [bootay]
 a bottle of house red **une bouteille de rouge maison** [mezzON]
 bottle-opener **l'ouvre-bouteille** m [oovr-bootay]
 bottom (of person) **le derrière** [dairiyair]
 at the bottom of ... (hill etc) **en bas de ...** [ON ba duh]
 box **la boîte** [bwat]
 box office **le guichet** [geeshay]
 boy **le garçon** [garSON]
 boyfriend **le petit ami** [puhtee tami]
 bra **le soutien-gorge** [soot-yAN-gorj]
 bracelet **le bracelet** [braslay]
 brake **le frein** [fran]
 brandy **le cognac**
 bread **le pain** [PAN]
 white bread **du pain blanc** [blON]
 brown bread **du pain noir**

[nwar]
 wholemeal bread **du pain**
 complet [konplay]
 break **casser** [kassay]
 I've broken the ... j'ai cassé
 le ... [jay kassay]
 I think I've broken my wrist **je**
 crois que je me suis cassé **le**
 poignet [juh muh swee]
 breakdown **la panne** [pan]
 I've had a breakdown **je suis**
 tombé **en panne** [juh swee
 tonbay ON]
 breakdown service **le service**
 de dépannage [sairveess duh
 daypanahj]
 breakfast **le petit déjeuner**
 [ptee day-juhnyay]
 English/full breakfast **le petit**
 déjeuner **anglais** [ONglay]
 break-in: I've had a break-in **il**
 y a eu un cambriolage [eel ya
 OO AN konbreeolahj]
 breast **le sein** [SAN]
 breathe **respirer** [respeeray]
 breeze **la brise** [breez]
 bridge (over river) **le pont** [PON]
 brief **court** [koor]
 briefcase **la serviette**
 bright (light etc) **clair**
 bright red **rouge vif** [veef]
 brilliant (idea, person) **génial**
 [jayn-yal]
 bring **apporter** [aportay]
 I'll bring it back later **je**
 le rapporterai **plus tard**
 [raportuhray]
 Britain **la Grande-Bretagne**
 [grOND-bruhtañ]

British **britannique** [breetaneek]
 Brittany **la Bretagne** [bruhtañ]
 brochure **le prospectus**
 [prospektooss]
 broken **cassé** [kassay]
 bronchitis **la bronchite**
 [brONSsheet]
 brooch **la broche** [brosh]
 broom **le balai** [balay]
 brother **le frère** [frair]
 brother-in-law **le beau-frère**
 [bo-frair]
 brown **marron** [marON]
 (hair) **brun** [brAN]
 bruise **le bleu** [bluh]
 brush (for hair) **la brosse** [bross]
 (artist's) **le pinceau** [PAN-so]
 (for cleaning) **le balai** [balay]
 Brussels **Bruxelles** [broOssel]
 bucket **le seau** [so]
 buffet car **le wagon-**
 restaurant [vagon-restorON]
 buggy (for child) **le landau**
 [lONdo]
 building **le bâtiment** [bateemON]
 bulb **l'ampoule** f [ONpool]
 I need a new bulb **j'ai besoin**
 d'une nouvelle ampoule
 bumper **le pare-chocs** [par-
 shok]
 bunk **la couchette** [kooshet]
 bureau de change **le bureau**
 de change
 burglary **le cambriolage**
 [konbreeolahj]
 burn **la brûlure** [brooloor]
 (verb) **brûler** [broolay]
 burnt: this is burnt **c'est brûlé**
 [broolay]

burst: a burst pipe **un tuyau crevé** [twee-o kruhvay]
 bus **le bus** [booss]
 what number bus is it to ...? **quel bus va à ...?** [kel]
 when is the next bus to ...? **à quelle heure part le prochain bus pour ...?** [a kel urr par luh proshan]
 what time is the last bus? **à quelle heure passe le dernier bus?** [dairn-yay]
 could you let me know when we get there? **est-ce que vous pourrez me dire quand on y sera?** [eskuh voo pooray muh deer KON TON ee suhra]

dialogue

does this bus go to ...? **est-ce que ce bus va à ...?**
 no, you need a number ...
non, vous devez prendre le ... [prONdr]
 where does it leave from?
où est-ce que je le prends? [weskuh juh luh prON]

business **les affaires** **fpl** [lay zafair]
 bus station **la gare routière** [gar root-yair]
 bus stop **l'arrêt d'autobus** **m** [aray dotobooss]
 bust **la poitrine** [pwatreen]
 busy (person) **occupé** [okoo-pay]
 the restaurant is very busy **il y a beaucoup de monde dans**

le restaurant [eel ya bohkoo duh monD]
 I'm busy tomorrow **demain, je suis pris(e)** [duhMAN juh swee pree/preez]
 but **mais** [may]
 butcher's **la boucherie** [booshree]
 butter **le beurre** [burr]
 button **le bouton** [bootON]
 buy **acheter** [ashtay]
 where can I buy ...? **où puis-je acheter ...?** [oo pweej]
 by: by bus/car **en bus/voiture** [ON]
 written by ... **écrit par ...**
 by the window **près de la fenêtre** [pray duh]
 by the sea **au bord de la mer** [o bor]
 by Thursday **pour jeudi** [poor]
 bye **au revoir** [o ruh-vwa]

C

cabbage **le chou** [shoo]
 cabin (on ship) **la cabine** [kabeen]
 cable car **le téléphérique** [taylayfayreek]
 café **le café**
 cagoule **le K-way®** [ka-way]
 cake **le gâteau** [gato]
 cake shop **la pâtisserie**
 call **appeler** [aplay]
 (to phone) **téléphoner** [taylayfonay]
 what's it called? **comment ça**

s'appelle? [komON sa sa-pel]

he/she is called ... il/elle

s'appelle ...

please call the doctor

appelez le docteur, s'il vous

plaît [aplay]

please give me a call at 7.30

a.m. tomorrow pouvez-vous

me réveiller à sept heures

trente demain matin?

[poovay-voo muh rayvayay]

please ask him to call me

pouvez-vous lui demander

de m'appeler?

call back: I'll call back later

je reviendrai plus tard

[ruhveeANDray]

(phone back) je rappellerai plus

tard [rapelray]

call round: I'll call round

tomorrow je passerai demain

[passuhray]

camcorder le caméscope

[kamayskop]

camera (for stills) l'appareil-

photo m [aparay-]

camera shop le photographe

[fotograf]

camp camper [KONpay]

can we camp here? est-ce

qu'on peut camper ici? [eskON

puh]

camping gas le butagaz

campsite le terrain de

camping [terrAN duh KONpeeng]

can (tin) la boîte [bwat]

a can of beer une bière en

boîte [bee-air ON]

can*: can you ...? peux-tu/

pouvez-vous ...? [puh-too/

poovay-voo]

can I have ...? est-ce que je

peux avoir ...? [eskuh juh puh

avwahr]

I can't ... je ne peux pas ...

[juh nuh puh pa]

Canada le Canada

Canadian canadien(ne)

[kanadee-AN, -ee-en]

I'm Canadian (man/woman) je

suis canadien/canadienne

canal le canal

cancel annuler [anoolay]

candies les bonbons

[bonbon]

candle la bougie [boo-jee]

canoe le canoë [kano-ay]

canoeing le canoë

can-opener l'ouvre-boîte m

[oovr-bwat]

cap (hat) la casquette [kasket]

(of bottle) la capsule

car la voiture [vwatoor]

by car en voiture

carafe une carafe

a carafe of house white,

please une carafe de blanc

maison, s'il vous plaît

[mezzON]

caravan la caravane

caravan site le terrain de

camping pour caravanes

[terrAN duh KONpeeng poor]

carburettor le carburateur

[karbooraturr]

card (birthday etc) la carte [kart]

here's my (business) card

voici ma carte [vwa-see]

cardigan le gilet [jeelay]
 cardphone le téléphone à
 carte [taylayfon a kart]
 careful prudent [proodon]
 be careful! faites attention!
 [fet zatONS-yON]
 caretaker le/la concierge
 car ferry le ferry
 car hire la location de
 voitures [lokass-yON duh vwatoor]
 car park le parking [parkeeng]
 carpet la moquette [mokat]
 carriage (of train) le wagon
 [vagon]
 carrier bag le sac en plastique
 [ON plasteek]
 carrot la carotte [karrot]
 carry porter [portay]
 carry-cot le porte-bébé [port-
 baybay]
 carton (of orange juice etc) le
 carton [kartON]
 carwash le lave-auto [lav-oto]
 case (suitcase) la valise [valeez]
 cash l'argent liquide m [arjON
 leekeed]
 (verb) encaisser
 will you cash this for me? est-
 ce que vous pouvez encaisser
 cela pour moi? [eskuh voo
 poovay]
 cash desk la caisse [kess]
 cash dispenser le distributeur
 automatique de billets
 de banque [deestreebOoturr
 otomateek duh bee-yay duh BONK]
 cashier (cash desk) la caisse
 [kess]
 cassette la cassette

cassette recorder le
 magnétophone à cassettes
 [man-yetofon]
 castle le château [shato]
 casualty department le service
 des urgences [sairveess day
 zoorjONss]
 cat le chat [sha]
 catch attraper [atrapay]
 where do we catch the bus
 to ...? où est-ce qu'on peut
 prendre le bus pour ...?
 [weskon puh prONdr luh booss]
 cathedral la cathédrale [katay-
 dral]
 Catholic (adj) catholique [kato-
 leek]
 cauliflower le chou-fleur
 [shoo-flurr]
 cave la grotte [grot]
 CD le CD [say-day]
 ceiling le plafond [plafON]
 celery le céleri en branche
 [saylree ON brONsh]
 cellar (for wine) la cave [kahv]
 cemetery le cimetière
 [seemtee-air]
 Centigrade* centigrade
 [sONteegrad]
 centimetre* le centimètre
 [sONteemetr]
 central central [sON-tral]
 central heating le chauffage
 central [shofahj sON-tral]
 centre le centre [sONtr]
 how do we get to the city
 centre? comment va-t-on
 au centre-ville? [komON vatON o
 sONtr-veel]

it's in the city centre **c'est dans le centre-ville**
 cereal **les céréales** [sayray-al]
 certainly **certainement** [sairten-mon]
 certainly not **certainement pas** [pa]
 chair **la chaise** [shez]
 champagne **le champagne** [shonpañ]
 change (money) **la monnaie** [monay]
 (verb) **changer** [shonjay]
 can I change this for ...?
 j'aimerais **échanger ceci contre ...** [jemray ayshonjay suhsee]
 I don't have any change **je n'ai pas de monnaie** [juh nay pa duh]
 can you give me change for a 50-euro note? **pouvez-vous me faire la monnaie sur un billet de cinquante euros?** [muh fair]

dialogue

do we have to change (trains)? **est-ce qu'il faut changer?** [eskeel fo]
 yes, change at Bordeaux
 oui, il faut **changer à Bordeaux**
 no, it's direct **non, c'est direct** [deerekt]

changed: to get changed **se changer** [shonjay]

Channel **la Manche** [monsh]
 Channel Islands **les îles Anglo-Normandes** [eel ongo-normond]
 Channel Tunnel **le tunnel sous la Manche** [toonel soo la monsh]
 chapel **la chapelle** [shapel]
 charge (verb) **faire payer**
 cheap **bon marché** [bon marshay]
 do you have anything cheaper? **avez-vous quelque chose de meilleur marché?** [avay-vo kelkuh shohz duh may-yurr marshay]
 check (US) **le chèque** [shek]
 (US: bill) **l'addition** [adeess-yon]
 (verb) **vérifier** [vayreef-yay]
 could you check the ..., please? **pouvez-vous vérifier ..., s'il vous plaît?**
 checkbook **le chéquier** [shaykee-ay]
 check-in **l'enregistrement des bagages** [onrejeestruh-mon day bagahj]
 check in (at airport) **se faire enregistrer** [suh fair onrejeestay]
 where do we have to check in? **où est l'enregistrement?**
 checkout (in shop) **la caisse** [kess]
 cheek (on face) **la joue** [joo]
 cheerio! (bye-bye) **au revoir!** [o ruh-vwa]
 cheers! (toast) **santé!** [sontay]

(thanks) **merci!** [mairsee]
cheese le fromage [fromahj]
chemist's (shop) la pharmacie [farmassee]
cheque le chèque [shek]
 do you take cheques? **est-ce que vous acceptez les chèques?** [eskuh voo zaxeptay]
cheque book le chéquier [shaykee-ay]
cheque card la carte d'identité bancaire [kart deedONTeetay bonkair]
cherry la cerise [suhreez]
chess les échecs [lay zayshek]
chest (body) la poitrine [pwatreen]
chewing gum le chewing-gum [shween-gom]
chicken la poule [pool] (meat) le poulet [poolay]
chickenpox la varicelle [vareessel]
child l'enfant **mf** [ON-fON]
 children les enfants
child minder le/la gardien(ne) d'enfants [gardee-AN, -ee-en]
children's pool la piscine pour enfants [peesseen]
children's portion la portion pour enfants [pors-yON]
chin le menton [mONTON]
china la porcelaine
Chinese chinois [sheenwa]
chips les frites [freet]
chocolate le chocolat [shokola]
 milk chocolate le chocolat au lait [o lay]
 plain chocolate le chocolat à

croquer [a krokay]
 a hot chocolate un chocolat chaud [sho]
choose choisir [shwazeer]
Christian name le prénom [praynON]
Christmas Noël [no-el]
Christmas Eve la veille de Noël [vay duh]
merry Christmas! joyeux Noël! [jwy-uh]
church l'église **f** [aygleez]
cider le cidre [seedr]
cigar le cigare [see-gar]
cigarette la cigarette [see-]
cigarette lighter le briquet [breekay]
cinema le cinéma [seenayma]
circle le cercle [sairkl] (in theatre) le balcon [balkON]
city la ville [veel]
city centre le centre-ville [sONtr-veel]
clean (adj) propre [propr]
 can you clean these for me? pouvez-vous me nettoyer ça? [poovay-voo muh net-wy-ay sa]
cleaning solution (for contact lenses) la solution de nettoyage [solOoss-yON duh net-wy-ahj]
cleansing lotion (cosmetic) la crème démaquillante [krem daymakeeyONT]
clear clair [klair]
clever intelligent [ANTayleejON]
cliff la falaise [falez]
climbing l'escalade **f**
 cling film le cellophane

[selofan]
 clinic **la clinique** [kleeneek]
 cloakroom (for coats) **le vestiaire** [vestee-air]
 clock **l'horloge** f [orloj]
 close **fermer** [fairmay]

dialogue

what time do you close?
 à quelle heure est-ce que vous fermez? [a kel urr eskuh voo fairmay]
 we close at 8 pm on weekdays and 6 pm on Saturdays **nous fermons à huit heures pendant la semaine et à six heures le samedi** [noo fairmon]
 do you close for lunch?
 est-ce que vous fermez pour déjeuner?
 yes, between 1 and 3.30 pm **oui, entre une heure et trois heures et demi**

closed **fermé** [fairmay]
 cloth (fabric) **le tissu** [teessoo] (for cleaning etc) **le chiffon** [sheefon]
 clothes **les vêtements** [vetmon]
 clothes line **la corde à linge** [kord a lAnj]
 clothes peg **la pince à linge** [panss]
 cloud **le nuage** [noo-ahj]
 cloudy **nuageux** [noo-ahjuh]
 clutch **l'embrayage** m [onbray-ahj]

coach (bus) **le car** (on train) **le wagon** [vagon]
 coach station **la gare routière** [gar rootee-air]
 coach trip **l'excursion en autocar** f [exkooress-yon on otokar]
 coast **la côte** [koht] on the coast **sur la côte**
 coat (long coat) **le manteau** [monTo] (jacket) **la veste** [vest]
 coathanger **le cintre** [santr]
 cockroach **le cafard** [kafar]
 cocoa **le cacao** [kakow]
 coconut **la noix de coco** [nwa duh]
 code (when dialling) **l'indicatif** m [ANdeekateef]
 what's the (dialling) code for outside Paris? **quel est l'indicatif pour la province?** [kel ay lANdeekateef poor]
 coffee **le café**
 two coffees, please **deux cafés, s'il vous plaît** [kafay]
 coin **la pièce** [p-yess]
 Coke® **le coca-cola**
 cold (weather, food etc) **froid** [frwa]
 I'm cold **j'ai froid** [jay]
 I have a cold **je me suis enrhumé** [juh muh swee zONrOOmay]
 collapse: he's collapsed **il s'est effondré** [eel set ayfONdray]
 collar **le col**
 collect: I've come to collect ... **je suis venu chercher ...** [juh]

swee vuhn00 shairshay]
 collect call **une**
communication en PCV
 [-kass-yON ON pay-say-vay]
 college **l'université f**
 [00neevairseetay]
 colour **la couleur** [koolurr]
 do you have this in other
 colours? **l'avez-vous en**
d'autres teintes? [lavay voo ON
 dohtr tant]
 colour film **la pellicule couleur**
 [pelikool]
 comb **le peigne** [peñ]
 come **venir** [vuhneer]

dialogue

where do you come from?
d'où es-tu/êtes-vous? [doo
 ay-to0/et-voo]
 I come from Edinburgh
je suis d'Édimbourg [juh
 swee]

come back **revenir**
 I'll come back tomorrow **je**
reviens demain [juh ruhv-yAN]
 come in **entrer** [ONtray]
 comfortable **confortable**
 [kONfort-abl]
 compact disc **le disque**
compact
 company (business) **la société**
 [sos-yay-tay]
 compartment (on train) **le**
compartiment [kONparteemON]
 compass **la boussole** [boossol]
 complain **se plaindre** [suh

plANDr]
 complaint **la réclamation**
 [rayklamass-yON]
 I have a complaint **j'ai une**
réclamation à faire
 completely **complètement**
 [kONpletmON]
 computer **l'ordinateur m**
 [ordeenaturr]
 concert **le concert** [kONsair]
 concussion **la commotion**
cérébrale [komoss-yON sayray-
 bral]
 conditioner (for hair) **l'après-**
shampooing m [apray-shONpwan]
 condom **le préservatif**
 [prayzairvateef]
 conference **la conférence**
 [kONfay-rONss]
 confirm **confirmer** [kONfeermay]
 congratulations! **félicitations!**
 [fayleesseetass-yON]
 connecting flight **le vol qui**
assure la correspondance [kee
 ass00r la korespondONss]
 connection (in travelling) **la**
correspondance
 conscious **conscient** [kONS-yON]
 constipation **la constipation**
 [kONsteepass-yON]
 consulate **le consulat** [kONS00-
 la]
 contact **contacter** [kONTaktay]
 contact lenses **les lentilles de**
contact fpl [lONtee]
 contraceptive **le contraceptif**
 [kONtrasepteef]
 convenient (location) **pratique**
 [prateek]

(time) qui convient [kee
kONvee-AN]
 that's not convenient cela ne
 me convient pas
 cook le cuisinier, la cuisinière
 [kweezeenee-ay,
 -yair]
 not cooked (is underdone) pas
 cuit [pa kwee]
 cooker la cuisinière
 [kweezeenyair]
 cookie le biscuit [beeskwee]
 cooking utensils les ustensiles
 de cuisine [ʊstɒnseel duh
 kweezeen]
 cool (day, weather) frais,
 f fraîche [fray, fresh]
 cork (in bottle) le bouchon
 [booshon]
 corkscrew le tire-bouchon
 [teer-booshon]
 corner: on the corner (of street)
 au coin de la rue [kwAN duh
 la roo]
 in the corner dans le coin
 cornflakes les cornflakes
 correct (adj) correct, exact
 corridor le couloir [koolwahr]
 Corsica la Corse [korss]
 Corsican (adj) corse
 cosmetics les produits de
 beauté [prodwee duh bohtay]
 cost coûter [kootay]
 how much does it cost?
 combien ça coûte? [kONb-YAN
 sa koot]
 cot (for baby) le lit d'enfant [lee
 donfon]
 cotton le coton [koton]

cotton wool le coton
 hydrophile [koton eedrofeel]
 couch (sofa) le canapé [kanapay]
 couchette la couchette
 cough la toux [too]
 cough medicine le sirop
 contre la toux [seero KONtr]
 could: could you ...?
 pourriez-vous ...? [pooree-
 ay-voo]
 could I have ...? j'aimerais ...
 [jemray]
 I couldn't ... je ne pouvais
 pas ... [juh nuh poovay pa]
 country (nation) le pays [payee]
 (countryside) la campagne
 [kONpañ]
 countryside la campagne
 couple (man and woman) le
 couple [koopl]
 a couple of ... quelques ...
 [kelkuh]
 courier le/la guide [geed]
 course (of meal) le plat [pla]
 of course bien sûr [b-YAN
 soor]
 of course not bien sûr que
 non [kuh non]
 cousin le cousin, la cousine
 [kooZAN, koozeen]
 cow la vache [vash]
 crab le crabe [krab]
 cracker (biscuit) le biscuit salé
 [beeskwee salay]
 craft shop la boutique
 d'artisanat [arteezana]
 crash la collision [koleez-
 yon]
 I've had a crash j'ai eu un

accident [jay 00 AN axeedON]
 crazy fou, f folle [foo, fol]
 cream (on milk, in cake, lotion) la
 crème [krem]
 (colour) crème
 creche (for babies) la crèche
 credit card la carte de crédit
 [kart duh kraydee]

dialogue

can I pay by credit card?
 est-ce que je peux payer
 par carte de crédit? [eskuh
 juh puh pay-ay]
 which card do you want
 to use? avec quelle carte
 désirez-vous payer?
 yes, sir oui monsieur
 what's the number? quel
 est le numéro? [n00mayro]
 and the expiry date? et la
 date d'expiration?

crisps les chips fpl [cheeps]
 crockery la vaisselle
 [vess-el]
 crossing (by sea) la traversée
 [travairsay]
 crossroads le carrefour
 [karfoor]
 crowd la foule [fool]
 crowded (streets, bars) bondé
 [bonday]
 crown (on tooth) la couronne
 [kooron]
 cruise (by ship) la croisière
 [krwaz-yair]
 crutches les béquilles fpl

[baykee]
 cry pleurer [plurray]
 cucumber le concombre
 [konkonbr]
 cup la tasse [tass]
 a cup of ..., please une tasse
 de ..., s'il vous plaît
 cupboard l'armoire f [armwahr]
 curly (hair) frisé
 current le courant [koorON]
 curtains les rideaux mpl [reedo]
 cushion le coussin
 [koossAN]
 custom la coutume
 [kootoom]
 Customs la douane [dwan]
 cut la coupure [koop00r]
 (hair) la coupe [koop]
 (verb) couper [koopay]
 I've cut myself je me suis
 coupé [juh muh swee koopay]
 cutlery les couverts
 [kouvair]
 cycling le cyclisme [seekleess-
 muh]
 cyclist le/la cycliste
 [seekleest]

D

dad le papa
 daily: they run daily il y en
 a tous les jours [eel yON a too
 lay joor]
 a daily paper un (journal)
 quotidien [journal koteedee-AN]
 damage endommager
 [ONdoma-jay]

damaged **abîmé** [abeemay]

I'm sorry, I've damaged this
je suis désolé, j'ai abîmé ça
[jay abeemay]

damn! **zut!** [zoot]

damp (adj) **humide** [oo-meed]

dance **la danse** [dONss]

(verb) **danser** [dONsay]

would you like to dance?

veux-tu/voulez-vous danser

avec moi? [vuh-too/voolay-voo
– avek mwa]

dangerous **dangereux** [dONj-
ruh]

Danish **danois** [danwa]

dark (adj: colour) **foncé** [fONsay]

(hair) **brun** [bran]

it's getting dark **il commence**

à faire sombre [eel komONss a
fair sONbr]

date*: what's the date today?

quel jour sommes-nous? [kel
joor som-noo]

let's make a date for next

**Monday prenons rendez-
vous pour lundi prochain**
[pruhNON]

dates (fruit) **les dattes fpl** [dat]

daughter **la fille** [fee]

daughter-in-law **la belle-fille**
[bel-fee]

dawn **l'aurore f** [oror]

at dawn **au lever du jour**
[o luhvay doo joor]

day **le jour** [joor]

the day after **le lendemain**
[lONdMAN]

the day after tomorrow **après-
demain** [apray-duhMAN]

the day before **la veille**
[vay]

the day before yesterday

avant-hier [avON-tee-air]

every day **chaque jour**

are you open all day? **est-ce**

**que vous êtes ouverts toute
la journée?** [toot la joornay]

in two days' time **dans deux
jours**

have a nice day **bonne**

journée [bon joornay]

day trip **l'excursion d'une**

journée f [exkOOrs-yON doon
joornay]

dead **mort** [mor]

deaf **sourd** [soor]

deal (business) **l'affaire f**

it's a deal **d'accord!** [dakor]

death **la mort** [mor]

decaffeinated coffee **le café**

décaféiné [daykafay-eeenay]

December **décembre** [daysONbr]

decide **décider** [dayseeday]

we haven't decided yet **nous**

n'avons pas encore décidé

[noo navON pa zONkor dayseeday]

decision **la décision** [dayseez-
yON]

deck (on ship) **le pont** [pON]

deckchair **la chaise longue**
[shez lON-g]

deduct **déduire** [daydweer]

deep **profond** [profON]

definitely **certainement**

[sairten-mON]

definitely not **certainement**

pas [pa]

degree (qualification) **le diplôme**

[deeplohm]
 delay **le retard** [ruhtar]
 deliberately **exprès** [expray]
 delicatessen **l'épicerie fine** f
 [aypeesree feen]
 delicious **délicieux** [dayleess-yuh]
 deliver **livrer** [leevray]
 delivery (of mail) **la distribution**
 [deestreeb00ss-yON]
 Denmark **le Danemark**
 [danmark]
 dental floss **le fil dentaire** [feel dONTair]
 dentist **le/la dentiste** [dON-teest]

dialogue

it's this one here **c'est celle-là** [say sel-la]
 this one? **celle-ci?** [sel-see]
 no, that one **non, celle-là**
 here? **ici?** [ee-see]
 yes **oui** [wee]

dentures **le dentier** [dONT-yay]
 deodorant **le déodorant**
 [dayodorON]
 department **le service**
 [sairveess]
 department store **le grand magasin** [grON magazin]
 departure **le départ** [daypar]
 departure lounge **le hall de départ** [al duh]
 depend: it depends **ça dépend**
 [sa daypON]
 it depends on ... **ça dépend**

de ...
 deposit (as security) **la caution**
 [kohs-yON]
 (as part payment) **l'acompte** m
 [akONT]
 description **la description**
 [deskreeps-yON]
 dessert **le dessert** [desair]
 destination **la destination**
 [desteenass-yON]
 develop **développer** [dayv-lopay]

dialogue

could you develop these films? **pouvez-vous développer ces pellicules?**
 [poovay-voo ... say peleekool]
 when will they be ready? **quand est-ce que ça sera prêt?** [kON teskuh sa suhra pray]
 tomorrow afternoon **demain après-midi**
 how much is the four-hour service? **combien coûte le service de développement en quatre heures?**

diabetic **le/la diabétique** [dee-abayteek]
 diabetic foods **les aliments pour diabétiques** [aleemON]
 dial **composer** [kONpohzay]
 dialling code **l'indicatif** m
 [ANdeekateef]
 diamond **le diamant** [dee-amON]

diaper **la couche** [koosh]
 diarrhoea **la diarrhée** [dee-aray]
 diary (business etc) **l'agenda** m
 [ajAnda]
 (for personal experiences) **le**
journal [journal]
 dictionary **le dictionnaire**
 [deex-yonair]
 didn't* see not
 die **mourir** [mooreer]
 diesel (fuel) **le gas-oil**
 diet **le régime** [ray-jeem]
 I'm on a diet **je suis au**
régime [juh swee zo]
 I have to follow a special
 diet **je dois suivre un régime**
spécial [dwa sweevr]
 difference **la différence**
 [deefayRONSS]
 what's the difference? **quelle**
est la différence? [kel ay]
 different **différent** [deefayRON]
 this one is different **celui-ci**
est différent [suhlwee-see]
 a different table **une autre**
table [ohtr]
 difficult **difficile** [deefeesseel]
 difficulty **la difficulté**
 [deefeekooltay]
 dinghy (rubber) **le canot**
pneumatique [kano
 p-nuhmateek]
 (sailing) **le dériveur** [dayreevurr]
 dining room **la salle à manger**
 [sal a monjay]
 dinner (evening meal) **le dîner**
 [deenay]
 to have dinner **dîner**
 direct (adj) **direct** [deerekt]

is there a direct train? **est-ce**
qu'il y a un train direct?
 [eskeel ya]
 direction **le sens** [sONSS]
 which direction is it? **dans**
quelle direction est-ce? [dON
 kel deereex-yON ess]
 is it in this direction? **est-ce**
par là?
 directory enquiries **les**
renseignements [RONsen-
 yuhmon]
 dirt **la saleté** [sal-tay]
 dirty sale [sal]
 disabled **handicapé**
 [ONdeekapay]
 is there access for the
 disabled? **est-ce que**
c'est aménagé pour les
handicapés? [eskuh say
 amaynah-jay]
 disappear **disparaître**
 [deesparetr]
 it's disappeared (I've lost it)
il/elle a disparu
 [deesparOO]
 disappointed **déçu** [daysOO]
 disappointing **décevant** [day-
 sVON]
 disaster **le désastre** [day-zastr]
 disco **la discothèque**
 discount **le rabais** [rabay]
 disease **la maladie** [maladee]
 disgusting **dégoûtant**
 [daygootON]
 dish (meal, bowl) **le plat** [pla]
 dishcloth **le torchon à**
vaisselle [torshON a vess-el]
 disinfectant **le désinfectant**

[dayzANfek-ton]
 disk (for computer) la disquette
 disposable diapers les
 couches jetables fpl [koosh
 juhtahl]
 disposable nappies les
 couches jetables fpl
 distance la distance
 [deestONss]
 in the distance au loin
 [o lWAN]
 distilled water l'eau distillée f
 [o deesteelay]
 district le quartier [kart-yay]
 disturb déranger [dayRONjay]
 diversion (detour) la déviation
 [dayvee-ass-yON]
 diving board le plongeur
 [plON-jwahr]
 divorced divorcé [deevorsay]
 dizzy: I feel dizzy j'ai la tête
 qui tourne [jay la tet kee toom]
 do faire [fair]
 what shall we do? qu'est-ce
 qu'on fait? [keskon fay]
 how do you do it? comment
 est-ce qu'on fait? [komON eskON
 fay]
 will you do it for me? est-ce
 que tu peux/vous pouvez
 le faire pour moi? [eskuh too
 puh/voo poovay]

dialogues

how do you do? comment
 vas-tu/allez-vous? [va-too/
 alay-voo]
 nice to meet you enchanté

[ONshONTay]
 what do you do? (work)
 qu'est-ce que tu fais/vous
 faites dans la vie? [kes kuh
 too fay/voo fet DON la vee]
 I'm a teacher, and you? je
 suis enseignant(e), et toi/
 vous? [twa]
 I'm a student je suis
 étudiant(e)
 what are you doing this
 evening? qu'est-ce que tu
 fais/vous faites ce soir?
 [suh swahr]
 we're going out for a drink,
 do you want to join us?
 nous allons prendre un
 verre, veux-tu te/voulez-
 vous vous joindre à nous?
 [vuh-too tuh/voolay-voo voo
 jWAndr]
 do you want cream?
 voulez-vous de la crème?
 I do, but she doesn't moi
 oui, mais pas elle [mwa]

doctor le médecin [maydsAN]
 we need a doctor nous avons
 besoin d'un
 médecin
 please call a doctor appelez
 un médecin, s'il vous plaît
 [aplay]

dialogue

where does it hurt? où est-
 ce que ça fait mal? [weskuh

sa fay] **right here** **ici** [ee-see]
does that hurt now? **est-ce**
que ça fait mal là?
yes oui [wee]
take this to the chemist
emmenez ça chez le
pharmacien [ONmuhnay sa
 shay luh farmass-yAN]

document **le document**
 [dokOOmON]
dog **le chien** [shee-AN]
doll **la poupée** [poopay]
domestic flight **le vol**
intérieur [Antayree-urr]
don't!* non! [non] **see not**
don't do that! **ne faites pas ça!**
 [nuh fet pa sa]
door (of room) **la porte** [port]
 (of train, car) **la portière** [port-
 yair]
doorman **le portier** [port-yay]
double **double** [doobl]
double bed **le grand lit** [grON
 lee]
double room **la chambre pour**
deux personnes [shONbr poor
 duh pairson]
doughnut **le beignet** [benyay]
down **en bas** [ON ba]
put it down over there **posez-**
le là [pohzay-luh]
it's down there on the right
c'est par là sur la droite
it's further down the road
c'est plus loin sur cette route
 [ploO lwan soor set root]
downhill skiing **le ski de**

descente [duh duhsONT]
downmarket (restaurant etc)
simple [SANpl]
downstairs **en bas** [ON ba]
dozen **la douzaine** [doozen]
half a dozen **une demi-**
douzaine [duhme-]
drain **le tuyau d'écoulement**
 [twee-yo day-koolMON]
draught beer **la bière pression**
 [bee-air press-yON]
draughty: it's draughty **il y**
a un courant d'air [eelya AN
 koorON dair]
drawer **le tiroir** [teer-wa]
drawing **le dessin** [duh-SAN]
dreadful **épouvantable**
 [aypoovONTabl]
dream **le rêve** [rev]
dress **la robe** [rob]
dressed: to get dressed
s'habiller [sabeeyay]
dressng (for cut) **le pansement**
 [ponsmON]
 (for salad) **la vinaigrette**
dressng gown **la robe de**
chambre [rob duh shONbr]
drink **la boisson** [bwassON]
 (verb) **boire** [bwahr]
a cold drink **une boisson**
fraîche [fresh]
can I get you a drink? **tu**
prends/vous prenez un
verre? [too prON/voo pruhnay zAN
 vair]
what would you like (to
drink)? qu'est-ce que tu
veux/vous voulez boire?
 [keskuh]

no thanks, I don't drink **non merci, je ne bois pas** [juh nuh bwa pa]

I'll just have a drink of water **un verre d'eau, c'est tout** [vair do say too]

drinking water **l'eau potable** f [o pot-abl]

is this drinking water? **est-ce que cette eau est potable?** [eskuh]

drive **conduire** [kondweer]
we drove here **nous sommes venus en voiture** [noo som vuhnOO en vwaatOO]

I'll drive you home **je vais te/vous reconduire** [juh vay tuh/voo ruhkondweer]

driver (of car) **le conducteur** [kondooktuur]

(of bus) **le chauffeur**

driving licence **le permis de conduire** [pairmee duh kondweer]

drop: just a drop, please (of drink) **une petite goutte, s'il vous plaît** [oon puhteet goot]

drug (medical) **le médicament** [maydeekamON]

drugs (narcotics) **la drogue** [drog]

drunk (adj) **ivre** [eevr]

drunken driving **la conduite en état d'ivresse** [kondweet ON ayta deevress]

drunkenness **l'ivresse** f [eevress]

dry (adj) **sec, f sèche** [sek, sesh]

dry-cleaner **le teinturier** [TANTOOree-ay]

duck **le canard** [kanar]

due: he was due to arrive yesterday **il devait arriver hier** [eel duhvay]

when is the train due? **quand est-ce que le train doit arriver?** [dwa]

dull (pain) **sourd** [soor]
(weather) **sombre** [sonbr]

dummy (baby's) **la tétine** [tayteen]

during **pendant** [pondON]

dust **la poussière** [pooss-yair]

dusty **poussièreux** [pooss-yayruh]

dustbin **la poubelle** [poo-bel]

Dutch **hollandais** [olONday]

duty-free **hors taxes** [or tax]

duty-free shop **la boutique hors taxes**

duvet **la couette** [kwet]

E

each (every) **chaque** [shak]

how much are they each?

combien est-ce qu'ils sont la pièce? [kONb-YAN eskeel sON la

p-yess]

ear **l'oreille** f [oray]

earache: I have earache **j'ai mal à l'oreille** [jay mal a l'oray]

early **tôt** [toh]

early in the morning **tôt le matin**

I called by earlier **je suis passé**
tout à l'heure [toot a lurr]

earring **la boucle d'oreille**
[bookl doray]

east **l'est m** [est]
in the east à l'est

Easter **Pâques** [pak]

easy **facile** [fasseel]

eat **manger** [monjay]
we've already eaten, thanks
nous avons déjà mangé,
merci [noo zavON dayja monjay]

economy class **la classe**
économique [klass
aykonomeek]

egg **l'œuf m** [urf]

eggplant **l'aubergine f**
[obairjeen]

either: either ... or ... **soit ...**
soit ... [swa]

either of them **soit l'un soit**
l'autre

elastic **l'élastique m** [aylasteek]

elastic band **l'élastique m**

elbow **le coude** [kood]

electric **électrique** [aylektreek]

electrical appliances **les**
appareils électriques mpl
[aparay]

electric fire **le radiateur**
électrique [rad-yaturr]

electrician **l'électricien m**
[aylektreess-yan]

electricity **l'électricité f**
[aylektreesseetay]

elevator **l'ascenseur m**
[asonsur]

else: something else **autre**
chose [ohtr shohz]

somewhere else **ailleurs**
[i-yurr]

dialogue

would you like anything
else? **désirez-vous autre**
chose?

no, nothing else, thanks
non, c'est tout, merci
[say too]

e-mail **l'e-mail m**

e-mail address **l'adresse**
e-mail f

embassy **l'ambassade f**
[ONbasad]

emergency **l'urgence f**
[OOrjONss]

this is an emergency! **c'est**
une urgence! [sayt ON]

emergency exit **la sortie de**
secours [sortee duh suhkoor]

empty **vide** [veed]

end **la fin** [fAN]
(verb) **finir** [feeneer]

at the end of the street **au**
bout de la rue [o boo duh la roo]

when does it end? **quand est-**
ce que ça finit? [konteskuh sa
feenee]

engaged (toilet, telephone)
occupé [okOOpay]

(to be married) **fiancé** [f-yONsay]

engine (car) **le moteur** [moturr]

England **l'Angleterre f**
[ONgluhtair]

English **anglais** [ONglay]

I'm English (man/woman) **je suis**

anglais/anglaise [-ez]
do you speak English?
parlez-vous l'anglais? [parlay
voo]
enjoy: to enjoy oneself
s'amuser [samoozay]

dialogue

how did you like the film?
comment as-tu trouvé le
film? [komON atOO troovay]
I enjoyed it very much j'ai
beaucoup aimé [jay bo-koo
paymay]

enjoyable très agréable [tray
zagrayabl]

enlargement (of photo)
l'agrandissement m
[agrONdeesmon]

enormous énorme [aynorm]
enough assez [assay]

there's not enough il n'y a
pas assez [eel nya pa]

it's not big enough ce n'est
pas assez grand

that's enough ça suffit [sa
soofee]

entrance l'entrée f [ONtray]

envelope l'enveloppe f [ONvlop]

epileptic épileptique
[aypeepteek]

equipment (for climbing etc)
l'équipement m [aykeepmon]

error l'erreur f [air-rurr]

especially spécialement [spays-
yalmon]

essential essentiel [aysONS-yel]

it is essential that ... il est
essentiel que ...

EU (European Union) l'Union
Européenne f [oon-yON urropay-
en]

euro l'euro m [urro]

Eurocheque l'Eurochèque m
[urroshek]

Eurocheque card la carte
Eurochèque [kart]

Europe l'Europe f [urrop]

European européen(ne)
[urropay-AN, -en]

even même [mem]

evening le soir [swahr]

this evening ce soir

in the evening le soir

evening meal le repas du soir
[ruhpa]

eventually finalement
[feenalmon]

ever jamais [jamay]

dialogue

have you ever been to
Cannes? est-ce que vous
êtes déjà allé à Cannes?

[eskuh voo zet dayja alay a]

yes, I was there two years
ago oui, j'y suis allé il y a
deux ans

every chaque [shak]

every day chaque jour

everyone tout le monde [too
luh mond]

everything tout [too]

everywhere partout [partoo]

exactly! exactement!

[exaktuhmON]

exam l'examen m [examAN]

example l'exemple m [exONpl]

for example par exemple

excellent excellent [exsaylON]

excellent! parfait! [parfay]

except sauf [sohf]

excess baggage l'excédent de

bagages m [exsaydON duh bagahj]

exchange rate le cours du

change [koor dOO shONj]

exciting passionnant [pass-

yonON]

excuse me (to get past, to get

attention) pardon [par-dON]

(to say sorry) excusez-moi,

pardon

exhaust (pipe) le tuyau

d'échappement [twee-o

dayshapmON]

exhausted (tired) épuisé

[aypweezay]

exhibition l'exposition f

[expozeess-yON]

exit la sortie [sortee]

where's the nearest exit? où

se trouve la sortie la plus

proche?

expect attendre [atONdr]

expensive cher [shair]

experienced expérimenté

[expayreemONTay]

explain expliquer [expleekay]

can you explain that?

pouvez-vous expliquer cela?

[poovay-voO]

express (mail) par exprès

[express]

(train) express

extension le poste [posst]

extension 21, please poste

vingt-et-un, s'il vous plaît

extension lead la rallonge

[ralONj]

extra: can we have an extra

one? pouvons-nous en avoir

un/une supplémentaire?

[poovON-noo zON avwahr AN/ON

sOOplaymONTair]

do you charge extra for that?

est-ce qu'il faut payer un

supplément pour ça?

[eskeel fo pay-ay AN sOOplaymON

poor sa]

extraordinary (strange)

extraordinaire

extremely extrêmement

[extrem-mON]

eye l'œil m [uh-ee]

will you keep an eye on my

suitcase for me? est-ce que

vous pouvez surveiller ma

valise? [eskuh voo poovay sOOrvay-

ay]

eyebrow pencil le crayon à

sourcils [soorse]

eye drops les gouttes pour les

yeux [goot poor lay z-juh]

eyeglasses les lunettes [looNet]

eyeliner l'eye-liner m

eye make-up remover le

démaquillant pour les yeux

[daymalee-yON]

eye shadow l'ombre à

paupière f [ONbr a pohp-yair]

F

- face **le visage** [veezahj]
 factory **l'usine** f [oozeen]
 Fahrenheit* **fahrenheit** [faren-ti-t]
 faint **s'évanouir** [sayvanweer]
 she's fainted **elle s'est évanouie** [el set ayvanwee]
 I feel faint **je me sens mal** [juh muh sON]
 fair **la foire** [fwahr]
 (adj) **juste** [joost]
 fairly (quite) **assez** [assay]
 fake **le faux** [fo]
 fall **l'automne** m [oton]
 see autumn
 fall (verb) **tomber** [tonbay]
 she's had a fall **elle est tombée** [eel ay tonbay]
 false **faux, f fausse** [fo, fohss]
 family **la famille** [famee]
 famous **célèbre** [saylebr]
 fan (electrical) **le ventilateur** [vonteelaturr]
 (hand held) **l'éventail** m [ayvONT-i]
 (sports) **le/la fan** [fan]
 fan belt **la courroie du ventilateur** [koorwa dOO]
 fantastic **fantastique** [fontasteek]
 far **loin** [lwan]

dialogue

is it far from here? **c'est loin d'ici?** [say lwan dee-see]

no, not very far **non, pas très loin**
 it's about 20 kilometres
c'est à vingt kilomètres environ [ONveerON]

- fare **le prix (du billet)** [pree (doo beeyay)]
 farm **la ferme** [fairm]
 fashionable **à la mode** [mod]
 fast **rapide** [rapeed]
 fat (person) **gros, f grosse** [gro, gross]
 (on meat) **le gras** [gra]
 father **le père** [pair]
 father-in-law **le beau-père** [bo-pair]
 faucet **le robinet** [robeenay]
 fault **le défaut** [dayfo]
 sorry, it was my fault **désolé, c'est de ma faute** [say duh ma foht]
 it's not my fault **ce n'est pas de ma faute**
 faulty (equipment) **défectueux** [dayfektOO-uh]
 favourite **préféré** [prayfay-ray]
 fax **le fax**
 (verb) (person) **envoyer un fax à** [ONvwy-ay]
 (document) **faxer** [faxay]
 February **février** [fayvree-ay]
 feel **sentir** [sONTeer]
 I feel hot **j'ai chaud** [jay sho]
 I feel unwell **je ne me sens pas bien** [juh nuh muh sON pa b-YAN]
 I feel like going for a walk **j'ai envie d'aller me promener**

[jay ONvee]

how are you feeling?

comment te sens-tu/vous
sentez-vous? [komON tuh SON-
too/voo sONTay-voo]I'm feeling better je me sens
mieux [juh muh SON m-yuh]felt-tip pen le stylo-feutre
[steelo-furtr]

fence la barrière [baree-air]

fender le pare-chocs [par-shok]

ferry le ferry

festival le festival [festeeval]

fetch aller chercher [alay
shairshay]I'll fetch him j'irai le chercher
[jeeray]will you come and fetch
me later? est-ce que tu
peux/vous pouvez venir me
chercher plus tard? [eskuh too
puh/voo poovay vuh-neer muh]

feverish fiévreux [fee-evruh]

few: a few quelques-uns,
quelques-unes [kelkuh-ZAN,
kelkuh-zoon]

a few days quelques jours

fiancé le fiancé [fee-ONSay]

fiancée la fiancée [fee-ONSay]

field le champ [shON]

fight la bagarre [bagar]

fill remplir [ronpleer]

fill in remplir [ronpleer]

do I have to fill this in? est-
ce que je dois remplir ceci?
[eskuh juh dwa]

fill up remplir [ronpleer]

fill it up, please le plein, s'il
vous plaît [luh plan]filling (in cake, sandwich) la
garniture
(in tooth) le plombage [plonbahj]
film (movie) le film [feelm]
(for camera) la pellicule
[peleekool]

dialogue

do you have this kind of
film? avez-vous ce genre
de pellicule? [avay-voo]
yes, how many exposures?
oui, avec combien de
poses? [konb-yAN duh pohz]
36 trente-sixfilm processing le
développement de la
pellicule [dayv-lopmON]
filter coffee le café filtre [feeltr]
filter papers les filtres mpl
filthy crasseux [krassuh]
find trouver [troovay]I can't find it je n'arrive pas à
le retrouver [juh nareev pa a luh
ruh-]I've found it je l'ai trouvé [lay
troovay]find out découvrir [daykoovreer]
could you find out for
me? pourriez-vous vous
renseigner pour moi? [pooree-
ay-voo voo rONSen-yay poor mwa]
fine (weather) beau [bo]
(punishment) l'amende f [amOND]

dialogues

how are you? **comment**
 vas-tu/allez-vous? [komON
 vatOO/alay-voo]
 I'm fine thanks **bien**, merci
 [b-YAN]
 and you? **et toi/vous?**
 [twa]

is that OK? **est-ce que ça**
ira? [eskuh sa eera]
 that's fine thanks **ça ira très**
bien comme cela, merci
 [tray b-YAN kom suhla]

finger **le doigt** [dwa]
 finish **terminer** [tairmeenay]
 I haven't finished yet **je n'ai**
pas encore terminé [juh nay pa
 zONkor tairmeenay]
 when does it finish? **à quelle**
heure est-ce que ça finit?
 [a kel urr eskuh sa feenee]
 fire **le feu** [fuh]
 can we light a fire here?
pouvons-nous faire du feu
ici? [poovON-noo fair dOO]
 it's on fire **il a pris feu** [eel a
 pree]
 fire alarm **l'avertisseur**
d'incendie m [avairteessurr
 dANSONdee]
 fire brigade **les pompiers**
 [pONp-yay]
 fire escape **la sortie de**
secours [sortee duh suhkoor]
 fire extinguisher **l'extincteur**
 m [extANKturr]

first **premier** [pruhm-yay]
 I was first **je suis arrivé avant**
vous [juh sweez areevay avON voo]
 at first **tout d'abord** [too dabor]
 the first time **la première fois**
 [pruhm-yair fwa]
 first on the left **la première à**
gauche
 first aid **les premiers secours**
 [pruhm-yay suhkoor]
 first aid kit **la trousse de**
premiers secours [trooss duh]
 first class (compartment etc) **de**
première (classe) [duh pruhm-
 yair klass]
 first floor **le premier** [pruhm-
 yay]
 (US) **le rez-de-chaussée** [rayd-
 shoh-say]
 first name **le prénom** [prayNON]
 fish **le poisson** [pwassON]
 fishing village **le village de**
pêcheurs [veelahj duh peshurr]
 fishmonger's **la poissonnerie**
 [pwassonnuh-ree]
 fit (attack) **l'attaque** f [atak]
 (verb) it doesn't fit me **ce n'est**
pas la bonne taille [suh nay pa
 la bon ti]
 fitting room **la cabine**
d'essayage [kabeen dessay-ahj]
 fix **réparer** [rayparay]
 can you fix this? **pouvez-**
vous réparer ceci? [poovay-voo]
 fizzy **gazeux** [gazuh]
 flag **le drapeau** [drapo]
 flannel **le gant de toilette** [gON
 duh twalet]
 flash (for camera) **le flash**

flat (apartment) l'appartement **m** [apartmON]
 (adj) plat [pla]
 I've got a flat tyre j'ai un pneu à plat [jay un pnuh]
 flavour l'arôme **m** [arohm]
 flea la puce [pooSS]
 flight le vol
 flight number le numéro de vol [noomay-ro]
 flippers les palmes **fpl** [pal-m]
 flood l'inondation **f** [eenONDass-yON]
 floor (of room) le plancher [plONshay]
 (storey) l'étage **m** [aytahj]
 on the floor par terre [tair]
 florist le/la fleuriste [flurreest]
 flour la farine [fareen]
 flower la fleur [flurr]
 flu la grippe [greep]
 fluent: he speaks fluent French il parle couramment le français [kooramON]
 fly la mouche [moosh]
 (verb) voler [volay]
 fly in arriver en avion [arrevay en av-yON]
 fly out partir en avion [parteer]
 fog le brouillard [broo-yar]
 foggy: it's foggy il y a du brouillard [eelya dOO broo-yar]
 folk dancing les danses folkloriques [dONss]
 folk music la musique folklorique [moozeek]
 follow suivre [sweevr]
 follow me suivez-moi [sweevay-mwa]

food la nourriture [nooreetoOr]
 food poisoning l'intoxication alimentaire **f** [ANToxeekass-yON aleemONTair]
 food shop/store le magasin d'alimentation [magazAN daleemONTass-yON]
 foot* le pied [p-yay]
 on foot à pied
 football (game) le football (ball) le ballon de football [balON]
 football match le match de football
 for pour [poor]
 do you have something for ...? (headache/diarrhoea etc) avez-vous quelque chose contre ...? [avay-voo kelkuh-shohz kontr]

dialogues

who's the chocolate mousse for? la mousse au chocolat, c'est pour qui?
 that's for me c'est pour moi [mwa]
 and this one? et l'autre?
 that's for her c'est pour elle

where do I get the bus for Gare de l'Est? où dois-je prendre le bus pour aller à la gare de l'Est? [OO dwaj prONdr luh booss poor alay]
 the bus for Gare de l'Est leaves from rue de Rivoli

le bus qui va à la gare
de l'Est part de la rue de
Rivoli

how long have you been
here? ça fait combien de
temps que vous êtes ici?
[sa fay KONB-YAN duh TON kuh
voo zet ee-see]
I've been here for two
days, how about you? je
suis ici depuis deux jours,
et vous? [juh swee zee-see
duhpwee]
I've been here for a week
je suis ici depuis une
semaine

forehead le front [frON]
foreign étranger [aytronjay]
foreigner l'étranger m,
l'étrangère f [aytronjay, -jair]
forest la forêt [foray]
forget oublier [ooble-ay]
I forget, I've forgotten j'ai
oublié [jay ooble-ay]
fork (for eating) la fourchette
[foorshet]
(in road) l'embranchement m
[ONbrONshmon]
form (document) le formulaire
formal dress la tenue de
soirée [tuhnOO duh swahray]
fortnight la quinzaine
[kanzen]
fortunately heureusement
[urrurzman]
forward: could you forward my
mail? est-ce que vous pouvez

faire suivre mon courrier?
[eskuh voo poovay fair sweevr mon
koor-yay]

forwarding address l'adresse
pour faire suivre le
courrier f

foundation cream le fond de
teint [fon duh TAN]

fountain la fontaine [fonten]

foyer (of hotel) le hall [awl]
(of theatre) le foyer

fracture la fracture [fraktOor]

France la France [frONss]

free libre [leebr]

(no charge) gratuit [gratwee]
is it free (of charge)? est-ce
que c'est gratuit? [eskuh
say]

freeway l'autoroute f
[otoroot]

freezer le congélateur
[konjaylaturr]

French français, f française
[frONsay, -ez]

French fries les frites fpl
[freet]

Frenchman le Français
[frONsay]

Frenchwoman la Française
[frONsez]

frequent fréquent [fraykon]

how frequent is the bus
to Marseilles? à quels
intervalles y a-t-il un bus
pour Marseille? [a kel ANtairval
yateel]

fresh frais, f fraîche [fray,
fresh]

fresh orange l'orange pressée f

[ORONj pressay]
 Friday **vendredi** [vONDruhdee]
 fridge **le frigo** [freego]
 fried **frit** [free]
 fried egg **l'œuf sur le plat** m
 [urf sOR luh pla]
 friend **l'ami** m, **l'amie** f
 [amee]
 friendly **amical** [ameekal]
 from **de** [duh]
 when does the next train from
 Lyons arrive? à
 quelle heure arrive
 le prochain train en
 provenance de Lyon? [ON
 provuhnONss]
 from Monday to Friday **du**
lundi au vendredi [dOO ... o]
 from next Thursday à partir
 de jeudi prochain [a
 parteer]

dialogue

where are you from? **d'où**
es-tu/êtes-vous? [doo ay-
 too/et-voo]
 I'm from Slough **je suis de**
Slough [juh swee]

front **l'avant** m [avON]
 in front **devant** [duhvON]
 in front of the hotel **devant**
l'hôtel
 at the front à **l'avant**
 frost **le gel** [jel]
 frozen **gelé** [juhlay]
 frozen food **les aliments**
surgelés [aleeMON sORjuhlay]

fruit **les fruits** mpl [frwee]
 fruit juice **le jus de fruit** [joo
 duh frwee]
 fry **frir** [freer]
 frying pan **la poêle** [pwal]
 full **plein** [plan]
 it's full of ... **c'est plein de ...**
 I'm full **j'ai trop mangé** [jay tro
 monjay]
 full board **la pension complète**
 [pONS-yON KONplet]
 fun: it was fun **on s'est bien**
amusé [ON say b-YAN amOOzay]
 funny (strange, amusing) **drôle**
 furniture **les meubles** mpl
 [murbl]
 further **plus loin** [plOO lWAN]
 it's further down the road
c'est plus loin sur cette route
 [root]

dialogue

how much further is it
 to Figeac? **il y a encore**
combien de kilomètres
pour arriver à Figeac?
 [eelya ONkor KONb-YAN duh
 keelometr]
 about 5 kilometres **environ**
cinq kilomètres [ONveeron]

fuse **le fusible** [fOOzeabl]
 the lights have fused **les**
plombs ont sauté [lay plON ON
 sohtay]
 fuse box **la boîte à fusibles**
 [bwat]
 fuse wire **le fusible**

future **le futur** [fʊtoʊr]
in future **à l'avenir** [a lavneer]

G

gallon* **le gallon** [galON]
game (cards etc) **le jeu** [juh]
(match) **la partie** [partee]
(meat) **le gibier** [jeeb-yay]
garage (for fuel) **la station d'essence** [stass-yON dessONss]
(for repairs, parking) **le garage** [garahj]
garden **le jardin** [jardAN]
garlic **l'ail m** [i]
gas **le gaz**
(US) **l'essence f** [essonss]
gas cylinder (camping gas) **la bouteille de gaz** [bootay]
gasoline (US) **l'essence f** [essonss]
gas permeable lenses **les lentilles semi-rigides fpl** [lontee suhmee-reejeed]
gas station **la station-service** [stass-yON-sairveess]
gate **le portail** [port-i]
(at airport) **la porte** [port]
gay **homosexuel**
gay bar **le bar d'homosexuels**
gears **les vitesses fpl** [veetess]
gearbox **la boîte de vitesses** [bwat]
gear lever **le levier de vitesses** [luhv-yay]
general (adj) **général** [jaynay-ral]
Geneva **Genève** [juhnev]

gents (toilet) **les toilettes pour hommes** [twalet poor om]
genuine (antique etc) **authentique** [otONteek]
German **allemand** [almon]
German measles **la rubéole** [roobay-ol]
Germany **l'Allemagne f** [almañ]
get (fetch) **obtenir** [obtuhneer]
will you get me another one, please? **est-ce que vous pouvez m'en apporter un autre, s'il vous plaît?** [eskuh voo poovay mon aportay AN ohtr]
how do I get to ...? **pouvez-vous m'indiquer comment aller à ...?** [poovay-voo mandeekay komON talay]
do you know where I can get them? **est-ce que vous savez où je peux en trouver?** [eskuh voo savay oo juh puh zON troovay]

dialogue

can I get you a drink?
puis-je t'offrir/vous offrir
un verre? [pweej tofreer ...]
no, I'll get this one,
what would you like?
non, celui-là c'est pour
moi, que voudrais-tu/
voudriez-vous? [suhlwee-la
say poor mwa]
a glass of red wine **un verre de vin rouge**

get back (return) **rentrer** [rontray]

get in (arrive) **arriver** [areevay]
 get off **descendre** [duhsONdr]
 where do I get off? **où dois-je descendre?** [oo dwaj]
 get on (to train etc) **monter** [mONTay]
 get out (of car etc) **descendre** [duhsONdr]
 get up (in the morning, stand up) **se lever** [suh luhvay]
 gift **le cadeau** [kado]
 gift shop **la boutique de cadeaux**
 gin **le gin** [djeen]
 a gin and tonic, please **un gin-tonic, s'il vous plaît**
 girl **la fille** [fee]
 girlfriend **la petite amie** [puhteet amee]
 give **donner** [donay]
 can you give me some change? **pouvez-vous me donner de la monnaie?** [poovay-voo]
 I gave it to him **je le lui ai donné** [juh luh lwee ay donay]
 will you give this to ...? **pouvez-vous donner ceci à ...?**

dialogue

how much do you want for this? **combien en voulez-vous?** [kONb-YAN ON voolay-voo]
 100 euros **cent euros**
 I'll give you 90 euros **je vous en donne 90 euros** [juh voo zON don]

give back **rendre** [rONdr]
 glad **content** [kONTON]
 glass **le verre** [vair]
 a glass of wine **un verre de vin**
 glasses (spectacles) **les lunettes** [looNet]
 gloves **les gants mpl** [gON]
 glue **la colle** [kol]
 go **aller** [alay]
 we'd like to go to the cathedral **nous aimerions aller à la cathédrale** [noo zemree-ON alay a]
 where are you going? **où vas-tu/allez-vous?** [oo vatOO/alay voo]
 where does this bus go? **où va ce bus?**
 let's go! **allons-y!** [alonzee]
 she's gone (left) **elle est partie** [partee]
 where has he gone? **où est-il allé?** [alay]
 I went there last week **j'y suis allé la semaine dernière**
 hamburger to go **hamburger à emporter** [ONportay]
 go away **partir** [parteer]
 go away! **va t'en!/allez-vous-en!** [vatON/alay-voo-zON]
 go back (return) **retourner** [ruhtoomay]
 go down **descendre** [duhsONdr]
 (price) **baisser** [bessay]
 go in **entrer** [ONtray]
 go out (in the evening) **sortir** [sorteer]
 do you want to go out

tonight? **veux-tu/voulez-vous sortir ce soir?** [vuh-too/voolay-voo]
 go through **traverser** [travairsay]
 go up **monter** [mONTay]
 goat **la chèvre** [shevr]
 goat's cheese **le fromage de chèvre** [fromahj]
 God **Dieu** [d-yuh]
 goggles (ski) **les lunettes de ski** [loo-net]
 gold **l'or m**
 golf **le golf**
 golf course **le terrain de golf** [terrAN]
 good **bon, f bonne** [bON, bon]
 good! **bien!** [b-yAN]
 it's no good **ça ne va pas** [sa nuh va pa]
 goodbye **au revoir** [o ruh-vwa]
 good evening **bonsoir** [bON-swa]
 Good Friday **le Vendredi Saint** [vONdruhdee sAN]
 good morning **bonjour** [bON-joor]
 good night **bonne nuit** [bon nwee]
 goose **l'oie f** [wa]
 got: we've got to leave **il faut que nous partions** [eel fo kuh]
 I've got to ... **il faut que je ...**
 have you got any ...? **est-ce que tu as/vous avez des/du ...?** [eskuh too a/voo zavay ...]
 government **le gouvernement** [goovairnuhMON]
 gradually **peu à peu** [puh a puh]
 grammar **la grammaire**

gram(me) **le gramme**
 granddaughter **la petite-fille** [puhteet-fee]
 grandfather **le grand-père** [grON-pair]
 grandmother **la grand-mère** [grON-mair]
 grandson **le petit-fils** [puhtee-feess]
 grapefruit **le pamplemousse** [pONpluh-mooss]
 grapefruit juice **le jus de pamplemousse** [jOO]
 grapes **le raisin** [rez-AN]
 grass **l'herbe f** [airb]
 grateful **reconnaissant** [ruhkonesson]
 gravy **la sauce au jus de viande** [sohss o jOO duh vee-OND]
 great (excellent) **fantastique** [fONTasteek]
 that's great! **c'est formidable!** [say formee-dabl]
 a great success **un grand succès** [grON sook-say]
 Great Britain **la Grande-Bretagne** [grOND-bruhtañ]
 Greece **la Grèce** [gress]
 greedy **gourmand** [goormON]
 Greek **grec**
 green **vert** [vair]
 green card (car insurance) **la carte verte** [kart vait]
 greengrocer's **le marchand de légumes** [marshON duh laygOOM]
 grey **gris** [gree]
 grill **le grill**
 grilled **grillé** [gree-yay]
 grocer's **l'épicerie f** [aypeesree]

ground le sol
 on the ground par terre [tair]
 ground floor le rez-de-chaussée [rayd-shoh-say]
 group le groupe [groop]
 guarantee la garantie [garONtee]
 is it guaranteed? y a-t-il une garantie? [yateel]
 guest l'invité(e) [ANveetay]
 guesthouse la pension [pONS-yON]
 guide le guide [geed]
 guidebook le guide
 guided tour la visite guidée [veezeet geeday]
 guitar la guitare [geetar]
 gum (in mouth) la gencive [jONseev]
 gun le fusil [foOzee]
 gym le gymnase [jeemnaz]

H

hair les cheveux mpl [shuhvuh]
 hairbrush la brosse à cheveux [bross]
 haircut la coupe de cheveux [koop]
 hairdresser le coiffeur [kwafurr]
 hairdryer le sèche-cheveux [sesh-shuhvuh]
 hair gel le gel (pour les cheveux) [jel]
 hairgrips les pinces à cheveux fpl [pANss]
 hair spray la laque [lak]

half* la moitié [mwatee-ay]
 half an hour une demi-heure [duhmee-urr]
 half a litre un demi-litre
 about half that la moitié
 half board la demi-pension [duhmee-pONS-yON]
 half-bottle la demi bouteille [bootay]
 half fare le demi-tarif [tareef]
 half price moitié prix [mwatee-ay pree]
 ham le jambon [jONbon]
 hamburger le hamburger [ONboorgair]
 hammer le marteau [marto]
 hand la main [MAN]
 handbag le sac à main
 handbrake le frein à main [fran]
 handkerchief le mouchoir [mooshwahr]
 handle la poignée [pwan-yay]
 hand luggage les bagages à main mpl [bagahj]
 hang-gliding le deltaplane [-plahn]
 hangover la gueule de bois [gurl duh bwa]
 I've got a hangover j'ai la gueule de bois
 happen arriver [areevay]
 what's happening? qu'est-ce qui se passe? [kes-kee suh pass]
 what has happened? qu'est-ce qui s'est passé? [say passay]
 happy heureux [ur-ruh]
 I'm not happy about this ça

ne me plaît pas [sa nuh muh play pa]
 harbour le port [por]
 hard dur [door]
 (difficult) difficile [deefeesseel]
 hard-boiled egg l'œuf dur m [urf]
 hard lenses les lentilles dures fpl [lontee door]
 hardly à peine [a pen]
 hardly ever presque jamais [presk jamay]
 hardware shop la quincaillerie [kan-ky-ree]
 hat le chapeau [shapo]
 hate détester [daytestay]
 have* avoir [avwahr]
 can I have a ...? j'aimerais ... [jemray]
 do you have ...? as-tu/avez-vous ...? [atoo/away-voo]
 what'll you have? qu'est-ce que tu prends/vous prenez? [keskuh too pron/voo pruhnay]
 I have to leave now je dois partir maintenant [juh dwa]
 do I have to ...? est-ce que je dois ...? [eskuh]
 can we have some ...? est-ce que nous pouvons avoir du ...?
 we don't have any left nous n'en avons plus [noo non avon plo]
 hayfever le rhume des foins [room day fwAN]
 hazelnuts les noisettes fpl [nwazet]
 he* il [eel]

head la tête [tet]
 headache le mal de tête
 headlights les phares mpl [far]
 headphones les écouteurs mpl [aykooturr]
 health food shop le magasin de produits diététiques m [magazAN duh prodwee dee-aytayteek]
 healthy (food, climate) bon pour la santé [sontay]
 (person) bien portant [b-YAN portON]
 hear entendre [ONTONdr]

dialogue

can you hear me?
 m'entendez-vous?
 [mONTONday-voo]
 I can't hear you, could you repeat that? je ne vous entends pas, pouvez-vous répéter?
 [juh nuh voo zONTON pa poovay-voo raypaytay]

hearing aid l'audiophone m [odeeo-fon]
 heart le cœur [kurr]
 heart attack la crise cardiaque [kreez kard-yak]
 heat la chaleur [shalurr]
 heater (in room) le radiateur [rad-yaturr]
 (in car) le chauffage [shohfahj]
 heating le chauffage
 heavy lourd [loor]
 heel le talon [talON]
 could you heel these?

pouvez-vous refaire les talons? [poovay-voo ruhfair]
heelbar le talon-minute [talON-meendOt]
height (of person) la taille [ti]
 (of mountain) l'altitude **f**
helicopter l'hélicoptère **m**
 [ayleekoptair]
hello **bonjour** [bONjoor]
 (in the evening) **bonsoir**
 [bONswahr]
 (answer on phone) **allô**
helmet (for motorcycle) le casque
 [kask]
help l'aide **f** [ed]
 (verb) **aider** [ayday]
help! **au secours!** [o suhkoor]
 can you help me? **est-ce que vous pouvez m'aider?** [eskuh voo poovay]
 thank you very much for your help **merci de votre aide**
helpful (person) **serviable**
 [sairvee-abl]
 (objects) **utile** [ooteel]
hepatitis l'hépatite **f** [aypateet]
her*: I haven't seen her **je ne l'ai pas vue**
 to her **à elle** [el]
 for/with her **pour/avec elle**
 that's her **c'est elle**
 her towel **sa serviette**
herbal tea la tisane [teezahn]
herbs les fines herbes **fpl** [feen zairb]
here **ici** [ee-see]
 here is/are ... **voici** ... [vwa-see]
 here you are (offering) **voilà**

[vwala]
hers*: that's hers **c'est à elle**
 [set a el]
hey! **hé!** [hay]
hi! (hello) **salut!** [salOO]
hide **cacher** [kashay]
high **haut** [o]
highchair la chaise haute [shez oht]
highway l'autoroute **f** [otoroot]
hill la colline [koleen]
him*: I haven't seen him **je ne l'ai pas vu**
 to him **à lui** [lwee]
 with him **avec lui**
 for him **pour lui**
 that's him **c'est lui**
hip la hanche [ONsh]
hire: for hire **à louer** [loo-ay]
 (verb) **louer**
 where can I hire a bike? **où y a-t-il des vélos à louer?** [oo yateel]
his*: it's his car **c'est sa voiture**
 it's his bike **c'est son vélo**
 [SON]
 that's his **c'est à lui** [set a lwee]
hit **frapper** [frapay]
hitch-hike **faire de l'autostop**
 [fair duh lotostop]
hobby le hobby [obbee]
hockey le hockey [ockee]
hold **tenir** [tuhneer]
hole le trou [troo]
holiday les vacances **fpl**
 [vakONss]
 on holiday **en vacances** [ON]
Holland la Hollande [ollond]
home la maison [mezzON]

at home (in my house etc) **chez moi** [ʃay mwa]

(in my country) **dans mon pays** [dɔN mɔN payee]

we go home tomorrow nous rentrons demain [rɔNtrɔN duhMAN]

honest **honnête** [ɔnnet]

honey **le miel** [mee-el]

honeymoon **la lune de miel** [looN]

hood (US) **le capot** [kapo]

hope **espérer** [espayray]

I hope so **j'espère que oui** [jespair kuh wee]

I hope not **j'espère que non**

hopefully: **hopefully he'll arrive soon espérons qu'il arrive bientôt** [espairɔN]

horn (of car) **le klaxon**

horrible **horrible** [oreeb]

horse **le cheval** [shuhval]

horse riding **l'équitation** f [aykeetass-yɔN]

hospital **l'hôpital** m [opee-tal]

hospitality **l'hospitalité** f [-eetay]

thank you for your hospitality merci de votre hospitalité

hot **chaud** [sho]

(spicy) **épicé** [aypeessay]

I'm hot **j'ai chaud** [jay]

it's hot today **il fait chaud aujourd'hui** [eel fay]

hotel **l'hôtel** m [otel]

hotel room: **in my hotel room dans ma chambre d'hôtel** [shɔNbr]

hour **l'heure** f [urr]

house **la maison** [mezzɔN]

house wine **la cuvée du patron** [kooVay dɔɔ]

hovercraft **l'aéroglysieur** m [a-ayro-gleessurr]

how **comment** [komɔN]

how many? **combien?** [kɔNb-yAN]

how do you do? **enchanté!** [ɔNshɔNtay]

dialogues

how are you? **comment vas-tu/allez-vous?** [komɔN va-too/alay-voo]

fine, thanks, and you? bien, merci, et toi/vous? [twa]

how much is it? **c'est combien?**

... euros ... euros

I'll take it **je le prends** [juh luh prɔN]

humid **humide** [ooceed]

humour **l'humour** m [oo Moor]

hungry: **I'm hungry j'ai faim** [jay fAN]

are you hungry? **est-ce que tu as/vous avez faim?** [eskuh too a/voo zavay]

hurry **se dépêcher** [suh daypeshay]

I'm in a hurry **je suis pressé** [juh swee pressay]

there's no hurry **ce n'est pas pressé** [suh nay pa]

hurry up! **dépêche-toi!**
dépêchez-vous! [daypesh-twa/
 daypeshay-voo]
 hurt **faire mal**
 it really hurts **ça fait vraiment
 mal** [sa fay vraymon]
 husband **le mari** [maree]
 hydrofoil **l'hydrofoil m**
 [eedro-]
 hypermarket **l'hypermarché m**
 [eepairmarshay]



I **je** [juh]
 ice **la glace** [glass]
 with ice **avec des glaçons**
 [glasson]
 no ice, thanks **pas de glaçons,
 merci**
 ice cream **la glace** [glass]
 ice-cream cone **le cornet de
 glace** [kornay]
 iced coffee **le café glacé**
 [glassay]
 ice lolly **l'esquimau m** [eskeemo]
 ice rink **la patinoire**
 [pateenwahr]
 ice skates **les patins à glace**
mpl [patan a glass]
 idea **l'idée f** [eeday]
 idiot **l'idiot m** [eedee-o]
 if **si** [see]
 ignition **l'allumage m** [aloomahj]
 ill **malade** [malad]
 I feel ill **je ne me sens pas bien**
 [juh nuh muh son pa b-yan]
 illness **la maladie** [maladee]

imitation (leather etc) **l'imitation
 f** [eemeetass-yon]
 immediately **immédiatement**
 [eemaydee-atmon], tout de
 suite [toot sweet]
 important **important** [ANportON]
 it's very important **c'est très
 important** [say trayz]
 it's not important **ça ne fait
 rien** [sa nuh fay ree-AN]
 impossible **impossible** [ANposs-
 eebi]
 impressive **impressionnant**
 [ANpress-yonON]
 improve **améliorer**
 [amayleeray]
 I want to improve my French
**je veux améliorer mon
 français** [juh vuh]
 in: it's in the centre **c'est au
 centre** [o sontr]
 in my car **dans ma voiture**
 [don]
 in Dijon **à Dijon**
 in two days from now **d'ici
 deux jours**
 in May **en mai** [ON]
 in English **en anglais**
 in French **en français**
 is he in? **il est là?** [eel ay la]
 in five minutes **dans cinq
 minutes**
 inch* **le pouce** [pooss]
 include **inclure** [ANKloor]
 does that include meals?
**est-ce que les repas sont
 compris?** [eskuh lay ruhpa son
 konpree]
 is that included? **est-ce que**

c'est compris?
 inconvenient inopportun
 [eenoportAN]
 incredible (very good, amazing)
 incroyable [ANkrwy-abi]
 Indian indien, f indienne
 [ANdee-AN, -en]
 indicator (on car) le clignotant
 [kleen-yotON]
 indigestion l'indigestion f
 [ANdeejest-yON]
 indoor pool la piscine
 couverte [peesseen koovairt]
 indoors à l'intérieur [lANTay-ree-urr]
 inexpensive bon marché [bON-marshay]
 infection l'infection f [ANfex-yON]
 infectious contagieux [kONTahj-yuh]
 inflammation l'inflammation f
 [ANflamass-yON]
 informal simple [SAN-pl]
 information les
 renseignements mpl [rONsen-yuhmON]
 do you have any information about ...? est-ce que vous avez des renseignements sur ...? [eskuh voo zavay]
 information desk les
 renseignements [rONsen-yuhmON]
 injection la piqûre [pee-kOOr]
 injured blessé [blessay]
 she's been injured elle est blessée
 in-laws les beaux-parents

[bo-parON]
 inner tube la chambre à air
 [shONbr]
 innocent innocent [eenosON]
 insect l'insecte m [ANsekt]
 insect bite la piqûre d'insecte
 [peekOOr]
 do you have anything for insect bites? est-ce que vous avez quelque chose contre les piqûres d'insecte? [eskuh voo zavay kelkuh shohz]
 insect repellent la crème anti-insecte [krem ONtee-ANsekt]
 inside à l'intérieur [lANTayree-urr]
 inside the hotel dans l'hôtel
 [dON]
 let's sit inside allons nous asseoir à l'intérieur
 insist insister [ANseestay]
 I insist j'insiste [jANseest]
 insomnia l'insomnie f
 [ANSomnee]
 instant coffee le café soluble
 [solOObI]
 instead à la place [plass]
 give me that one instead donnez-moi celui-ci à la place [donay-mwa suhlwee-see]
 instead of ... au lieu de ...
 [o l-yuh duh]
 insulin l'insuline f [ANSOoleen]
 insurance l'assurance f
 [assOOrONss]
 intelligent intelligent
 [ANTayleejON]
 interested: I'm interested in ... je m'intéresse à ... [mANTay-

ress]
interesting intéressant
 [ANTayressON]
 that's very interesting c'est
 très intéressant
international international
 [ANTairnass-yONal]
interpret faire l'interprète [fair
 lANTairpret]
interpreter l'interprète mf
 [ANTairpret]
intersection le carrefour
 [karfoor]
interval (at theatre) l'entracte m
 [ONtrakt]
into dans [dON]
 I'm not into ... je n'aime pas ...
 [juh nem pa]
introduce présenter [prayzONTay]
 may I introduce ...? puis-je
 vous présenter ...? [pweej voo]
invitation l'invitation f
 [ANveetass-yON]
invite inviter [ANveetay]
Ireland l'Irlande f [eerlONd]
Irish irlandais [eerlONday]
 I'm Irish (man/woman) je suis
 irlandais/irlandaise [-ez]
iron (for ironing) le fer à repasser
 [fair a ruh-passay]
 can you iron these for me?
 pouvez-vous me repasser ces
 vêtements? [vetmON]
is* est [ay]
island l'île f [eel]
it* ça [sa]; il [eel]; elle [el]
 it is ... c'est ... [say]
 is it ...? est-ce ...? [ess]
 where is it? où est-ce que

c'est? [weskuh say]
 it's him c'est lui
 it was ... c'était ... [saytay]
Italian italien [eetalyAN]
Italy l'Italie f [eetalee]
itch: it itches ça me démange
 [sa muh daymONj]

J

jack (for car) le cric [kreek]
jacket la veste [vest]
jar le pot [po]
jam la confiture [konfeetoor]
jammed: it's jammed c'est
 coincé [say kwANSay]
January janvier [jONvee-ay]
jaw la mâchoire [mashwahr]
jazz le jazz
jealous jaloux [jaloo]
jeans le jean
jellyfish la méduse [maydooz]
jersey le tricot [treeko]
jetty la jetée [juhtay]
Jewish juif, f juive [jweef,
 jweev]
jeweller's la bijouterie
 [beejootuhree]
jewellery les bijoux [beejoo]
job le travail [trav-i]
jogging le jogging
 to go jogging faire du
 jogging [fair]
joke la plaisanterie [plezzONTree]
journey le voyage [vw-y-ahj]
 have a good journey! bon
 voyage!
jug le pot [po]

Ju

a jug of water **une carafe d'eau** [dɔ]
 juice **le jus** [juː]
 July **juillet** [jwee-yay]
 jump **sauter** [sohtay]
 jumper **le pull** [pool]
 jump leads **les câbles de démarrage** [kahbl duh daymarahj]
 junction **le croisement** [krwazmɔN]
 June **juin** [jwan]
 just (only) **seul** [surl]
 just two **seulement deux** [surlmɔN]
 just for me **seulement pour moi** [poor mwa]
 just here **juste ici** [juːst ee-see]
 not just now **pas maintenant** [pa]
 we've just arrived **nous venons d'arriver** [noo vuhnɔN dareevay]

K

Ju

keep **garder** [garday]
 keep the change **gardez la monnaie** [garday la monay]
 can I keep it? **est-ce que je peux le garder?** [eskuh juh puh]
 please keep it **gardez-le**
 ketchup **le ketchup**
 kettle **la bouilloire** [boo-ee-wahr]
 key **la clé** [klay]
 the key for room 201, please **la clé de la chambre deux**

cent un, s'il vous plaît
 key ring **le porte-clé** [port-klay]
 kidneys (in body) **les reins** **mpl** [ran]
 (food) **les rognons** **mpl** [ron-yon]
 kill **tuer** [too-ay]
 kilo* **le kilo**
 kilometre* **le kilomètre** [keelo-metr]
 how many kilometres is it to ...? **combien y a-t-il de kilomètres pour aller à ...?** [konb-yAN yateel]
 kind **aimable** [em-abl]
 that's very kind **c'est très aimable**

dialogue

which kind do you want?
de quel type voulez-vous?
 I want this/that kind **c'est de ce type que je veux**

king **le roi** [rwa]
 kiosk **le kiosque**
 kiss **le baiser** [bezzay]
 (verb) **embrasser** [ONbrassay]
 kitchen **la cuisine** [kweezeen]
 kitchenette **le coin-cuisine** [kwAN-kweezeen]
 Kleenex® **les kleenex** **mpl**
 knee **le genou** [juh-noo]
 knickers **le slip** [sleep]
 knife **le couteau** [kooto]
 knitwear **les tricotés** [treeko]
 knock **frapper** [frapay]
 knock down **renverser**

[RONvairsay]
 he's been knocked down **il s'est fait renverser** [eel say fay]
 knock over **renverser**
 [RONvairsay]
 know (somebody, a place)
connaître [konetr]
 (something) **savoir** [savwahr]
 I don't know **je ne sais pas** [juh nuh say pa]
 I didn't know that **je ne savais pas** [savay]
 do you know where I can find ...? **savez-vous où je peux trouver ...?** [savay-voo]

L

label **l'étiquette** f [ayteeket]
 ladies' (room) **les toilettes**
 (pour dames) [twalet poor dam]
 ladies' wear **les vêtements pour femmes** [vetmon poor fam]
 lady **la dame** [dam]
 lager **la bière** [bee-air]
 lake **le lac**
 lamb **l'agneau** m [an-yo]
 lamp **la lampe** [lɔnp]
 lane (on motorway) **la voie** [vwa]
 (small road) **le chemin** [shuhman]
 language **la langue** [lɔng]
 language course **le cours de langue** [koor duh lɔng]
 large **grand** [grɔn]
 last **dernier** [dairn-yay]
 last week **la semaine dernière** [suhmen dairn-yair]
 last Friday **vendredi dernier**
 last night **hier soir** [yair swahr]
 what time is the last train to Nancy? **à quelle heure part le dernier train pour Nancy?** [kel urr par]
 late **tard** [tar]
 sorry I'm late **je suis désolé d'être en retard** [juh swee dayzoley detr ON ruhtar]
 the train was very late **le train avait beaucoup de retard** [away bo-koo duh]
 we'll be late **nous allons arriver en retard** [noo zalon areevay]
 it's getting late **il se fait tard** [eel suh fay]
 later **plus tard** [ploɔ tar]
 I'll come back later **je reviendrai plus tard** [juh ruhvee-Andray]
 see you later **à tout à l'heure** [a toota lurr]
 later on **plus tard**
 latest **dernier** [dairn-yay]
 by Wednesday at the latest **d'ici mercredi au plus tard** [o ploɔ tar]
 laugh **rire** [reer]
 launderette/ laundromat **la laverie automatique** [lavree otomateek]
 laundry (clothes) **le linge sale** [lɔnj sal]
 (place) **la blanchisserie** [blɔnshesree]
 lavatory **les toilettes** [twalet]

law **la loi** [lwa]
 lawn **la pelouse** [puhlooz]
 lawyer **l'avocat m** [avoka]
 laxative **le laxatif** [laxateef]
 lazy **paresseux** [paressuh]
 lead (electrical) **le fil**
 (électrique) [feel aylektreek]
 (verb) **mener à** [muhnay]
 where does this lead to? **où**
cette route mène-t-elle? [oo
 set root mentel]
 leaf **la feuille** [fuh-ee]
 leaflet **le dépliant** [daypleeON]
 leak **la fuite** [fweet]
 (verb) **fuir** [fweer]
 the roof leaks **il y a une fuite**
dans le toit [eelya]
 learn **apprendre** [apronDr]
 least: not in the least **pas du**
tout [pa doo too]
 at least **au moins** [o mwan]
 leather **le cuir** [kweer]
 leave (go away) **partir** [parteer]
 I am leaving tomorrow **je pars**
demain [juh par]
 he left yesterday **il est parti**
hier [eel ay partee]
 when does the bus for
 Avignon leave? **à quelle**
heure part le bus pour
Avignon? [par]
 may I leave this here? **puis-je**
laisser ceci ici? [pweej lessay
 suhsee ee-see]
 I left my coat in the bar **j'ai**
oublié ma veste au bar [jay
 ooble-ay]
 leaks **les poireaux mpl** [pwahro]
 left **la gauche** [gohsh]

on the left **à gauche**
 to the left **sur la gauche** [soor]
 turn left **tournez à gauche**
 there's none left **il n'y en a**
plus [eel n-yon a plo]
 left-handed **gaucher** [gohshay]
 left luggage (office) **la**
consigne [konseeñ]
 leg **la jambe** [jonb]
 lemon **le citron** [seetron]
 lemonade **la limonade**
 [leemonad]
 lemon tea **le thé citron** [tay
 seetron]
 lend **prêter** [pretay]
 will you lend me your ...?
pourrais-tu/pourriez-vous
me prêter ton/votre ...?
 [pooray-to/pooree-ay-voo muh]
 lens (of camera) **l'objectif m**
 [objekteef]
 lesbian **la lesbienne**
 less **moins** [mwan]
 less than **moins que**
 less expensive **moins cher**
 lesson **la leçon** [luhson]
 let **laisser** [lessay]
 will you let me know?
pouvez-vous me le faire
savoir? [poovay-voo muh luh fair
 savwahr]
 I'll let you know **je te/vous**
préviendrai [juh tuh/voo prayvee-
 Andray]
 let's go for something to eat
allons manger un morceau
 [alon monjay]
 let off **laisser descendre** [lessay
 duhsONdr]

will you let me off at ...?
pouvez-vous me laisser
descendre à ..., s'il vous
plaît? [poovay-voo]
letter la lettre [letr]
do you have any letters
for me? est-ce qu'il y a du
courrier pour moi? [eskeel ya
doo kooree-ay poor mwa]
letterbox la boîte à lettres
[bwat a letr]
lettuce la laitue [letoo]
lever le levier [luhv-yay]
library la bibliothèque
licence le permis [paimee]
lid le couvercle [koovairkl]
lie (tell untruth) mentir [monter]
lie down s'étendre [saytondr]
life la vie [vee]
lifebelt la bouée de sauvetage
[boo-ay duh sohvtahj]
lifeguard le maître nageur
[metr nahjurr]
life jacket le gilet de sauvetage
[jeelay duh sohvtahj]
lift (in building) l'ascenseur m
[asonsurr]
could you give me a lift?
pouvez-vous m'emmener?
[poovay-voo monmuhnay]
would you like a lift? est-ce
que je peux vous déposer
quelque part? [eskuh juh puh
voo daypohzay kelkuh par]
lift pass le forfait de remonte-
pente [forfay duh ruhmont-pont]
a daily/weekly lift pass un
forfait de remonte-pente
d'une journée/d'une

semaine
light la lumière [loom-yair]
(not heavy) léger [lay-jay]
do you have a light? avez-
vous du feu? [avay-voo doo fuh]
light green vert clair
light bulb l'ampoule f [ONpool]
lighter (cigarette) le briquet
[breekay]
lightning les éclairs [ayklair]
like aimer [aymay]
I like it ça me plaît [sah muh
play]
I like going for walks j'aime
bien aller me promener [jem
b-yAN]
I like you tu me plais [too muh
play]
I don't like it ça ne me plaît
pas
do you like ...? est-ce que tu
aimes/vous aimez ...? [too
em/voo zaymay]
I'd like a beer je voudrais une
bière [juh voodray]
I'd like to go swimming
j'aimerais nager [jemray]
would you like a drink?
veux-tu/voulez-vous boire
quelque chose? [vuh-too/voolay-
voo]
would you like to go for a
walk? veux-tu/voulez-vous
aller faire une promenade?
what's it like? comment est-
ce? [komON ess]
one like this un comme ça
[kom]
lime le citron vert [seetron vair]

lime cordial le jus de citron
vert [ʃoo]
line la ligne [leen]
could you give me an outside
line? pouvez-vous me
donner une ligne extérieure?
[poovay-voo]
lip la lèvre [levr]
lip salve la pommade pour les
lèvres [pomahd]
lipstick le rouge à lèvres [rooj]
liqueur la liqueur [leekurr]
listen écouter [aykootay]
litre* le litre [leetr]
a litre of white wine un litre
de vin blanc
little petit [puhtee]
just a little, thanks un tout
petit peu, s'il vous plaît [AN
too puhtee puh]
a little milk un peu de lait
a little bit more un petit peu
plus [plóoss]
live vivre [veevr]
we live together nous vivons
ensemble [noo veevON ZONSONbl]

II

dialogue

where do you live? où
est-ce que tu habites/vous
habitez? [weskuh too abeet/
voo zabeetay]
I live in London je vis à
Londres [vee]

lively vivant [veevON]
liver le foie [fwa]
loaf le pain [PAN]

lobby (in hotel) le hall [al]
lobster la langouste [lONgoost]
local local
a local wine/restaurant
un vin de la région/un
restaurant dans le quartier
[duh la rayjON/... dON luh kart-yay]
lock la serrure [sair-roor]
(verb) fermer à clé [fairmay a
klay]
it's locked c'est fermé à clé
[fairmay]
lock in enfermer à clé
[ONfairmay]
lock out enfermer dehors
[duh-or]
I've locked myself out je me
suis enfermé dehors [juh muh
swee ZONfairmay]
locker (for luggage etc) le casier
[kaz-yay]
lollipop la sucette [sússset]
London Londres [lONdr]
long long, f longue [lON,
lON-g]
how long will it take to fix it?
combien de temps est-ce que
ça prendra pour le réparer?
[kONb-YAN duh tON]
how long does it take?
combien de temps est-ce que
ça prend? [eskuh sa prON]
a long time longtemps
[lONTON]
one day/two days longer un
jour/deux jours en plus [ON
plóoss]
long-distance call l'appel
longue-distance m

loo les toilettes [twalet]
 look regarder [ruhgarday]
 I'm just looking, thanks je ne fais que regarder, merci [juh nuh fay kuh]
 you don't look well tu n'as pas l'air dans ton assiette [too na pa lair don ton ass-yet]
 look out! attention! [atons-yon]
 can I have a look? puis-je regarder? [pweej]
 look after garder [garday]
 look at regarder [ruhgarday]
 look for chercher [shairshay]
 I'm looking for ... je cherche ... [juh shairsh]
 look forward to: I'm looking forward to it je m'en réjouis à l'avance [juh mon rayjwee a lavonss]
 loose (handle etc) lâche [lahsh]
 lorry le camion [kam-yon]
 lose perdre [pairdr]
 I've lost my way je suis perdu [juh swee pairdoo]
 I'm lost, I want to get to ... je suis perdu, je voudrais aller à ...
 I've lost my (hand)bag j'ai perdu mon sac à main [jay]
 lost property (office) les objets trouvés [objay troovay]
 lot: a lot, lots beaucoup [bo-koo]
 not a lot pas beaucoup [pa]
 a lot of people beaucoup de monde
 a lot bigger beaucoup plus

gros
 I like it a lot ça me plaît beaucoup
 lotion la lotion [lohss-yon]
 loud fort [for]
 lounge le salon (in airport) la salle d'embarquement [sal donbarkmon]
 love l'amour m [amoor]
 (verb) aimer [aymay]
 I love Corsica j'aime la Corse [jem]
 lovely (view, present etc) ravissant [ravee-son]
 (meal) délicieux [dayleess-yuh]
 (weather) magnifique [man-yeefeek]
 low bas [ba]
 luck la chance [shonss]
 good luck! bonne chance! [bon]
 luggage les bagages mpl [bagahj]
 luggage trolley le chariot à bagages [sharee-o]
 lump (on body) la grosseur [grossurr]
 lunch le déjeuner [dayjuhnay]
 lungs les poumons mpl [poomon]
 Luxembourg le Luxembourg [looXonboor]
 luxurious luxueux [looXoo-uh]
 luxury le luxe [looX]

M

machine **la machine**
 mad (insane) **fou, f folle** [foo, fol]
 (angry) **furieux** [fooree-uh]
 magazine **le magazine**
 maid (in hotel) **la femme de chambre** [fam duh shONbr]
 maiden name **le nom de jeune fille** [NON duh jurn fee]
 mail **le courrier** [kooree-ay]
 (verb) **poster** [posstay]
 is there any mail for me? **est-ce qu'il y a du courrier pour moi?** [eskeel ya dOO]
 mailbox **la boîte à lettres** [bwat a letr]
 main **principal** [prANseepal]
 main course **le plat principal** [pla]
 main post office **la poste principale** [posst]
 main road (in town) **la rue principale** [rOO]
 (in country) **la grande route** [grOND root]
 mains switch **le disjoncteur** [deesjONkturr]
 make (brand name) **la marque** [mark]
 (verb) **faire** [fair]
 I make it 500 francs **d'après mes calculs, ça fait cinq cents francs** [dapray may kalkOOl sa fay]
 what is it made of? **en quoi est-ce?** [ON kwa ess]
 make-up **le maquillage** [makee-ahj]

man **l'homme** m [om]
 manager **le patron** [pa-trON]
 can I see the manager? **puis-je parler au patron?** [pweej parlay o]
 manageress **la directrice** [deerektrees]
 manual (car) **la voiture à embrayage manuel** [vwatOO a ONbrī-ahj monOOel]
 many **beaucoup** [bo-koo]
 not many **pas beaucoup** [pa]
 map (of city) **le plan** [plON]
 (road map, geographical) **la carte** [kart]
 March **mars** [marss]
 margarine **la margarine** [marghareen]
 market **le marché** [marshay]
 marmalade **la confiture d'oranges** [konfeetOO dorONj]
 married: I'm married **je suis marié** [juh swee maree-ay]
 are you married? **êtes-vous marié?** [et-voo]
 mascara **le mascara**
 match (football etc) **le match**
 matches **les allumettes** **fpI** [alOOmet]
 material (fabric) **le tissu** [teessOO]
 matter: it doesn't matter **ça ne fait rien** [sa nuh fay ree-AN]
 what's the matter? **qu'est-ce qu'il y a?** [keskeel ya]
 mattress **le matelas** [matla]
 May **mai** [may]
 may: may I have another one? **puis-je en avoir un autre?** [pweej]

may I come in? **puis-je**
entrer?
 may I see it? **puis-je le/la**
voir?
 may I sit here? **est-ce que je**
peux m'asseoir ici? [eskuh
 juh puh masswahr]
 maybe **peut-être** [puht-etr]
 mayonnaise **la mayonnaise**
 me* **moi** [mwa]
 that's for me **c'est pour moi**
 send it to me **envoyez-le moi**
 me too **moi aussi** [o-see]
 meal **le repas** [ruhpa]

dialogue

did you enjoy your meal?
est-ce que vous avez fait
un bon repas? [eskuh voo
 zavay fay TAN BON]
 it was excellent, thank you
c'était excellent, merci
[saytay]

mean **signifier** [seen-yeefee-ay]
 what do you mean? **qu'est-**
ce que vous voulez dire?
[keskuh-voo volay deer]

dialogue

what does this word
 mean? **que signifie ce**
mot? [kuh seen-yeefee suh
 mo]
 it means ... in English **ça**
veut dire ... en anglais [sa
 vuh deer]

measles **la rougeole** [roojol]
 meat **la viande** [veeOND]
 mechanic **le mécanicien**
 [maykaneess-yAN]
 medicine **le médicament**
 [maydeekamON]
 Mediterranean **la**
Méditerranée [maydeetairanay]
 medium (size) **moyen** [mwy-AN]
 medium-dry (wine) **demi-sec**
 [duhme-sek]
 medium-rare (steak) **à point**
 [pwAN]
 medium-sized **moyen** [mwy-AN]
 meet **rencontrer** [RONKontray]
 nice to meet you **enchanté**
 [ONshontay]
 where shall I meet you? **où**
nous retrouverons-nous? [oo
 noo ruhtroovuhRON-noo]
 meeting **la réunion** [rayOON-yON]
 meeting place **le point de**
rendez-vous [pwAN duh]
 melon **le melon** [muhlON]
 men **les hommes** [om]
 mend **réparer** [rayparay]
 could you mend this for me?
pouvez-vous me réparer ça?
[poovay-voo]
 menswear **les vêtements pour**
hommes [vetMON poor om]
 mention **mentionner** [MONS-
 yONay]
 don't mention it **je vous en**
prie [juh voo ZON pree]
 menu **la carte** [kart]
 may I see the menu, please?
puis-je voir la carte, s'il vous
plaît? [pweej vwahr]

see Menu Reader page 206
 message **le message** [messahj]
 are there any messages for
 me? **est-ce que quelqu'un a**
laissé un message pour moi?
 [eskuh kelKAN a lessay]

I want to leave a message
 for ... **je voudrais laisser un**
message pour ... [juh voodray]

metal **le métal** [may-tal]

metre* **le mètre** [metr]

microwave **le micro-ondes**
 [meekro-OND]

midday **midi** [meedee]

at midday **à midi**

middle: in the middle **au**
milieu [o meel-yuh]

in the middle of the night **au**
milieu de la nuit

the middle one **celui du**
milieu

midnight **minuit** [meenwee]

at midnight **à minuit**

might: I might want to stay
 another day **il est possible**
que je reste encore un jour
 [eel ay posseebl kuh]

I might not leave tomorrow **il**
est possible que je ne parte
pas demain

migraine **la migraine** [meegren]

mild (taste, weather) **doux,**
f douce [doo, dooss]

mile* **le mille** [meel]

milk **le lait** [lay]

milkshake **le milk-shake**

millimetre* **le millimètre**
 [meelee-metr]

minced meat **la viande hachée**

[veeOND ashay]

mind: never mind **tant pis**

[TON pee]

I've changed my mind **j'ai**
changé d'avis [jay shONjay
 davee]

dialogue

do you mind if I open the
 window? **ça vous dérange**
si j'ouvre la fenêtre? [sa voo
 dayRONJ see]

no, I don't mind **non, ça**
ne me dérange pas [sa nuh
 muh]

mine*: it's mine **c'est à moi** [set
 a mwa]

mineral water **l'eau minérale f**
 [o meenayral]

mint-flavoured **à la menthe**
 [mONT]

mint cordial **la menthe à l'eau**
 [a lo]

mints (sweets) **les bonbons à la**
menthe mpl

minute **la minute** [meenoot]
 in a minute **dans un instant**
 [dON ZAN ANSTON]

just a minute **un instant**
 mirror **le miroir** [meer-wahr]

Miss **Mademoiselle** [mad-
 mwazel]

miss **rater** [ratay]

I missed the bus **j'ai raté le**
bus [jay ratay]

missing: to be missing
manquer [monkay]

one of my ... is missing **il me manque un de mes ...** [eel muh monK]

there's a suitcase missing **il manque une valise**

mist **la brume** [broom]

mistake **l'erreur f** [air-rurr]

I think there's a mistake **je crois qu'il y a une erreur** [juh krwa keelya]

sorry, I've made a mistake **désolé, j'ai fait une erreur misunderstanding le**

malentendu [malONTONDoo]

mix-up: sorry, there's been a mix-up **désolé, il y a une erreur** [dayzoley eelya oon air-rurr]

mobile **le (téléphone) portable** [portahbl]

modern **moderne** [modairn]

modern art gallery **la galerie d'art moderne** [dar]

moisturizer **la crème hydratante** [krem eedratONT]

moment: I'll be back in a moment **je reviens dans un instant** [juh ruhv-YAN DON ZAN ANSTON]

Monday **lundi** [landee]

money **l'argent m** [arjON]

month **le mois** [mwa]

monument **le monument** [monoomON]

moon **la lune** [loon]

moped **la mobylette** [mobeet]

more* **plus** [plooss]

can I have some more water, please? **est-ce que je peux**

avoir encore un peu d'eau, s'il vous plaît? [eksuh juh puh avwahr ONKor]

more expensive/interesting **plus cher/intéressant** [plo]

more than 50 **plus de cinquante**

more than that **plus que ça** [plooss kuh sa]

a lot more **beaucoup plus** [bo-koo]

dialogue

would you like some more? **est-ce que vous en voulez encore?** [eskuh voo ZON voolay]

no, no more for me, thanks **non, pas pour moi, merci**
how about you? **et vous?**
I don't want any more, thanks **je n'en veux plus, merci**

morning **le matin** [matAN]

this morning **ce matin**

in the morning **le matin**

Moroccan **marocain** [marokAN]

Morocco **le Maroc**

mosquito **le moustique** [moosteek]

mosquito repellent **le produit anti-moustiques** [prodwee ONtee-]

most: I like that most of all **c'est ce que je préfère** [say suh kuh juh prayfair]

most of the time **la plupart**

du temps [ploopar]
 most tourists la plupart des touristes
 mostly principalement [prANseepal-mON]
 mother la mère [mair]
 motorbike la moto
 motorboat le bateau à moteur [bato a moturr]
 motorway l'autoroute f [otoroot]
 mountain la montagne [mONTaɲ]
 in the mountains à la montagne
 mountaineering l'alpinisme m [alpeeneess-muh]
 mouse la souris [sooree]
 moustache la moustache [mooss-tash]
 mouth la bouche [boosh]
 mouth ulcer l'aphte m [afft]
 move bouger [boojay]
 he's moved to another room il a changé de chambre [eel a shONjay duh shONbr]
 could you move your car? est-ce que vous pouvez déplacer votre voiture? [eskuh voo poovay dayplassay votr vwatoor]
 could you move up a little? est-ce que vous pouvez vous pousser un peu? [poossay]
 where has it moved to? où se trouve-t-il maintenant? [oo suh troovteel mANTuhnON]
 movie le film [feelm]
 movie theater le cinéma

[seenayma]
 Mr Monsieur [muhss-yuh]
 Mrs Madame [ma-dam]
 Ms Madame; Mademoiselle [ma-dam, mad-mwazel]
 much beaucoup [bo-koo]
 much better/much worse beaucoup mieux/bien pire
 much hotter beaucoup plus chaud
 not much pas beaucoup [pa]
 not very much pas tellement [telmON]
 I don't want very much je n'en veux pas beaucoup [juh non vuh pa]
 mud la boue [boo]
 mug (for drinking) la tasse [tass]
 I've been mugged j'ai été dévalisé [jay aytay dayvaleezay]
 mum la maman [ma-mON]
 mumps les oreillons [oray-ON]
 museum le musée [moozey]
 mushrooms les champignons mpl [shONpeen-yON]
 music la musique [moozeek]
 musician le musicien, la musicienne [moozeess-yAN, -yen]
 Muslim musulman [moozoOLmON]
 mussels les moules fpl [mool]
 must*: I must je dois [juh dwa]
 I mustn't drink alcohol il ne faut pas que je boive d'alcool [eel nuh fo pa juh]
 mustard la moutarde [mootard]
 my*: my room ma chambre
 my passport mon passeport [mON]

my parents **mes parents** [may]
 myself: I'll do it myself **je le
 ferai moi-même** [mwa-mem]
 by myself **tout seul** [too sur]

N

nail (finger) **l'ongle m** [Onɡl]
 (metal) **le clou** [kloo]
 nail varnish **le vernis à ongles**
 [vairnee]
 name **le nom** [non]
 my name's John **je m'appelle
 John** [juh ma-pel]
 what's your name? **comment
 tu t'appelles/vous appelez-
 vous?** [komon too ta-pel/voo
 zaplay-voo]
 what is the name of this
 street? **comment s'appelle
 cette rue?** [sa-pel]
 napkin **la serviette** [sairv-yet]
 nappy **la couche** [koosh]
 narrow (street) **étroit** [aytrwa]
 nasty (person, taste) **désagréable**
 [dayzagray-abl]
 (weather, accident) **mauvais** [mo-
 vay]
 national **national** [nass-yonal]
 nationality **la nationalité** [nass-
 yonaleetay]
 natural **naturel** [natoo-rel]
 nausea **la nausée** [no-zay]
 navy (blue) **(bleu) marine** [bluh
 mareen]
 near **près** [pray]
 is it near the city centre? **est-
 ce que c'est près du centre?**

[eskuh say]
 do you go near the harbour?
**est-ce que vous allez vers le
 port?** [vair]
 where is the nearest ...? **où
 est le/la ... le/la plus proche?**
 [ploosh prosh]
 nearby **tout près** [too pray]
 nearly **presque** [presk]
 necessary **nécessaire**
 [naysessair]
 neck **le cou** [koo]
 necklace **le collier** [kol-yay]
 necktie **la cravate**
 need: I need ... **j'ai besoin
 de ...** [jay buhzwan duh]
 do I need to pay? **est-ce que
 je dois payer?** [eskuh juh dwa]
 needle **l'aiguille f** [aygwee]
 negative (film) **le négatif**
 [naygateef]
 neither: neither (one) of them
ni l'un ni l'autre [nee IAN nee
 lohtr]
 neither ... nor ... **ni ... ni ...**
 nephew **le neveu** [nuhvuh]
 net (in sport) **le filet** [feelay]
 Netherlands **les Pays-Bas**
 [payee-ba]
 network map **le plan du
 réseau** [plon doo rayzo]
 never **jamais** [jamay]

dialogue

have you ever been to
 Monaco? **êtes-vous déjà
 allé à Monaco?** [et-voo dayja
 alay]

no, never, I've never been there **non**, jamais, je n'y suis jamais allé [juh nee swee]

new **nouveau**, **f nouvelle** [noovo, noovel]

news (radio, TV etc) **les informations** [ANformass-yON]

newsagent's **le marchand de journaux** [marshON duh joorno]

newspaper **le journal** [joor-nal]

newspaper kiosk **le kiosque à journaux** [keesk]

New Year **le Nouvel An** [noovel ON]

Happy New Year! **bonne année!** [bon anay]

New Year's Eve **la Saint-Sylvestre** [SAN seelvestr]

New Zealand **la Nouvelle-Zélande** [noovel zaylOND]

New Zealander: I'm a New Zealander **je suis Néo-Zélandais** [nayozaYONday]

next **prochain** [proshan]

the next on the left **la prochaine à gauche** [proshen a gohsh]

at the next stop **au prochain arrêt**

next week **la semaine prochaine**

next to à côté de [a kotay duh]

nice (food) **bon** [bON]

(looks, view etc) **joli** [jolee]

(person) **sympathique, gentil** [sANpateek, jONtee]

niece **la nièce** [nee-ess]

night **la nuit** [nwee]

at night **la nuit**

good night **bonne nuit** [bon]

nightclub **la boîte de nuit** [bwat duh nwee]

nightdress **la chemise de nuit** [shuhmeez]

night porter **le gardien de nuit** [gardee-AN]

no **non** [nON]

I've no change **je n'ai pas de monnaie** [juh nay pa duh]

there's no ... left **il n'y a plus de ...** [eel nya plOO]

no way! **pas question!** [pa kest-yON]

oh no! (upset) **ce n'est pas possible!** [suh nay pa posseebi]

nobody **personne** [pairson]

there's nobody there **il n'y a personne** [eel nya]

noise **le bruit** [brwee]

noisy: it's too noisy **c'est trop bruyant** [say tro brwee-yON]

non-alcoholic **sans alcool** [sON zalkol]

none **aucun** [o-KAN]

nonsmoking compartment **le compartiment non-fumeurs** [kONparteemON non-foOmurr]

noon **midi** [meedee]

no-one **personne** [pairson]

nor: nor do I **moi non plus** [mwa nON plOO]

normal **normal** [nor-mal]

north **le nord** [nor]

in the north **dans le nord**
north of Paris **au nord de Paris** [o]

northeast **le nord-est** [nor-est]

northern **du nord** [doo]

northwest **le nord-ouest** [nor-west]

Northern Ireland **l'Irlande du Nord** f [eerlOND]

Norway **la Norvège** [norvej]

Norwegian (adj) **norvégien** [nor-vayj-yAN]

nose **le nez** [nay]

nosebleed **le saignement de nez** [sen-yuh-mON]

not** **pas** [pa]

no, I'm not hungry **non**, je n'ai pas faim [juh nay pa]

I don't want any, thank you je n'en veux pas, merci [nON vuh]

it's not necessary **ce n'est pas nécessaire**

I didn't know that **je ne savais pas**

not that one – this one **pas celui-là – celui-ci** [suhlwee-la suhlwee-see]

note (banknote) **le billet (de banque)** [bee-yay (duh BONK)]

notebook **le cahier** [ky-yay]

notepaper (for letters) **le papier à lettres** [pap-yay a letr]

nothing **rien** [ree-AN]

nothing for me, thanks **pour moi rien**, merci [poor mwa]

nothing else **rien d'autre** [dohtr]

novel **le roman** [romON]

November **novembre** [no-vONbr]

now **maintenant** [mANtnON]

number **le numéro** [noomayro]

I've got the wrong number j'ai fait un mauvais numéro [jay fay AN]

what is your phone number? quel est votre numéro de téléphone? [kel ay votr]

number plate **la plaque d'immatriculation** [plak deematreekoolass-yON]

nurse (female) **l'infirmière** f [ANfeerm-yair]

(male) **l'infirmier** m [ANfeerm-yay]

nursery slope **la piste pour débutants** [peest poor dayboTON]

nut (for bolt) **l'écrou** m [aykroo]

nuts **les noixettes** fpl [nwazet]

O

o'clock*: it's 10 o'clock **il est dix heures** [urr]

occupied (toilet) **occupé** [okoo-pay]

October **octobre** [oktoBr]

odd (strange) **étrange** [aytronj]

of* **de** [duh]

off (lights) **éteint** [aytAN]

it's just off the Champs Elysées **c'est tout près des Champs Elysées** [too pray day]

we're off tomorrow (leaving) **nous partons demain** [noo partON]

offensive (language, behaviour) **choquant** [shokON]

office **le bureau** [booro]

officer (said to policeman)
monsieur l'agent [muhss-yuh
lajON]

often souvent [soovON]
not often pas souvent [pa]
how often are the buses?
à quel intervalle les bus
passent-ils? [kel ANTairval]

oil l'huile f [weel]
ointment la pommade
[pomahd]

OK d'accord [dakor]
are you OK? ça va? [sa va]
is that OK with you? est-ce
que ça te/vous va? [eskuh sa
tuh/voo]
is it OK to ...? est-ce qu'on
peut ...? [puh]
that's OK thanks (it doesn't
matter) merci, ça va [mairsee]
I'm OK (nothing for me, I've got
enough) ça va comme ça
(I feel OK) ça va
is this train OK for ...? ce train
va bien à ...? [b-YAN]

I said I'm sorry, OK? j'ai dit
pardon, ça ne suffit pas? [sa
nuh soofee pa]

old vieux, f vieille [v-yuh,
v-yay]

dialogue

how old are you? quel âge
as-tu/avez-vous? [kel ahj
atoo/avay-voo]

I'm twenty-five j'ai vingt-
cinq ans [jay]
and you? et vous?

old-fashioned démodé
[daymoday]

old town (old part of town) la
vieille ville [v-yay veel]
in the old town dans la vieille
ville

olive oil l'huile d'olive f [weel
doleev]

olives les olives fpl [oleev]
black/green olives les olives
noires/vertes

omelette l'omelette f

on* sur [soor]
on the street/beach dans la
rue/à la plage [don]
is it on this road? est-ce que
c'est sur cette route?

on the plane dans l'avion
on Saturday samedi
on television à la télévision
I haven't got it on me je ne
l'ai pas sur moi [juh nuh lay pa
soor mwa]

this one's on me (drink) c'est
ma tournée [say ma toornay]
the light wasn't on la lumière
n'était pas allumée [aloomay]
what's on tonight? qu'est-ce
qu'il y a ce soir? [keskeel-ya
suh swahr]

once une fois [oon fwa]
at once (immediately) tout de
suite [toot sweet]

one* un, une [AN, oon]
the white one le blanc, la
blanche

one-way ticket: a one-way
ticket to ... un aller simple
pour ... [alay sanpl poor]

onion l'oignon **m** [on-YON]
 only seulement [surlMON]
 only one seulement un(e)
 only just à peine [pen]
 it's only 6 o'clock il n'est que
 six heures [eel nay kuh]
 I've only just got here je viens
 d'arriver [juh v-YAN dareevay]
 on/off switch l'interrupteur
 de marche/arrêt **m**
 [Antairoopturr duh marsh/aray]
 open (adj) ouvert [oovair]
 (verb) ouvrir [oovreer]
 when do you open? à quelle
 heure est-ce que vous
 ouvrez? [a kel urr eskuh voo
 zoovray]
 I can't get it open je n'arrive
 pas à l'ouvrir [juh nareev pa]
 in the open air en plein air
 [ON plan air]
 opening times les heures
 d'ouverture [urr doovairtoor]
 open ticket le billet open
 [bee-yay]
 opera l'opéra **m** [opayra]
 operation l'opération **f**
 [opayrass-YON]
 operator (telephone) le/la
 standardiste [stONdardeest]
 opposite: the opposite
 direction le sens inverse
 [anvairss]
 opposite my hotel en face de
 mon hôtel [ON fass duh]
 the bar opposite le bar d'en
 face
 optician l'opticien **m** [opteess-
 yAN]

or ou [oo]
 orange (fruit) l'orange **f** [orONj]
 (colour) orange
 orange juice le jus d'orange
 [joo]
 orchestra l'orchestre **m** [orkestr]
 order: can we order now?
 est-ce que nous pouvons
 commander? [eskuh noo poovON
 komONday]
 I've already ordered, thanks
 j'ai déjà commandé, merci
 [jay dayja komONday]
 I didn't order this ce n'est pas
 ce que j'ai commandé [suh nay
 pa suh kuh]
 out of order hors service [or
 sairveess]
 ordinary ordinaire [ordeenair]
 other autre [ohtr]
 the other one l'autre
 the other day (recently) l'autre
 jour
 I'm waiting for the others
 j'attends les autres [lay zohtr]
 do you have any others? est-
 ce que vous en avez d'autres?
 [eskuh voo zON avay dohtr]
 otherwise sinon [seenON]
 our* notre, pl nos
 ours* le/la nôtre [nohtr]
 out: he's out il est sorti [eel ay
 sortee]
 three kilometres out of town à
 trois kilomètres de la ville
 outdoors en plein air [ON plan
 air]
 outside (preposition) à
 l'extérieur de [extayree-urr duh]

can we sit outside? **est-ce que nous pouvons nous mettre dehors?** [eskuh noo poovON noo metr duh-or]
 oven **le four** [foor]
 over: over here **par ici** [ee-see]
 over there **là-bas** [laba]
 over 500 **plus de cinq cents** [plooh duh]
 it's over (finished) **c'est fini** [say feenee]
 overcharge: you've overcharged me **il y a une erreur dans la note** [eelya ON air-rurr dON la not]
 overcoat **le pardessus** [parduhsOO]
 overnight (travel) **de nuit** [duh nwee]
 overtake **doubler** [dooblay]
 owe: how much do I owe you? **qu'est-ce que je vous dois?** [keskuh juh voo dwa]
 own: my own ... **mon propre ...** [propr]
 are you on your own? **êtes-vous seul?** [et-voo surl]
 I'm on my own **je suis seul**
 owner **le/la propriétaire** [propree-aytair]

P

pack: a pack of ... **un paquet de ...** [pakay duh]
 (verb) **faire ses bagages** [fair say bagahj]
 package (at post office) **le colis**

[kolee]
 package holiday **les vacances organisées** [vakONSS organeezay]
 packed lunch **le casse-croûte** [kass-kroot]
 packet: a packet of cigarettes **un paquet de cigarettes** [pakay]
 padlock **le cadenas** [kadna]
 page (of book) **la page** [pahj]
 could you page Mr ...? **pouvez-vous faire appeler M. ...?** [poovay-voo fair aplay]
 pain **la douleur** [doolurr]
 I have a pain here **j'ai mal ici** [jay mal ee-see]
 painful **douloureux** [doolooruh]
 painkillers **les analgésiques** **mpl** [an-aljayzeek]
 paint **la peinture** [pANToor]
 painting (picture) **le tableau** [tablo]
 pair: a pair of ... **une paire de ...** [pair duh]
 Pakistani **pakistanaïs** [-ay]
 palace **le palais** [palay]
 pale **pâle** [pahl]
 pale blue **bleu clair**
 pan **la poêle** [pwal]
 panties **le slip** [sleep]
 pants (underwear) **le slip** (US) **le pantalon** [pONTALON]
 pantyhose **le collant** [kollON]
 paper **le papier** [papyay]
 (newspaper) **le journal** [joor-nal]
 a piece of paper **un bout de papier** [boo]
 paper handkerchiefs **les kleenex® mpl**

parcel **le colis** [kolee]
 pardon? (didn't understand)
pardon? [par-dON]
 parents: my parents **mes**
parents [parON]
 parents-in-law **les beaux-**
parents [bo-]
 park **le parc**
 (verb) **se garer** [suh garay]
 can I park here? **est-ce que je**
peux me garer ici?
 parking lot **le parking**
 [parkeeng]
 part **une partie** [partee]
 partner (boyfriend, girlfriend) **le/la**
partenaire [partuhnair]
 party (group) **le groupe**
 (celebration) **la fête** [fet]
 pass (in mountains) **le col**
 passenger **le passager, la**
passagère [passahjay, -jair]
 passport **le passeport** [pass-
 por]
 past*: in the past **autrefois**
 [ohtruh-fwa]
 just past the information
 office **tout de suite après le**
centre d'information [toot
 sweet apray]
 path **le sentier** [sONT-yay]
 pattern **le motif** [moteef]
 pavement **le trottoir** [trotwahr]
 on the pavement **sur le**
trottoir
 pavement café **le café en**
terrasse [ON tairass]
 pay (verb) **payer** [pay-ay]
 can I pay, please? **l'addition,**
s'il vous plaît [ladeess-yON]

it's already paid for **ça a déjà**
été réglé [sa a day-ja aytay
 rayglay]

dialogue

who's paying? **qui est-ce**
qui paie? [kee eskee pay]
 I'll pay **c'est moi qui paie**
 [say mwa]
 no, you paid last time,
 I'll pay **non, tu as payé la**
dernière fois, cette fois
c'est mon tour [too a pay-ay
 la dairn-yair fwa set fwa say
 MON toor]

pay phone **la cabine**
téléphonique [kabeen
 taylayfoneek]
 peaceful **paisible** [pezzeebi]
 peach **la pêche** [pesh]
 peanuts **les cacahuètes** **fpl**
 [kaka-wet]
 pear **la poire** [pwahr]
 peas **les petits pois** **mpl** [puhtee
 pwa]
 peculiar (taste, custom) **bizarre**
 pedestrian crossing **le passage**
pour piétons [passahj poor
 p-yayTON]
 pedestrian precinct **la zone**
piétonne [zohn p-yayTON]
 peg (for washing) **la pince à**
linge [PANSS a lANj]
 (for tent) **le piquet** [peekay]
 pen **le stylo** [steelo]
 pencil **le crayon** [kray-ON]
 penfriend **le correspondant**

[-don], la correspondante
 [-dont]
 penicillin la pénicilline
 [payneesseeleen]
 penknife le canif [kaneef]
 pensioner le retraité, la
 retraitée [ruhtraytay]
 people les gens [jon]
 the other people les autres
 [lay zohtr]
 too many people trop de
 monde [tro duh mond]
 pepper (spice) le poivre
 [pwahvr]
 (vegetable) le poivron
 [pwahvron]
 peppermint (sweet) le bonbon
 à la menthe [bonbon ala mont]
 per: per night par nuit
 how much per day? quel est
 le prix par jour? [kel ay]
 per cent pour cent [poor son]
 perfect parfait [parfay]
 perfume le parfum [parfan]
 perhaps peut-être [puht-etr]
 perhaps not peut-être que
 non [kuh non]
 period (of time) la période
 [payree-od]
 (menstruation) les règles [regl]
 perm la permanente
 [pairmanont]
 permit l'autorisation f
 [otoreezass-yon]
 person la personne [pairson]
 personal stereo le baladeur
 [baladurr]
 petrol l'essence f [essonss]
 petrol can le bidon d'essence

[beedon dessonss]
 petrol station la station-
 service [stass-yon-sairveess]
 pharmacy la pharmacie
 [farmasee]
 phone le téléphone [taylay-]
 (verb) téléphoner
 could you phone the police?
 pourriez-vous téléphoner à
 la police? [pooree-ay-voo]
 phone book l'annuaire du
 téléphone m [anooair doo
 taylayfon]
 phone box la cabine
 téléphonique [kabeen
 taylayfoneek]
 phonecard la télécarte [taylay-
 kart]
 phone number le numéro de
 téléphone [noomayro]
 photo la photographie [foto-
 grafee]
 excuse me, could you take a
 photo of us? pourriez-vous
 nous prendre en photo?
 [pooree-ay-voo noo prondr on]
 phrasebook le manuel de
 conversation [manooel duh
 konvairsass-yon]
 piano le piano
 pickpocket le/la pickpocket
 pick up: will you be there to
 pick me up? est-ce que vous
 viendrez me chercher? [eskuh
 voo vee-andray muh shairshay]
 picnic le pique-nique [peek-
 neek]
 picture l'image f [eemahj]
 pie (meat) le pâté en croûte

[patay ON kroot]
 (fruit) la tarte
 piece le morceau [morso]
 a piece of ... un morceau
 de ...
 pig le cochon [koshON]
 pill la pilule [peelool]
 I'm on the pill je prends la
 pilule [juh prON]
 pillow l'oreiller m [oray-yay]
 pillow case la taie d'oreiller
 [tay]
 pin l'épingle f [aypANGl]
 pineapple l'ananas m
 [anana]
 pineapple juice le jus d'ananas
 [jOO]
 pink rose [roz]
 pipe (for smoking) la pipe [peep]
 (for water) le tuyau [twee-o]
 pity: it's a pity c'est dommage
 [say domahj]
 pizza la pizza
 place l'endroit m [ONdrwa]
 is this place taken? est-ce
 que cette place est prise?
 [eskuh set plass ay preez]
 at your place chez toi/vous
 [shay twa/voo]
 at his place chez lui [lwee]
 plain (not patterned) uni [oonee]
 plane l'avion m [av-yON]
 by plane en avion
 plant la plante [plONT]
 plaster cast le plâtre [plahr]
 plasters les pansements mpl
 [PONsmON]
 plastic le plastique [plass-teek]
 (credit cards) les cartes de

crédit [kart duh kray-dee]
 plastic bag le sac en plastique
 [ON plass-teek]
 plate l'assiette f [ass-yet]
 platform le quai [kay]
 which platform is it for Paris?
 c'est quelle voie pour Paris?
 [say kel vwa]
 play (verb) jouer [joo-ay]
 (in theatre) la pièce de théâtre
 [p-yess duh tay-atr]
 playground (for children) le
 terrain de jeux [terrAN duh juh]
 pleasant agréable [agray-abl]
 please s'il vous plaît [seel voo
 play]
 (if using 'tu' form) s'il te plaît
 [seel tuh]
 yes please oui, merci [wee
 mairsee]
 could you please ...?
 pourriez-vous ..., s'il vous
 plaît? [pooree-ay-voo]
 please don't wait for me
 ce n'est pas la peine de
 m'attendre [suh nay pa la pen]
 pleased to meet you
 enchanté [ONshONTay]
 pleasure le plaisir [plezzeer]
 my pleasure tout le plaisir
 est pour moi [too luh ... ay poor
 mwa]
 plenty: plenty of ... beaucoup
 de ... [bo-koo duh]
 we've plenty of time nous
 avons largement le temps
 [noo zavON larj-mON luh tON]
 that's plenty, thanks merci, ça
 suffit [sa soofee]

pliers **la pince** [panss]
 plug (electrical) **la prise** [preez]
 (for car) **la bougie** [boojee]
 (in sink) **le bouchon** [booshon]
 plumber **le plombier** [plonb-
 yay]
 p.m.* **de l'après-midi** [duh
 lapray-meedee]
 (in the evening) **du soir** [doo
 swahr]
 poached egg **l'œuf poché** m
 [urf poshay]
 pocket **la poche** [posh]
 point: two point five **deux**
virgule cinq [... veergool ...]
 there's no point **ça ne sert à**
rien [sa nuh sair a ree-AN]
 points (in car) **les vis platinées**
 [veess plateenay]
 poisonous **toxique**
 police **la police**
 call the police! **appelez la**
police! [aplay]
 policeman **l'agent de police**
m [ajon]
 police station **le commissariat**
 [komeessaree-a]
 policewoman **la femme agent**
 [fam ajon]
 polish **le cirage** [seerahj]
 polite **poli** [polee]
 polluted **pollué** [poloo-ay]
 pony **le poney** [ponay]
 pool (for swimming) **la piscine**
 [peesseen]
 poor (not rich) **pauvre** [pohvr]
 (quality) **médiocre** [maydeekr]
 pop music **la musique pop**
 [moozeek]

pop singer **le chanteur/la**
chanteuse de musique pop
 [shonturr/shonturz duh]
 population **la population**
 [popoolass-yon]
 pork **le porc** [por]
 port (for boats) **le port** [por]
 (drink) **le porto**
 porter (in hotel) **le portier** [port-
 yay]
 portrait **le portrait** [portray]
 Portugal **le Portugal**
 Portuguese (adj) **portugais**
 [portoo gay]
 posh (restaurant, people) **chic**
 [sheek]
 possible **possible** [posseebi]
 is it possible to ...? **est-ce**
qu'on peut ...? [eskon puh]
 as ... as possible **aussi ... que**
possible [o-see]
 post (mail) **le courrier** [kooree-
 ay]
 (verb) **poster** [posstay]
 could you post this for me?
pourriez-vous me poster
cette lettre? [pooree-ay-voo muh
 posstay set letr]
 postbox **la boîte aux lettres**
 [bwat o letr]
 postcard **la carte postale** [kart
 poss-tal]
 poster **l'affiche** f [afeesh]
 post office **la poste** [posst]
 poste restante **la poste**
restante
 potato **la pomme de terre**
 [pom duh tair]
 potato chips **les chips** fpl

[cheeps]
 pots and pans les casseroles
 [kassuhroh]l
 pottery (objects) la poterie
 [potree]
 pound (money) la livre
 (sterling) [leevr (stairleeng)]
 (weight) la livre
 power cut la coupure de
 courant [koopoor duh koorON]
 power point la prise (de
 courant) [preez]
 practise: I want to practise
 my French je veux m'exercer
 à parler français [juh vuh
 mexairsay a parlay]
 prawns les crevettes fpl
 [kruhvet]
 prefer: I prefer ... je préfère ...
 [juh prayfair]
 pregnant enceinte [ONSANT]
 prescription (for chemist)
 l'ordonnance f [ordonONss]
 present (gift) le cadeau [kado]
 president le président
 [prayzeedON]
 pretty joli [jolee]
 it's pretty expensive c'est
 plutôt cher [say plooto shair]
 price le prix [pree]
 priest le prêtre [pretr]
 prime minister le Premier
 ministre [pruhm-yay meeneestr]
 printed matter l'imprimé m
 [ANpreemay]
 priority (in driving) la priorité
 [preeoreetay]
 prison la prison [preeZON]
 private privé [preevay]

private bathroom la salle de
 bain particulière [sal duh BAN
 parteekool-yair]
 probably probablement [prob-
 abluhmon]
 problem le problème [prob-
 lem]
 no problem! pas de
 problème! [pa duh]
 program(me) le programme
 [prog-ram]
 promise: I promise je te/vous
 le promets [juh tuh/voo luh
 promay]
 pronounce: how is this
 pronounced? comment
 est-ce que ça se prononce?
 [komON teskuh sa suh pronONss]
 properly (repaired, locked etc)
 bien [b-YAN]
 protection factor l'indice de
 protection m [ANdeess duh
 protex-yON]
 Protestant protestant [-ton]
 public holiday le jour férié
 [joor fayree-ay]
 public toilets les toilettes
 publiques [twalet poobleek]
 pudding (dessert) le dessert
 [dessair]
 pull tirer [teeray]
 pullover le pull [pool]
 puncture la crevaision
 [kruhvezzON]
 purple violet [veeolay]
 purse (for money) le porte-
 monnaie [port-monay]
 (US) le sac à main [MAN]
 push pousser [poossay]

pushchair **la poussette**
 [pooset]
 put **mettre** [metr]
 where can I put ...? où est-ce que je peux mettre ...?
 [weskuh juh puh]
 could you put us up for the night? **pourriez-vous nous héberger pour la nuit?**
 [pooree-ay-voo noo zaybairjay poor la nwee]
 pyjamas **le pyjama** [peejama]
 Pyrenees **les Pyrénées**
 [peeraynay]

Q

quality **la qualité** [kaleetay]
 quarantine **la quarantaine**
 [karONTen]
 quarter **le quart** [kar]
 quayside: on the quayside **sur les quais** [soor lay kay]
 question **la question** [kest-yON]
 queue **la queue** [kuh]
 quick **rapide** [rapeed]
 that was quick **tu as/vous avez fait vite** [too a/voo zavay fay veet]
 what's the quickest way there? **quel est le chemin le plus court?** [kel ay luh shuhMAN luh ploO koor]
 fancy a quick drink? **tu as/vous avez le temps de prendre un verre?** [too a/voo zavay luh tON duh prONdr AN vair]
 quickly **vite** [veet]

quiet (place, hotel) **tranquille**
 [tronkeel]
 quiet! **silence!** [seelONss]
 quite (fairly) **assez** [assay]
 (very) **très** [tray]
 that's quite right **c'est tout à fait juste** [say too ta fay jooost]
 quite a lot **pas mal** [pa]

R

rabbit **le lapin** [lapAN]
 race (for runners, cars) **la course**
 [koorss]
 racket (tennis, squash etc) **la raquette** [raket]
 radiator (of car, in room) **le radiateur** [rad-yaturr]
 radio **la radio** [ra-deeo]
 on the radio **à la radio**
 rail: by rail **en train** [ON tran]
 railway **le chemin de fer**
 [shuhMAN duh fair]
 rain **la pluie** [plwee]
 in the rain **sous la pluie**
 [soo]
 it's raining **il pleut** [eel pluh]
 raincoat **l'imperméable** **m**
 [ANpairmay-abl]
 rape **le viol** [veeol]
 rare (steak) **saignant** [sen-yON]
 rash (on skin) **l'éruption** **f**
 [ayroops-yON]
 raspberry **la framboise**
 [frONbwahz]
 rat **le rat** [ra]
 rate (for changing money) **le taux**
 [toh]

rather: it's rather good **c'est assez bon** [say tassay BON]
 I'd rather ... **je préfère ...** [juh prayfair]
 razor **le rasoir** [razwahr]
 razor blades **les lames de rasoir** **fpl** [lahm duh razwahr]
 read **lire** [leer]
 ready **prêt** [pray]
 are you ready? **est-ce que tu es/vous êtes prêt?** [eskuh too ay/voo zet]
 I'm not ready yet **je ne suis pas encore prêt** [juh nuh swee pa zONkor]

dialogue

when will it be ready?
quand est-ce que ce sera prêt? [konteskuh suh suhra]
 it should be ready in a
 couple of days **ça devrait être prêt dans un ou deux jours** [sa duhvray]

real **véritable** [vayreet-abl]
 really **vraiment** [vraymon]
 that's really great **c'est vraiment formidable**
 really? (doubt) **vraiment?**
 (polite interest) **ah bon?**
 rearview mirror **le rétroviseur** [raytroveezurr]
 reasonable **raisonnable** [rezzON-abl]
 receipt **le reçu** [ruhs00]
 recently **récemment** [ray-samON]

reception (for guests, in hotel) **la réception** [ray-seps-yON]
 at reception **à la réception**
 reception desk **le bureau de réception**
 receptionist **le/la réceptionniste** [rayseps-yoneest]
 recognize **reconnaître** [ruhkoneetr]
 recommend: could you
 recommend ...? **pourriez-vous me recommander ...?**
 [pooree-ay-voo muh ruhkomonday]
 record (music) **le disque** [deesk]
 red **rouge** [rooj]
 red wine **le vin rouge** [VAN]
 refund **le remboursement** [RONboorss-mON]
 can I have a refund? **est-ce que je serai remboursé?**
 [eskuh juh suhray RONboorsay]
 region **la région** [rayjeeON]
 registered: by registered
 mail **en recommandé** [ON ruhkomonday]
 registration number **le numéro d'immatriculation** [n00mayro deematreekoolass-yON]
 relative **le parent** [parON]
 religion **la religion** [ruhleejeeON]
 remember: I don't remember
 je ne me souviens pas [juh nuh muh soov-yAN pa]
 I remember **je m'en souviens** [juh mon]
 do you remember? **tu te souviens?/vous souvenez-vous?** [too tuh .../voo soovnay-voo]

rent (for apartment etc) **le loyer**
 [lwy-ay]
 (verb) **louer** [loo-ay]
 for rent **à louer**
 rented car **la voiture de location** [vwatoo duh lokass-yON]
 repair (verb) **réparer** [rayparay]
 can you repair it? **est-ce que vous pouvez réparer ça?**
 [eskuh voo poovay]
 repeat **répéter** [raypaytay]
 could you repeat that?
pourriez-vous répéter?
 [pooree-ay-voo]
 reservation **la réservation**
 [rayzairvass-yON]
 I'd like to make a reservation
je voudrais faire une réservation [juh voodray fair]

dialogue

I have a reservation **j'ai réservé** [jay rayzairvay]
 yes sir, what name please?
certainement monsieur, à quel nom s'il vous plaît?
 [sairten-MON muh-syuh a kel non]

reserve **réserver** [rayzairvay]

dialogue

can I reserve a table for tonight? **j'aimerais réserver une table pour ce soir**
 [jemray]
 yes madam, for how many

people? **certainement madame, pour combien de personnes?** [sairten-MON ... poor KONb-YAN duh pairson]
 for two **pour deux**
 and for what time? **et pour quelle heure?** [kel urr]
 for eight o'clock **pour huit heures**
 and could I have your name please? **pourrais-je avoir votre nom s'il vous plaît?** [poorayj avwahr]
 see alphabet

rest: I need a rest **j'ai besoin de repos** [jay buh-zWAN duh ruhpo]
 the rest of the group **le reste du groupe** [rest]
 restaurant **le restaurant** [restorON]

dialogue

what's the dish of the day?
quel est le plat du jour?
 [kel ay luh pla doo joor?]
 I'll take the 30 euro menu
je vais prendre le menu à trente euros [juh vay prONdr]

restaurant car **le wagon-restaurant** [vagon]
 rest room **les toilettes** [twalet]
 retired: I'm retired **je suis retraité(e)** [ruhtretay]

return (ticket) l'**aller-retour** **m**
 [alay-ruhtoor]
 reverse charge call le **PCV**
 [pay-say-vay]
 reverse gear la **marche arrière**
 [marsh aree-air]
 revolting **dégoûtant** [daygootON]
 rib la **côte** [koht]
 rice le **riz** [ree]
 rich (person) **riche** [reesh]
 (food) **lourd** [loor]
 ridiculous **ridicule** [reedeeekool]
 right (correct) **juste** [jooost]
 (not left) **droit** [drwa]
 you were right **vous aviez**
raison [voo zaveeay rezzON]
 that's right **c'est juste** [say
 jooost]
 this can't be right **ce n'est pas**
possible [suh nay pa posseebl]
 right! **d'accord!** [dakor]
 is this the right road for ...?
est-ce bien la route de ...?
 [ess b-YAN la root]
 on the right **à droite** [drwat]
 turn right **tournez à droite**
 [toornay]
 right-hand drive la **conduite à**
droite [KONDweet a drwat]
 ring (on finger) la **bague**
 [bag]
 I'll ring you **je vous appellerai**
 [juh vooz apelray]
 ring back **rappeler**
 ripe (fruit) **mûr** [moor]
 rip-off: it's a rip-off **c'est de**
l'arnaque [say duh larnak]
 rip-off prices **les prix**
exorbitants [pree exorbeeton]

risky **risqué** [reeskay]
 river la **rivière** [reev-yair]
 road la **route** [root]
 is this the road for ...? **est-ce**
la bonne route pour aller
à ...? [ess la bon root poor
 alay]
 it's just down the road **c'est**
tout près d'ici [say too pray dee-
 see]
 road accident l'**accident de la**
circulation **m** [axeedon duh la
 seerkoolass-yON]
 road map la **carte routière**
 [kart root-yair]
 roadsign le **panneau de**
signalisation [pano duh seen-
 yaleezass-yON]
 rob: I've been robbed **j'ai été**
dévalisé [jay aytay dayvaleezay]
 rock le **rocher** [roshay]
 (music) la **musique rock**
 [moozeek]
 on the rocks (with ice) **avec des**
glaçons [avek day glasson]
 roll (bread) le **petit pain** [puhtee
 pan]
 roof le **toit** [twa]
 roof rack la **galerie** [galree]
 room la **chambre** [shONbr]
 in my room **dans ma chambre**
 [don]

dialogue

do you have any rooms?
est-ce que vous avez des
chambres? [eskuh voo zavay
 day]

for how many people?

pour combien de personnes? [poor KONb-YAN duh pairson]

for one/for two **pour une personne/deux personnes**
yes, we have rooms free

oui, nous avons des chambres libres [leebr]

for how many nights
will it be? **ce serait pour combien de nuits?** [suh suhray – duh nwee]

just for one night **pour une nuit seulement** [surlmon]

how much is it? **combien est-ce?** [ess]

100 euros with bathroom
and 80 euros without
bathroom **cent euros avec salle de bain et quatre-vingts euros sans salle de bain** [sal duh BAN]

can I see a room with
bathroom? **est-ce que je pourrais voir une chambre avec salle de bain?** [eskuh juh pooray vwahr]

OK, I'll take it **d'accord, je la prends** [dakor juh la PRON]

room service **le service en chambre** [sairveess ON shONbr]

rope **la corde** [kord]

rosé (wine) **le rosé** [rozzay]

roughly (approximately) **environ** [ONveeron]

round: it's my round **c'est ma**

tournée [say ma toornay]

roundabout (for traffic) **le rond-point** [ron-pWAN]

round trip ticket **l'aller-retour m** [alay-ruhtoor]

route **l'itinéraire m** [eeteenay-rair]

what's the best route? **quel itinéraire nous conseillez-vous?** [noo KONsay-ay-voo]

rubber (material) **le caoutchouc** [ka-oochoo]

(eraser) **la gomme** [gom]

rubber band **l'élastique m** [aylasteek]

rubbish (waste) **les ordures** [ordoor]

(poor-quality goods) **la camelote** [kamlot]

rubbish! (nonsense) **n'importe quoi!** [nanport kwa]

rucksack **le sac à dos** [do]

rude **grossier** [gross-yay]

ruins **les ruines fpl** [rooëen]

rum **le rhum** [rum]

rum and coke **un rhum coca**

run (person) **courir** [kooreer]

how often do the buses run?

à quels intervalles les bus passent-ils? [kel ZANTairval lay

booss pasteel]

I've run out of money **je n'ai plus d'argent** [juh nay ploo

darjon]

rush hour **les heures de pointe** [urr duh pwANT]

S

sad **triste** [treest]
 saddle (for bike, horse) **la selle** [sel]
 safe (not in danger) **en sécurité** [ON sayk00reetay]
 (not dangerous) **sûr** [soor]
 safety pin **l'épingle de sûreté f** [aypangl duh soortay]
 sail **la voile** [vwal]
 sailboard **la planche à voile** [plONsh a vwal]
 sailboarding **la planche à voile**
 salad **la salade** [sa-lad]
 salad dressing **la vinaigrette**
 sale: for sale **à vendre** [vONdr]
 salmon **le saumon** [so-mON]
 salt **le sel**
 same: the same **le/la même** [mem]
 the same as he has **le/la même que lui**
 the same again, please **la même chose, s'il vous plaît** [shohz seel voo play]
 it's all the same to me **ça m'est égal** [sa met aygal]
 sand **le sable** [sabl]
 sandals **les sandales fpl** [SON-dal]
 sandwich **le sandwich** [SONd-weetch]
 sanitary napkin **la serviette hygiénique** [eejee-ayneek]
 sanitary towel **la serviette hygiénique**
 sardines **les sardines fpl**
 Saturday **samedi** [samdee]

sauce **la sauce** [sohss]
 saucepan **la casserole**
 saucer **la soucoupe** [sookoop]
 sauna **le sauna** [sona]
 sausage **la saucisse** [soseess]
 say: how do you say ... in French? **comment dit-on ... en français?** [komON deet-ON]
 what did he say? **qu'est-ce qu'il a dit?** [keskeel a dee]
 he said ... **il a dit ...**
 I said ... **j'ai dit ...** [jay]
 could you say that again? **pourriez-vous répéter?** [pooree-ay-voo raypaytay]
 scarf (for neck) **l'écharpe f** [aysharp]
 (for head) **le foulard** [foolar]
 scenery **le paysage** [payee-zahj]
 schedule (US) **l'horaire m** [orair]
 scheduled flight **le vol de ligne** [vol duh leeñ]
 school **l'école f** [aykol]
 scissors: a pair of scissors **une paire de ciseaux** [seezo]
 scotch **le whisky**
 Scotch tape® **le scotch**
 Scotland **l'Écosse f** [aykoss]
 Scottish **écossais** [aykossay]
 I'm Scottish (man/woman) **je suis écossais/écossaise** [aykossez]
 scrambled eggs **les œufs brouillés** [uh broo-yay]
 scratch **l'éraflure f** [ayrafloor]
 screw **la vis** [veess]
 screwdriver **le tournevis** [toornuhveess]

scrubbing brush **la brosse**
[bross]
sea **la mer** [mair]
by the sea **au bord de la mer**
[o bor]
seafood **les fruits de mer**
[frwee duh mair]
seafood restaurant **le**
restaurant de fruits de mer
seafront **le bord de la mer** [bor
duh la mair]
on the seafront **au bord de la**
mer
seagull **la mouette** [mwet]
search **chercher** [shairshay]
seashell **le coquillage** [kokee-
yahj]
seasick: I feel seasick **j'ai le**
mal de mer [jay luh mal duh
mair]
I get seasick **je suis sujet au**
mal de mer [juh swee soojay]
seaside: by the seaside **au**
bord de la mer [o bor duh la
mair]
seat **le siège** [see-ej]
is this anyone's seat? **est-ce**
que cette place est prise?
[eskuh set plass ay preez]
seat belt **la ceinture**
de sécurité [sANToor duh
saykooreetay]
sea urchin **l'oursin m** [OORSAN]
seaweed **les algues** [alg]
secluded **isolé** [eezolay]
second (adj) **second** [suhgON]
(of time) **la seconde** [suhgOND]
just a second! **une seconde!**
second class (travel) **en**

seconde [ON suhgOND]
second floor **le deuxième**
[duhz-yem]; (US) **le premier**
[pruhm-yay]
second-hand **d'occasion**
[dokaz-yON]
see **voir** [vwahr]
can I see? **est-ce que je peux**
voir? [eskuh juh puh]
have you seen ...? **est-ce que**
tu as/vous avez vu ...? [tOO
a/voo zavay vOO]
I saw him this morning **je l'ai**
vu ce matin [juh lay]
see you! **à bientôt!** [b-yANTo]
I see (I understand) **je vois** [juh
vwa]
self-catering apartment
l'appartement (de vacances)
m [apartmON (duh vakONss)]
self-service **le self-service**
[sairveess]
sell **vendre** [vONdr]
do you sell ...? **est-ce que**
vous vendez ...? [eskuh voo
vONday]
Sellotape® **le scotch**
send **envoyer** [ONwvy-ay]
I want to send this to England
j'aimerais envoyer ceci en
Angleterre [jemray]
senior citizen **la personne**
du troisième âge [pairson dOO
trwaz-yem ahj]
separate **séparé** [sayparay]
separated: I'm separated **je**
suis séparé [juh swee sayparay]
separately (pay, travel)
séparément [sayparay-mON]

September **septembre**

【septonbr】

septic **infecté** 【ANfektay】

serious (person, situation, problem)

sérieux 【sayree-uh】

(illness) **grave** 【grahv】

service charge (in restaurant) **le**

service 【sairveess】

service station **la station-**

service 【stass-yON sairveess】

serviette **la serviette** 【sair-】

set menu **le menu** (à prix fixe)

【muhnOO (a pree feex)】

several **plusieurs** 【plOOZ-yurr】

sew **coudre** 【koodr】

could you sew this back on?

pouvez-vous recoudre ceci?

【poovay-voo ruhkoodr suhsee】

sex **le sexe**

sexy **sexy**

shade: in the shade **à l'ombre**

【lONbr】

shake: let's shake hands

serrons-nous la main 【sairRON-

noo la mAN】

shallow (water) **peu profond**

【puh profON】

shame: what a shame! **quel**

dommage! 【kel domahj】

shampoo **le shampooing**

【shONpWAN】

shampoo and set **le**

shampooing-mise en plis 【ON

plee】

share (room, table etc) **partager**

【partajay】

sharp (knife) **tranchant**

【tronshON】

(taste, pain) **piquant, âpre** 【apr】

shattered (very tired) **épuisé**

【aypweezay】

shaver **le rasoir** 【razwahr】

shaving foam **la mousse à**

raser 【razay】

shaving point **la prise pour**

rasoirs 【preez poor razwahr】

she* elle 【el】

sheet (for bed) **le drap** 【dra】

shelf **l'étagère f** 【aytajair】

shellfish **les crustacés**

【krOOstassay】

sherry **le sherry**

ship **le bateau** 【bato】

by ship **en bateau**

shirt **la chemise** 【shuhmeez】

shit! **merde!** 【maird】

shock **le choc** 【shok】

I got an electric shock from

the ... **j'ai reçu une décharge**

en touchant ... 【jay ruhsOO ON

daysharj ON tooshON】

shock-absorber **l'amortisseur**

m 【amorteessurr】

shocking **scandaleux**

【skondaluh】

shoe **la chaussure** 【shoshOOR】

a pair of shoes **une paire de**

chaussures

shoelaces **les lacets mpl** 【lassay】

shoe polish **le cirage** 【seerahj】

shoe repairer **le cordonnier**

【kordon-yay】

shop **le magasin** 【magazAN】

shopping: I'm going shopping

je vais faire des courses 【juh

vay fair day koorss】

shopping centre **le centre**

commercial 【sONtr komairs-yal】

shop window **la vitrine** [veetreen]
 shore (of sea, lake) **le rivage** [reevahj]
 short (time, journey) **court** [kooor]
 (person) **petit** [puhtee]
 shortcut **le raccourci** [rakoorsej]
 shorts **le short**
 should: what should I do? **que dois-je faire?** [kuh dwaj fair]
 he shouldn't be long **il devrait revenir bientôt** [eel duhvray]
 you should have told me **vous auriez dû me le dire** [voo zoreeay doo]
 shoulder **l'épaule f** [aypol]
 shout **crier** [kree-ay]
 show (in theatre) **le spectacle** [spekt-aki]
 could you show me? **pourrais-tu/pourriez-vous me montrer?** [pooray-too/pooree-ay-voo muh montray]
 shower (in bathroom) **la douche** [doosh]
 with shower **avec douche**
 shower gel **le gel douche**
 shut **fermer** [fairmay]
 when do you shut? **à quelle heure fermez-vous?** [kel urr fairmay-voo]
 when do they shut? **à quelle heure est-ce que ça ferme?** [eskuh sa fairm]
 they're shut **c'est fermé** [say fairmay]
 I've shut myself out **je me**

suis enfermé dehors [juh muh swee zonfairmay duh-or]
 shut up! **tais-toi/taisez-vous!** [tay-twa/tezzay-voo]
 shutter (on camera) **l'obturateur m** [obtøraturr]
 (on window) **le volet** [volay]
 shy **timide** [teemeed]
 sick (US) **malade** [malad]
 I'm going to be sick (vomit) **j'ai envie de vomir** [jay ONvee duh vomeer]
 see ill
 side **le côté** [kotay]
 the other side of town **l'autre côté de la ville**
 side lights **les feux de position mpl** [fuh duh pozeess-yon]
 side salad **la salade** [sa-lad]
 side street **la petite rue** [puhtet roo]
 sidewalk **le trottoir** [trotwahr]
 see pavement
 sight: the sights of ... **les endroits à voir à ...** [lay zonDrwa a vwahr]
 sightseeing: we're going **sightseeing nous allons visiter la ville** [noo zalon veezeetay]
 sightseeing tour **l'excursion f** [exkoors-yon]
 sign (roadsign etc) **le panneau de signalisation** [pano duh seen-yaleezass-yon]
 signal: he didn't give a signal (driver) **il n'a pas mis son clignotant** [eel na pa mee son]

kleen-yoton]
 (cyclist) il n'a pas fait signe
 qu'il allait tourner [fay seen
 keel alay toornay]
 signature la signature [seen-
 yat00r]
 signpost le poteau indicateur
 [poto Andeekaturr]
 silence le silence [seelONss]
 silk la soie [swa]
 silly idiot [eed-yo]
 silver l'argent m [arjON]
 silver foil le papier d'argent
 [papyay]
 similar semblable [sONbl-abl]
 simple simple [sAN-pl]
 since: since yesterday depuis
 hier [duhp-wee]
 since I got here depuis que je
 suis arrivé [areevay]
 sing chanter [shONTay]
 singer le chanteur, la
 chanteuse [shONTurr, -urz]
 single: a single to ... un aller
 simple pour ... [alay sAN-pl]
 I'm single je suis célibataire
 [juh swee sayleebatair]
 single bed le lit d'une
 personne [lee d00N pairson]
 single room la chambre pour
 une personne [shONbr poor 00N
 pairson]
 sink (in kitchen) l'évier m [ayv-
 yay]
 sister la sœur [surr]
 sister-in-law la belle-sœur
 [bel-surr]
 sit: can I sit here? est-ce que
 je peux m'asseoir ici? [eskuh

juh puh masswahr ee-see]
 sit down s'asseoir
 sit down assieds-toi/asseyez-
 vous [ass-yay-twa/asay-ay-voo]
 is anyone sitting here? est-
 ce que cette place est prise?
 [eskuh set plass ay preez]
 size la taille [ti]
 ski le ski
 (verb) skier [skee-ay]
 a pair of skis une paire de skis
 ski boots les chaussures de ski
 fpl [shohs00r]
 skiing le ski
 we're going skiing nous
 allons faire du ski [noo zalON
 fair]
 ski instructor le moniteur (de
 ski) [moneeturr]
 ski-lift le remonte-pente
 [ruhmONT-pONT]
 skin la peau [po]
 skin-diving la plongée sous-
 marine [plONjay soo-mareen]
 skinny maigre [megr]
 ski-pants le fuseau [f00zo]
 ski-pass le forfait de ski
 [forfay]
 ski pole le bâton de ski
 [bahtON]
 skirt la jupe [j00p]
 ski run la piste de ski
 ski slope la pente de ski [pONT]
 ski wax le fart [far]
 sky le ciel [s-yel]
 sleep dormir [dormeer]
 did you sleep well? tu as/
 vous avez bien dormi? [t00
 a/voo zavay b-YAN dormee]

I need a good sleep j'ai
besoin d'une bonne nuit de
sommeil [jay buh-zWAN dōn bon
nwee duh somay]

sleeper (rail) le wagon-lit
[vagōN-lee]

sleeping bag le sac de
couchage [kooshahj]

sleeping car le wagon-lit
[vagōN-lee]

sleeping pill le somnifère
[somneefair]

sleepy: I'm feeling sleepy j'ai
sommeil [jay somay]

sleeve la manche [mōNsh]

slide (photographic) la
diapositive [dee-apozeeteev]

slip (under dress) la
combinaison [kōNbeenezōN]

slippery glissant [gleessōN]

slow lent [lōN]

slow down! (driving, speaking)

moins vite! [mwāN veet]

slowly lentement [lōNtmōN]

could you say it slowly?

pourriez-vous parler plus

lentement? [pooree-ay-vōo
parlay plō]

very slowly très lentement

small petit [puhtee]

smell: it smells ça sent

mauvais [mo-vay]

smile sourire [sooreer]

smoke la fumée [fōomay]

do you mind if I smoke? est-

ce que ça vous dérange si je

fume? [eskuh sa vōo dayrōNj see
juh fōom]

I don't smoke je ne fume pas

do you smoke? tu fumes/
vous fumez? [tōo fōom/vōo
fōomay]

snack: I'd just like a snack
j'aimerais manger un petit
quelque chose [jemray mōNjay
AN puhtee kelkuh shohz]

sneeze l'éternuement m
[aytairnōōmōN]

snorkel le tuba

snow la neige [nej]

so: it's so good c'est tellement
bien [telmōN]

not so fast pas si vite!

so am I moi aussi [mwā o-see]

so do I moi aussi

so-so comme ci, comme ça
[kōm see, kōm sa]

soaking solution (for contact
lenses) la solution de

trempeage [solōōss-yōN duh
trōNpahj]

soap le savon [savōN]

soap powder la lessive

[lesseev]

sober sobre [sobr]

sock la chaussette [sho-set]

socket (electrical) la prise de
courant [preez duh kōōrōN]

soda (water) le soda

sofa le canapé, le divan

[deevōN]

soft doux, f douce [doo, dooss]

soft-boiled egg l'œuf à la

coque m [urf a la kok]

soft drink la boisson non-

alcoolisée [bwassōN non-

alkoleezay]

soft lenses les lentilles

souples **fpl** [lɔ̃tɛe soopl]
 sole (of shoe, of foot) **la semelle**
 [suhmel]
 could you put new soles
 on these? **pourriez-vous**
ressemeler ces chaussures?
 [pooree-ay-voo ruh-suhmuhlay say
 shohscoor]
 some: can I have some water/
 peanuts? **j'aimerais de l'eau/**
des cacahuètes, s'il vous plaît
 [jemray duh lo/day]
 can I have some? **est-ce que**
je peux en avoir? [eskuh juh
 puh ON awwahl]
 somebody, someone
quelqu'un [kel-KAN]
 something **quelque chose**
 [kelkuh shohz]
 something to drink **quelque**
chose à boire
 sometimes **parfois** [parfwa]
 somewhere **quelque part**
 [kelkuh par]
 son **le fils** [feess]
 song **la chanson** [shONSON]
 son-in-law **le beau-fils** [bofeess]
 soon **bientôt** [b-YANTo]
 I'll be back soon **je reviens**
bientôt
 as soon as possible **dès que**
possible [day kuh]
 sore: it's sore **ça fait mal** [sa
 fay mal]
 sore throat **le mal de gorge**
 sorry: (I'm) sorry **je suis désolé,**
excusez-moi [juh swee dayzoley,
 eskoozay-mwa]
 sorry? (didn't understand)

pardon? [par-dON]
 sort: what sort of ...? **quel**
genre de ...? [kel jONr duh]
 soup **le potage** [potahj]
 sour (taste) **acide** [aseed]
 south **le sud** [sood]
 in the south **dans le sud**
 South Africa **l'Afrique du Sud**
f [afreek doo sood]
 South African (adj) **sud-**
africain [sood afreekAN]
 I'm South African (man/woman)
je suis sud-africain/sud-
africaine [-ken]
 southeast **le sud-est** [sood-est]
 South of France **le Midi**
 southwest **le sud-ouest** [sood-
 west]
 souvenir **le souvenir**
 Spain **l'Espagne f** [españ]
 Spanish **espagnol** [espan-yol]
 spanner **la clé anglaise** [klay
 ONglez]
 spare part **la pièce de**
rechange [p-yes duh ruhshONj]
 spare tyre **le pneu de**
rechange [p-nuh duh ruhshONj]
 spark plug **la bougie** [boojee]
 speak: do you speak English?
parlez-vous l'anglais? [parlay-
 voo]
 I don't speak ... **je ne parle**
pas ... [juh nuh parl pa]

dialogue

can I speak to Marc?
j'aimerais parler à Marc
 [jemray parlay]

who's calling? c'est de la
part de qui? [say duh la par
duh kee]
it's Patricia c'est Patricia
I'm sorry, he's not in, can
I take a message? désolé,
il n'est pas là, est-ce que je
peux prendre un message
[prONdr un messahj]
no thanks, I'll call back
later non merci, je
rappellerai plus tard
[mairsee juh rapeluhray plo0 tar]
please tell him I called
dites-lui que j'ai appelé,
s'il vous plaît [deet-lwee kuh
jay apelay seel voo play]

spearmint la menthe verte
[mONT vairt]
speciality la spécialité [spayss-
yaleetay]
spectacles les lunettes [looNet]
speed la vitesse [veetess]
speed limit la limite de vitesse
[leemeet]
speedometer le compteur
[kONTurr]
spell: how do you spell it?
comment est-ce que ça
s'écrit? [komON teskuh sa saykree]
see alphabet
spend dépenser [daypONsay]
spider l'araignée f [aren-yay]
spin-dryer l'essoreuse f
[esorurz]
splinter l'écharde f [ayshard]
spoke (in wheel) le rayon [ray-
ON]

spoon la cuillère [kwee-yair]
sport le sport [spor]
sprain: I've sprained my ... je
me suis foulé ... [juh muh swee
foolay]
spring (season) le printemps
[prANTON]
(of car, seat) le ressort
[ruhsor]
square (in town) la place
[plass]
stairs l'escalier m [eskal-yay]
stale (taste) pas frais, f pas
fraîche [pa fray, pa fresh]
(bread) rassis [rassee]
stall: the engine keeps stalling
le moteur cale sans arrêt
[moturr kal sON zaray]
stamp le timbre [tanbr]

dialogue

a stamp for England,
please un timbre pour
l'Angleterre, s'il vous
plaît
what are you sending?
qu'est-ce que vous
envoyez? [keskuh voo
zONvwy-yay]
it's for this postcard c'est
pour cette carte postale

standby le vol en stand-by
[ON]
star l'étoile f [aytwal]
(in film) la star
start le début [dayb00]
(verb) commencer [komONssay]

when does it start? **quand**
 est-ce que ça commence?
 [KONTeskuh sa kom-mONss]
 the car won't start **la voiture**
 refuse de démarrer [ruhfooz
 duh daymaray]
 starter (of car) **le démarreur**
 [daymarurr]
 (food) **l'entrée f** [ONtray]
 state (in country) **l'état m** [ayta]
 the States (USA) **les États-**
Unis [ayta-zOOnnee]
 station **la gare** [gar]
 statue **la statue**
 stay: where are you staying?
 où logez-vous? [oo lojay-voo]
 I'm staying at ... **je loge au ...**
 [juh loj o]
 I'd like to stay another two
 nights **j'aimerais rester deux**
nuits de plus [jemray restay]
 steak **le steak**
 steal **voler** [volay]
 my bag has been stolen **on**
m'a volé mon sac [ON ma volay]
 steep (hill) **raide** [red]
 steering **la direction** [deereks-
 yON]
 step: on the steps **sur les**
marches [sOOr lay marsh]
 stereo **stéréo** [stayray-o]
 sterling **la livre sterling** [leevr
 stairleeng]
 steward (on plane) **le steward**
 stewardess **l'hôtesse de l'air**
f [otess]
 sticking plaster **le sparadrap**
 [-dra]
 still: I'm still waiting **j'attends**

toujours [toojoor]
 is he still there? **est-ce qu'il**
est toujours là? [eskeel ay]
 keep still! **ne bouge/bougez**
pas! [nuh booj/boojay pa]
 sting: I've been stung **j'ai été**
piqué (par un insecte) [jay
 ayta peekay (par AN ANsekt)]
 stockings **les bas mpl** [ba]
 stomach **le ventre, l'estomac**
m [vONtr, estoma]
 stomach ache **les maux**
d'estomac [mo destoma]
 stone (rock) **la pierre** [p-yair]
 stop **s'arrêter** [sa-retay]
 to stop the car **arrêter la**
voiture
 please, stop here (to taxi driver
 etc) **arrêtez-moi ici, s'il vous**
plaît [aretay-mwa ee-see]
 do you stop near ...? **est-ce**
que vous vous arrêtez près
de ...? [eskuh voo voo zareta]
 stop doing that! **arrêtez!**
 stopover **la halte** [alt]
 storm **la tempête** [TON-pet]
 straight: it's straight ahead
c'est tout droit [say too drwa]
 a straight whisky **un whisky**
sec
 straightaway **tout de suite**
[toot sweet]
 strange (odd) **bizarre, étrange**
[aytronj]
 stranger **l'étranger m,**
l'étrangère f [aytronjay, -jair]
 I'm a stranger here **je ne suis**
pas d'ici [juh nuh swee pa dee-
 see]

strap (on watch) le bracelet
 [braslay]
 (on dress) la bretelle [bruhtel]
 (on suitcase) la sangle [songl]
 strawberry la fraise [frez]
 stream le ruisseau [rwee-so]
 street la rue [roo]
 on the street dans la rue
 streetmap le plan de ville [plon
 duh veel]
 string la ficelle [feessel]
 strong fort [for]
 stuck coincé [kwAnsay]
 the key's stuck le clé est
 coincée
 student (male/female) l'étudiant
 m, l'étudiante f [aytood-yon,
 -yont]
 stupid stupide [stoopeed]
 suburb le faubourg [fo-boor]
 subway (US) le métro [maytro]
 suddenly tout d'un coup [too
 dan koo]
 suede le daim [dan]
 sugar le sucre [sookr]
 suit le costume
 it doesn't suit me (colour etc) ça
 ne me va pas [sa nuh muh va pa]
 it suits you (colour etc) ça vous
 va bien [b-yAN]
 suitcase la valise [valeez]
 summer l'été m [aytay]
 in the summer en été
 sun le soleil [solay]
 in the sun au soleil [o]
 out of the sun à l'ombre
 [lonbr]
 sunbathe prendre un bain de
 soleil [pronDr AN BAN duh solay]

sunblock (cream) l'écran total
 m [aykron toh-tal]
 sunburn le coup de soleil [koo
 duh solay]
 sunburnt: l'm sunburnt j'ai pris
 un coup de soleil [pree AN]
 Sunday dimanche [deemonsh]
 sunglasses les lunettes de
 soleil [loonet duh solay]
 sun lounger la chaise longue
 [shez lon-g]
 sunny ensoleillé [onsolay-yay]
 it's sunny il fait soleil [eel fay
 solay]
 sun roof (in car) le toit ouvrant
 [twa oovron]
 sunset le coucher de soleil
 [kooshay duh solay]
 sunshade le parasol
 sunshine le soleil [solay]
 sunstroke l'insolation f
 [ANSolass-yon]
 suntan le bronzage [bronzahj]
 suntan lotion le lait solaire
 [lay solair]
 suntanned bronzé [bronzay]
 suntan oil l'huile solaire f [weel
 solair]
 super super [soopair]
 we had a super time c'était
 super [saytay]
 supermarket le supermarché
 [soopairmarshay]
 supper le dîner [deenay]
 supplement (extra charge) le
 supplément [sooplaymon]
 sure: are you sure? vous êtes
 sûr? [voo zet soor]
 sure! d'accord! [dakor]

surname le nom de famille

[ˈnɒn duh fameɪ]

swearword le juron [ˈdʒʊrɒn]

sweater le pullover

sweatshirt le sweatshirt

Sweden la Suède [ˈswed]

Swedish (adj) suédois [ˈswaɪdʒ]

sweet (taste) sucré [ˈsuːkɹeɪ]

(dessert) le dessert [ˈdesaɪr]

sweets les bonbons mpl

[ˈbɒnbɒn]

swelling l'enflure f [ˈɒnfloʊr]

swim nager [ˈnaɪdʒ]

I'm going for a swim je vais

me baigner [ˈjuː vay muh

benyay]

let's go for a swim allons

nous baigner

swimming costume le maillot

de bain [ˈmy-o duh bæn]

swimming pool la piscine

[ˈpeesseen]

swimming trunks le slip de

bain [ˈsleep duh bæn]

Swiss (adj) suisse [ˈsweɪs]

(man) le Suisse

(woman) la Suisse

[ˈsweɪsɪs]

switch l'interrupteur m

[ˈɪntərɒptʃər]

switch off (TV, lights) éteindre

[ˈaɪtəndr]

(engine) arrêter [ˈaretay]

switch on (TV, lights) allumer

[ˈalʊməɪ]

(engine) mettre en marche

[ˈmetr ɒn mɑːʃ]

Switzerland la Suisse [ˈsweɪs]

swollen enflé [ˈɒnflaɪ]

T

table la table [ˈtɑːbl]

a table for two une table

pour deux

tablecloth la nappe [ˈnɑːp]

table tennis le ping-pong

table wine le vin ordinaire

[ˈvæn ɔːdeɪnər]

tailback (of traffic) le bouchon

[ˈboʊʃən]

tailor le tailleur [ˈtiːlɜː]

take (lead) prendre [ˈprɒndr]

(accept) accepter [ˈæksɛptay]

can you take me to the

airport? est-ce que vous

pouvez m'emmener à

l'aéroport? [ˈɛskuh voo poovay

mɒnmuhnaɪ]

do you take credit cards?

acceptez-vous les cartes de

crédit? [ˈæksɛptay-voo]

fine, I'll take it d'accord, je le

prends [ˈjuː luh prɒn]

can I take this? (leaflet etc) je

peux le prendre? [ˈpuːh]

how long does it take?

combien de temps est-ce que

ça prend? [ˈkɒnb-yan duh tɒn

ɛskuh sɑː prɒn]

it takes three hours ça prend

trois heures

is this seat taken? est-ce

que cette place est occupée?

[ˈɛskuh set plæs et ɒkʊpaj]

hamburger to take away

hamburger à emporter

[ˈɒnportay]

can you take a little off here?
(to hairdresser) **pouvez-vous**
couper un peu par ici?

[koopay AN puh]

talcum powder **le talc**

talk **parler** [parlay]

tall **grand** [grON]

tampons **les tampons mpl**

[tONpon]

tan **le bronzage** [brONzahj]

to get a tan **bronzer** [brONzay]

tank (of car) **le réservoir**

[rayzairvwahr]

tap **le robinet** [robeenay]

tape (cassette) **la cassette**

(sticky) **le scotch®**

tape measure **le mètre** [metr]

tape recorder **le**

magnétophone [man-yaytofon]

taste **le goût** [goo]

can I taste it? **est-ce que je**

peux goûter? [eskuh juh puh

gootay]

taxi **le taxi**

will you get me a taxi?

pouvez-vous m'appeler un

taxi? [poovay-voo maplay]

where can I find a taxi? **où y**

a-t-il des taxis? [oo yateel]

dialogue

to the airport/to Hotel ...

please à l'aéroport/à

l'Hôtel ..., s'il vous plaît

how much will it be?

combien est-ce que ça me

coûtera? [konb-yAN eskuh sa

muh kootuhra]

about 15 euros **à peu près**

quinze euros [puh pray]

that's just fine right here

thanks **vous pouvez me**

déposer ici, merci [muh

daypozay]

taxi-driver **le chauffeur de**

taxi

taxi rank **la station de taxi**

[stass-yON]

tea (drink) **le thé** [tay]

tea for one/two please **un**

thé/deux thé, s'il vous plaît

[duh tay]

teabags **les sachets de thé mpl**

[sashay duh tay]

teach: could you teach me?

est-ce que vous pouvez

m'apprendre? [eskuh voo poovay

maprONdr]

teacher (junior) **l'instituteur m,**

l'institutrice f [ANsteetOOTurr,

-treess]

(secondary) **le professeur**

[urr]

team **l'équipe f** [aykeep]

teaspoon **la cuillère à café**

[kwee-yair a kafay]

tea towel **le torchon à**

vaisselle [torshON a vess-el]

teenager **l'adolescent m,**

l'adolescente f [-SON,

-SONT]

telephone **le téléphone**

[taylay-]

television **la télévision**

[taylayveez-yON]

tell: could you tell him ...?

pourriez-vous lui dire ...?

[pooree-ay-voo lwee deer]

temperature (weather) la

température [tonpayratoor]

(fever) la fièvre [fee-evr]

tennis le tennis [teneess]

tennis ball la balle de tennis

[bal]

tennis court le court de tennis

[koor]

tennis racket la raquette de

tennis [raket]

tent la tente [tont]

term (at university, school) le

trimestre [treemestr]

terminus (rail) le terminus

[tairmeen00ss]

terrible épouvantable

[aypoovONT-abl]

terrific fantastique

[fontasteek]

text (message) le texto

than* que [kuh]

smaller than plus petit

que

thanks, thank you merci

[mairsee]

thank you very much merci

beaucoup [bo-koo]

thanks for the help merci de

m'avoir aidé

no thanks non, merci

dialogue

thanks merci

that's OK, don't mention it

il n'y a pas de quoi [eel

n-ya pa duh kwa]

that: that building ce bâtiment

[suh]

that woman cette femme

[set]

that one celui-là, f celle-là

[suhlwee-la, sel-la]

I hope that ... j'espère que ...

[kuh]

that's nice c'est joli [say]

is that ...? est-ce que c'est ...?

[eskuh say]

that's it (that's right) c'est ça [say

sa]

the* (singular) le, f la [luh]

(plural) les [lay]

theatre le théâtre [tay-atr]

their* leur [lurr]

theirs* le/la leur [luh/la lurr]

them*: I know them je les

connais [juh lay konay]

for them pour eux, f pour

elles [uh, el]

with them avec eux/elles

I gave it to them je le leur

ai donné [juh luh lurr ay donay]

who? – them qui? – eux/elles

then (at that time) à cette

époque [set aypok]

(after that) alors [alor]

there là

over there là-bas [la-ba]

up there là-haut [la-o]

is there ...? y a-t-il ...?

[yateel]

are there ...? y a-t-il ...?

there is ... il y a ... [eel ya]

there are ... il y a ...

there you are (giving something)

voilà [vwala]

thermometer le thermomètre
 [tairmometr]
 Thermos flask® le thermos
 [tairmoss]
 these*: these men ces
 hommes [say]
 these women ces femmes
 can I have these?
 j'aimerais ceux-ci/celles-ci,
 s'il vous plaît [suh-see/sel-
 see]
 they* ils, f elles [eel, el]
 thick épais [aypay]
 (stupid) bouché [booshay]
 thief le voleur, f la voleuse
 [volurr, -urz]
 thigh la cuisse [kweess]
 thin mince [MANSS]
 thing la chose [shohz]
 my things mes affaires [may
 zafair]
 think penser [ponsay]
 I think so je pense que oui
 [juh ponss kuh wee]
 I don't think so je ne crois pas
 [nuh krwa pa]
 I'll think about it je vais y
 réfléchir [vay zee rayflesheer]
 third party insurance
 l'assurance au tiers f
 [o t-yair]
 thirsty: I'm thirsty j'ai soif [jay
 swaf]
 this: this building ce bâtiment
 [suh]
 this woman cette femme [set]
 this one celui-ci, f celle-ci
 [suhlwee-see, sel-see]
 this is my wife je vous

présente ma femme [juh voo
 prayzONT ma fam]
 is this ...? est-ce que c'est ...?
 [eskuh say]
 those: those men ces hommes
 [say]
 those women ces femmes
 which ones? – those
 lequel(le)s? – ceux-là/
 celles-là [suh-la/sel-la]
 thread le fil [feel]
 throat la gorge [gorj]
 throat pastilles les pastilles
 pour la gorge fpl [pastee poor
 la gorj]
 through par
 does it go through ...? (train,
 bus) est-ce qu'il passe à ...?
 [eskeel pass]
 throw lancer [lonsay]
 throw away jeter [juhtay]
 thumb le pouce [pooss]
 thunderstorm l'orage m
 [orahj]
 Thursday jeudi [juhdee]
 ticket (for bus, train, plane) le
 billet [bee-yay]
 (for cinema, cloakroom) le ticket
 [teekay]

dialogue

a return ticket to Dijon un
 aller-retour pour Dijon
 [alay-ruhtoor]
 coming back when? avec
 retour à quelle date?
 [ruhtoor]
 today/next Tuesday

aujourd'hui/mardi
prochain
that will be 60 euros
soixante euros, si'il vous
plaît

ticket office (bus, rail) le guichet
[geeshay]

tide la marée [maray]

tie (necktie) la cravate [kravat]

tight (clothes etc) serré
[serray]

it's too tight ça me serre [sa
muh sair]

tights le collant [kollON]

till (cash desk) la caisse [kess]

time* le temps [tON]

what's the time? quelle heure
est-il? [kel urr eteel]

this time cette fois [set fwa]

last time la dernière fois

next time la prochaine fois

four times quatre fois

timetable l'horaire m [orair]

tin (can) la boîte [bwat]

tin foil le papier d'aluminium
[pap-yay]

tin opener l'ouvre-boîte m
[oovr-bwat]

tiny minuscule [meenOOSkool]

tip (to waiter etc) le pourboire
[poorbwahr]

tired fatigué [fateegay]

I'm tired je suis fatigué

tissues les kleenex® mpl

to: to Strasbourg/London à
Strasbourg/Londres
to Brittany/England en
Bretagne/Angleterre [ON]

to the post office à la poste
to the bar au bar [o]
toast (bread) le pain grillé [PAN
gree-yay]

today aujourd'hui
[ojoordwee]

toe l'orteil m [ortay]

together ensemble [ONSONbl]

we're together (in shop etc)

nous sommes ensemble

can we pay together?

pouvons-nous payer
ensemble? [pooVON-noo payay]

toilet les toilettes [twalet]

where is the toilet? où sont
les toilettes? [oo SON lay]

I have to go to the toilet
j'aimerais aller aux toilettes
[jemray alay o]

toilet paper le papier
hygiénique [papyay eejee-
ayneek]

tomato la tomate [tomat]

tomato juice le jus de tomate
[jOO]

tomato ketchup le ketchup

tomorrow demain [duhMAN]

tomorrow morning demain
matin

the day after tomorrow après-
demain [apray]

toner (cosmetic) la lotion
tonique [lohss-yON toneek]

tongue la langue [ION-g]

tonic (water) le schweppes®

tonight ce soir [suh swahr]

tonsillitis l'angine f [ONjeen]

too (excessively) trop [tro]
(also) aussi [o-see]

too hot **trop chaud**
 too much **trop**
 me too **moi aussi** [mwa]
 tooth **la dent** [dɔŋ]
 toothache **le mal de dents** [mal duh dɔŋ]
 toothbrush **la brosse à dents** [bross]
 toothpaste **le dentifrice** [dɔnteeffreess]
 top: on top of ... **sur ...** [soor]
 at the top **en haut** [ɔŋ o]
 top floor **le dernier étage** [dairm-yay aytahj]
 topless **seins nus** [sɔn nɔɔ]
 torch **la lampe de poche** [lɔŋp duh posh]
 total **le total** [toh-tal]
 touch **toucher** [tooshay]
 tour **l'excursion** f [ɛxkɔɔrs-yɔŋ]
 is there a tour of ...? **y a-t-il une visite guidée de ...?**
 [yateel ɔɔn veezeet geeday duh]
 tour guide **le guide** [geed]
 tourist **le/la touriste** [tooreest]
 tourist information office **le centre d'information touristique** [sɔntr dɔnformass-yɔŋ tooreesteek]
 tour operator **le voyageur** [vwy-ahjeest]
 towards **vers** [vair]
 towel **la serviette** [sairvee-et]
 town **la ville** [veel]
 in town **en ville** [ɔŋ]
 just out of town **à la sortie de la ville**
 town centre **le centre-ville** [sɔntr-]

town hall **la mairie** [mairee]
 toy **le jouet** [joo-ay]
 track (US) **le quai** [kay]
 tracksuit **le survêtement** [soorvetmɔŋ]
 traditional **traditionnel** [tradeess-yonel]
 traffic **la circulation** [seerkoolass-yɔŋ]
 traffic jam **l'embouteillage** m [ɔnbootay-ahj]
 traffic lights **les feux** [fuh]
 trailer (for carrying tent etc) **la remorque** [ruhmork]
 (US) **la caravane**
 trailer park **le terrain de camping pour caravanes** [terrɔn duh kɔŋpeeng poor]
 train **le train** [trɔŋ]
 by train **en train** [ɔŋ]

dialogue

is this the train for ...?
est-ce que ce train va bien à ...? [ɛskuh suh trɔŋ va b-yɔŋ a]
 sure **oui**
 no, you want that platform
 there **non, il faut que vous alliez sur ce quai là-bas**
 [eel fo kuh voo zalee-ay soor suh kay]

trainers (shoes) **les tennis** fpl [tenneess]
 train station **la gare** [gar]
 translate **traduire** [tradweer]

could you translate that?
 pourriez-vous me traduire
 cela? [pooree-ay-voo muh ... suhla]
 translation la traduction
 [tradooks-yON]
 translator le traducteur, la
 traductrice [tradookturr, -treess]
 trashcan la poubelle [poo-bel]
 travel voyager [vwyahj-ay]
 we're travelling around
 nous visitons la région [noo
 veezeeton la rayjeeON]
 travel agent's l'agence de
 voyages f [ajONss duh vwyahj]
 traveller's cheque le chèque
 de voyage [shek duh vwyahj]
 tray le plateau [pla-toh]
 tree l'arbre m [arbr]
 tremendous fantastique
 [fontasteek]
 trendy à la mode
 trim: just a trim please (to
 hairdresser) pouvez-vous me
 les égaliser, s'il vous plaît?
 [poovay-voo muh lay zaygaleezay]
 trip le voyage [vwyahj]
 (excursion) l'excursion f
 [exkOORS-yON]
 I'd like to go on a trip to ...
 j'aimerais faire une excursion
 à ... [jemray fair]
 trolley le chariot [sharee-o]
 trouble les ennuis [ON-nwee]
 I'm having trouble with ... j'ai
 des problèmes de ... [jay day
 prob-lem]
 sorry to trouble you désolé de
 vous déranger [dayzolay duh voo
 dayronjay]

trousers le pantalon [pONTALON]
 true vrai [vray]
 that's not true ce n'est pas
 vrai
 trunk le coffre [kofr]
 trunks (swimming) le maillot de
 bain [my-o duh bAN]
 try essayer [esay-ay]
 can I have a try? (at doing
 something) est-ce que je peux
 essayer? [eskuh juh puh]
 (food) est-ce que je peux
 goûter? [gootay]
 try on essayer [essay-ay]
 can I try it on? est-ce que je
 peux l'essayer?
 T-shirt le T-shirt
 Tuesday mardi [mardee]
 tuna le thon [tON]
 Tunisia la Tunisie [toonneeze]
 Tunisian tunisien [toonneeze-yAN]
 tunnel le tunnel [toonel]
 turn: turn left/right tournez à
 gauche/droite [toornay]
 turn off: where do I turn off?
 où dois-je bifurquer? [oo dwa-
 juh beefOorkay]
 can you turn the heating
 off? pouvez-vous arrêter le
 chauffage? [aretay]
 turn on: can you turn the
 heating on? pouvez-vous
 mettre le chauffage? [metr]
 turning (in road) la bifurcation
 [beefOorkass-yON]
 TV la télé [taylay]
 tweezers la pince à épiler
 [pANss a aypeelay]
 twice deux fois [duh fwa]

twice as much **deux fois plus** [plooss]
 twin beds **les lits jumeaux** [lee joomo]
 twin room **la chambre à deux lits** [shonbr]
 twist: I've twisted my ankle **je me suis tordu la cheville** [juh muh swee tordoo la shuhvee]
 type **le type** [teep]
 a different type of ... **une autre sorte de ...** [ohtr sort duh]
 typical **typique** [teepeek]
 tyre **le pneu** [p-nuh]

U

ugly (person, building) **laid** [lay]
 UK **le Royaume-Uni** [rwy-ohm oonee]
 ulcer **l'ulcère m** [oosair]
 umbrella **le parapluie** [paraplwee]
 uncle **l'oncle m** [ONkl]
 unconscious **sans connaissance** [SON konessonss]
 under (in position) **sous** [soo]
 (less than) **moins de** [mwan duh]
 underdone (meat) **pas assez cuit** [pa zassay kwee]
 underground (railway) **le métro** [maytro]
 underpants **le slip** [sleep]
 understand: I understand **je comprends** [juh konpron]
 I don't understand **je ne comprends pas** [pa]

do you understand? **comprenez-vous?** [konpruhnay-voo]
 unemployed **au chômage** [o shohmahj]
 United States **les États-Unis** [aytazoonnee]
 university **l'université f** [ooneevairseetay]
 unleaded petrol **l'essence sans plomb f** [essonss SON plON]
 unlimited mileage **le kilométrage illimité** [keelomaytrahj eeleemeetay]
 unlock **ouvrir** [oovrer]
 unpack **défaire sa valise** [dayfair sa valeez]
 until **jusqu'à** [jooksa]
 I'll wait until you're back **j'attendrai jusqu'à ce que tu reviennes** [jatONdray joooss-kass kuh]
 unusual **inhabituel** [eenabeetooel]
 up **en haut** [ON o]
 up there **là-haut** [la-o]
 he's not up yet (not out of bed) **il n'est pas encore levé** [eel nay pa ZONkor luhway]
 what's up? (what's wrong?) **que se passe-t-il?** [kuh suh pasteel]
 upmarket **chic** [sheek]
 upset stomach **l'indigestion f** [ANdeejest-yON]
 upside down **à l'envers** [a lONvair]
 upstairs **en haut** [ON o]
 urgent **urgent** [oorjon]

us* nous [noo]
 with us avec nous
 for us pour nous
 USA les USA [oo-ess-a]
 use utiliser [ooteeleezay]
 may I use ...? puis-je me
 servir de ...? [pweej muh sairveer
 duh]
 useful utile [ooteel]
 usual habituel [abeetooel]
 the usual (drink etc) comme
 d'habitude [kom dabeetood]

V

vacancy: do you have any
 vacancies? (hotel) est-ce que
 vous avez des chambres?
 [eskuh voo zavay day shonbr]
 vacation les vacances fpl
 vaccination le vaccin [vaxan]
 vacuum cleaner l'aspirateur m
 [aspeeraturr]
 valid (ticket etc) valable [val-abl]
 how long is it valid for?
 jusqu'à quand est-il valable?
 [joooska KON eteel]
 valley la vallée [valay]
 valuable (adj) précieux [prayss-
 yuh]
 can I leave my valuables
 here? est-ce que je peux
 laisser mes objets de valeur
 ici? [eskuh juh puh lessay may
 zobjay duh valurr ee-see]
 value la valeur [valurr]
 van la camionnette [kameeonet]
 vanilla la vanille [vane]

a vanilla ice cream une glace
 à la vanille [glass]
 vary: it varies ça dépend [sa
 daypon]
 vase le vase [vahz]
 veal le veau [vo]
 vegetables les légumes mpl
 [laygoom]
 vegetarian le végétarien, la
 végétarienne [vayjaytaree-AN,
 -en]
 vending machine le
 distributeur automatique
 [deestreebooturr otomateek]
 very très [tray]
 very little for me un tout petit
 peu pour moi [AN too puhtee
 puh]
 I like it very much ça me plaît
 beaucoup [sa muh play bo-koo]
 vest (under shirt) le maillot de
 corps [my-o duh kor]
 via par
 video (film) la vidéo [veedayo]
 (recorder) le magnétoscope
 [man-yaytoskop]
 view la vue [voo]
 villa la villa [veela]
 village le village [veelahj]
 vinegar le vinaigre [veenegr]
 vineyard le vignoble [veen-
 yobl]
 visa le visa
 visit visiter [veezeetay]
 I'd like to visit ... j'aimerais
 visiter ... [jemray]
 vital: it's vital that ... il faut
 absolument que ... [eel foht
 absoloomON kuh]

vodka **la vodka**
 voice **la voix** [vwa]
 voltage **le voltage** [volt-ahj]
 vomit **vomir** [vomeer]

W

waist **la taille** [ti]
 waistcoat **le gilet** [jeelay]
 wait **attendre** [atONdr]
 wait for me! **attendez-moi!**
 [atONday-mwa]
 don't wait for me **ne**
m'attendez pas [nuh]
 can I wait until my wife/
 partner gets here? **est-ce que**
je peux attendre ma femme/
mon ami(e)? [eksuh juh puh]
 can you do it while I wait?
pouvez-vous le faire tout de
suite? [poovay-voo luh fair toot
 sweet]
 could you wait here for me?
 (as said to taxi driver) **est-ce que**
vous pouvez m'attendre ici?
 waiter **le serveur** [sairvurr], **le**
garçon [garson]
 waiter! **garçon!**
 waitress **la serveuse** [sairvurz]
 waitress! **s'il vous plaît!** [seel
 voo play]
 wake: can you wake me
 up at 5.30? **pouvez-vous**
me réveiller à cinq heures
trente? [poovay-voo muh
 rayvayay]
 wake-up call **le réveil**
téléphonique [ray-vay

taylayfoneek]

Wales **le Pays de Galles** [payee
 duh gal]

walk: is it a long walk? **est-ce**
loin à pied? [es lwan a p-yay]
 it's only a short walk **c'est à**
deux pas d'ici [set a duh pa dee-
 see]

I'll walk **j'y vais à pied** [jee vay]

I'm going for a walk **je vais**
faire un tour [juh vay fair AN
 toor]

Walkman® **le walkman**

wall **le mur** [mOOr]

wallet **le portefeuille** [portfuh-
 ee]

wander: I like just wandering
 around **j'aime bien flâner** [jem
 b-YAN flanay]

want: I want a ... **je veux un ...**
 [juh vuh]

I don't want any ... **je ne veux**
pas de ... [juh nuh vuh pa duh]

we want to go home **nous**
voulons rentrer à la maison
 [noo voolON]

I don't want to **non, je ne**
veux pas

he wants to ... **il veut ...** [eel
 vuh]

what do you want? **que**
voulez-vous? [kuh voolay-voo]

ward (in hospital) **la salle** [sal]

warm **chaud** [sho]

I'm so warm **j'ai tellement**
chaud

was*: it was ... **c'était ...**
 [saytay]

wash **laver** [lavay]

can you wash these?

pouvez-vous laver ceci, s'il vous plaît? [poovay-voo]

washer (for bolt etc) la rondelle [RONdel]

washhand basin le lavabo

washing (clothes) la lessive [lesseev]

washing machine la machine à laver [lavay]

washing powder la lessive [lesseev]

washing-up liquid le produit à vaisselle [prodwee a vess-el]

wasp la guêpe [gep]

watch (wristwatch) la montre [montr]

will you watch my things

for me? pourriez-vous me garder mes affaires, s'il vous plaît? [pooree-ay-voo muh garday]

watch out! attention! [atONS-yON]

watch strap le bracelet-montre [braslay-montr]

water l'eau f [o]

may I have some water?

pourriez-vous m'apporter de l'eau, s'il vous plaît? [pooree-ay-voo maportay]

waterproof (adj) imperméable [ANpairmayabl]

waterskiing le ski nautique [skee noteek]

wave (in sea) la vague [vag]

way: it's this way c'est par ici [say par ee-see]

it's that way c'est par là

is it a long way to ...? est-

ce que c'est loin d'ici à ...?

[eskuh say lWAN dee-see]

no way! pas question!

[pa kest-yON]

dialogue

could you tell me the

way to ...? pouvez-vous

m'indiquer le chemin

pour aller à ...?

go straight on until you

reach the traffic lights

continuez tout droit

jusqu'aux feux [konteenOO-

ay too drwa jOOsko fuh]

turn left tournez à gauche

[toonay]

take the first on the right

prenez la première à

droite [pruhnay]

see also where

we* nous [noo]

weak (person) faible [febl]

(drink) pas fort [pa for]

weather le temps [tON]

dialogue

what's the weather

forecast? quelles sont les

prévisions de la météo?

[kels SON lay prayveez-yON duh la maytay-o]

it's going to be fine il va

faire beau [eel va fair bo]

it's going to rain il va

pleuvoir

it'll brighten up later ça va
s'éclaircir plus tard [sa va
sayklairseer]

wedding le mariage [maree-ahj]

wedding ring l'alliance f
[aleeONSS]

Wednesday mercredi
[mairkruhdee]

week la semaine [suhmen]

a week (from) today

aujourd'hui en huit

[ojoordwee ON weet]

a week (from) tomorrow

demain en huit

weekend le week-end

at the weekend ce week-
end

weight le poids [pwa]

weird bizarre

weirdo l'énergumène mf
[aynairgoomen]

welcome: welcome to ...

bienvenue à ... [b-YAN-vuhnOO]

you're welcome (don't mention
it) je vous en prie [juh voo ZON
pree]

well: I don't feel well je ne me

sens pas bien [juh nuh muh SON
pa b-YAN]

she's not well elle ne se sent
pas bien [... SON ...]

you speak English very well
vous parlez très bien l'anglais
well done! bravo!

this one as well celui-là aussi
[o-see]

well well! (surprise) tiens!
[tyAN]

dialogue

how are you? comment
vas-tu/allez-vous? [komON
va-too/alay-voo]

very well, thanks très bien,
merci [tray b-YAN]

well-done (meat) bien cuit
[b-YAN kwee]

Welsh gallois [galwa]

I'm Welsh (man/woman) je
suis gallois/galloise
[... galwahz]

were*: we were nous étions
[noo zayteeON]

you were vous étiez [voo
zaytee-ay]

they were ils/elles étaient
[eel/el zaytay]

west l'ouest m [west]

in the west à l'ouest

West Indian (adj) antillais
[ONteeyay]

wet mouillé [mooyay]

what? quoi? [kwa]

what's that? qu'est-ce que
c'est? [keskuh say]

what should I do? que dois-je
faire? [kuh dwahj fair]

what a view! quelle vue
magnifique! [kel]

what bus do I take? je prends
quel bus?

wheel la roue [roo]

wheelchair le fauteuil roulant
[fotuh-ee roolon]

when? quand? [kon]

when we get back à notre

retour [a notr ruhtoor]
 when's the train/ferry? à
 quelle heure part le train/
 ferry? [kel urr par]
 where? où? [oo]
 I don't know where it is je ne
 sais pas où il est

dialogue

where is the cathedral? où
 est la cathédrale? [oo ay]
 it's over there c'est par là
 [say]
 could you show me where
 it is on the map? pouvez-
 vous me montrer où ça se
 trouve sur la carte?
 it's just here c'est ici

which: which train? quel
 train? [kel]

dialogue

which one? lequel
 (laquelle)? [luhkel, lakel]
 that one celui-là (celle-là)
 [suhlwee-la, sel-la]
 this one? celui-ci (celle-
 ci)? [suhlwee-see]
 no, that one non, celui-là
 (celle-là)

while: while I'm here pendant
 que je suis ici [pondON kuh]
 whisky le whisky
 white blanc, f blanche [blON,
 blONsh]

white wine le vin blanc [VAN
 blON]
 who? qui? [kee]
 who is it? qui est-ce? [ess]
 the man who ... l'homme
 qui ...
 whole: the whole week toute
 la semaine [toot]
 the whole lot le tout [luh too]
 whose: whose is this? à qui
 est ceci? [a kee ay suhsee]
 why? pourquoi? [poorkwa]
 why not? pourquoi pas? [pa]
 wide large [larj]
 wife: my wife ma femme [fam]
 will*: will you do it for me?
 pouvez-vous faire ça pour
 moi? [poovay-voo]
 wind le vent [vON]
 window la fenêtre [fuhnetr]
 near the window près de la
 fenêtre
 in the window (of shop) en
 vitrine [ON veetreen]
 window seat le siège près de
 la fenêtre [pray duh la fuhnetr]
 windscreen le pare-brise [par-
 breez]
 windscreen wiper l'essuie-
 glace m [eswee-glass]
 windsurfing la planche à voile
 [plONsh a vwal]
 windy: it's so windy il y a
 beaucoup de vent [eelya bo-
 koo duh vON]
 wine le vin [VAN]
 can we have some more
 wine? encore un peu de vin,
 s'il vous plaît [ONkor AN puh]

wine list **la carte des vins** [kart day VAN]

wine merchant **le marchand de vins** [marshON duh VAN]

wine-tasting **la dégustation** [daygOostass-yON]

winter **l'hiver m** [eevair]

in the winter **en hiver** [ON]

winter holiday **les vacances d'hiver** [vakONss deevair]

wire **le fil de fer** [feel duh fair] (electric) **le fil (électrique)** [aylektreek]

wish: best wishes **meilleurs vœux** [mayurr vuh]

with **avec** [avek]

I'm staying with ... **j'habite chez ...** [jabeet shay]

without **sans** [SON]

witness **le témoin** [taymWAN]

will you be a witness for me? **voulez-vous me servir de témoin?** [voolay-voo muh sairveer duh]

woman **la femme** [fam]

wonderful **merveilleux** [mairvayuh]

won't*: the car won't start **la voiture ne veut pas démarrer** [nuh vuh pa]

wood (material) **le bois** [bwa]

woods (forest) **la forêt** [foray]

wool **la laine** [len]

word **le mot** [mo]

work **le travail** [trav-i]

I work in ... **je travaille dans ...** [juh trav-i]

it's not working **ça ne marche pas** [sa nuh marsh pa]

world **le monde** [mond]

worried **inquiet, f inquiète** [ANkee-ay, -et]

worse: it's worse **c'est pire** [say peer]

worst **le pire** [luh peer]

worth: is it worth a visit? **est-ce que ça vaut le détour?** [eskuh sa vo luh daytoor]

would: would you give this to ...? **pourriez-vous donner ceci à ...?** [pooree-ay-voo donay suhsee]

wrap: could you wrap it up? **pourriez-vous me l'emballer?** [pooree-ay-voo muh lONbalay]

wrapping paper **le papier d'emballage** [pap-yay dONbalahj]

wrist **le poignet** [pWAN-yay]

write **écrire** [aykreer] could you write it down? **pouvez-vous me l'écrire?** [poovay-voo muh laykreer]

how do you write it? **comment est-ce que ça s'écrit?** [komON teskuh sa saykree]

writing paper **le papier à lettres** [pap-yay a letr]

wrong: it's the wrong key **ce n'est pas la bonne clef** [suh nuh pa la bon klay]

this is the wrong train **ce n'est pas le bon train**

the bill's wrong **il y a une erreur dans la facture** [eelya OON air-rurr dON la faktOOr]

sorry, wrong number

excusez-moi, j'ai fait un mauvais numéro [ɛkskoozay-mwa jay fay AN movay nOOmayro]
 sorry, wrong room excusez-moi, je me suis trompé de chambre [juh muh swee tɾɔnpay]
 there's something wrong with ... ne marche pas bien [nuh marsh pa b-YAN]
 what's wrong? qu'y a-t-il? [k-yateel]

X

X-ray les rayons X mpl [rayON eex]

Y

yacht le voilier [vwal-yay]
 yard* le jardin [jardAN]
 year l'année f [anay]
 yellow jaune [jo-n]
 yes oui [wee]
 you're not going already, are you? – yes tu ne t'en vas pas déjà, hein? – si [too nuh tON va pa day-ja AN – see]
 yesterday hier [yair]
 yesterday morning hier matin
 the day before yesterday avant-hier [avONT-yair]
 yet encore [ONkor]
 have you heard from him yet? est-ce que vous avez déjà eu de ses nouvelles? [ɛskuh voo zavay day-ja OO duh say noovel]

dialogue

is it here yet? est-ce que c'est arrivé? [ɛskuh say]
 no, not yet non, pas encore [pa zONkor]
 you'll have to wait a little longer yet il vous faudra attendre encore un peu

yoghurt le yaourt [ya-oor]
 you* (polite or plural) vous [voo] (singular, familiar) tu [too]
 this is for you c'est pour toi/ vous [twa]
 with you avec toi/ vous
 young jeune [jurn]
 your* votre, pl vos [votr, vo] (singular, familiar) ton, f ta, pl tes [tON, ta, tay]
 yours* le/la vôtre [luh/la vohtɾ], pl les vôtres (singular, familiar) le tien, f la tienne [t-YAN, t-yen], pl les tiens/tiennes
 youth hostel l'auberge de jeunesse f [obairj duh jur-ness]

Z

zero zéro [zayro]
 zip la fermeture éclair [fairmtOOR ayklair]
 could you put a new zip on? pourriez-vous mettre une nouvelle fermeture éclair? [pooree-ay-voo metr OOn noovel]
 zoo le zoo [zo]

French



English

Colloquialisms

The following are words you might well hear. You shouldn't be tempted to use any of the stronger ones unless you are sure of your audience.

- bagnole **f** [ban-yol] old banger
- bouffer [boofay] eat
- ça craint [sa kRAN] it's just terrible
- ça me gonfle [sa muh gONfl] it's a pain
- ça pête [sa pet] it's great
- casse-toi! [kass twa] get lost!
- c'est de la merde [say duh la maird] it's crap
- c'est nul à chier [say nOol a shee-ay] it's a load of crap
- chiant [shee-ON] bloody annoying
- con [kON] bloody stupid; bastard
- connard **m** [konar] bloody idiot
- dégage! [daygaj] get lost!
- dégueulasse [dayguhlass] disgusting
- dingue [dANG] crazy
- fil de pute **m** [feess duh poot] son of a bitch
- génial [jaynee-al] brilliant, cool
- je m'emmerde [juh monmaird] I'm bored stiff
- je m'en fous! [juh mon foo] I couldn't care less
- j'en ai marre! [jON-ay mar] I've had it up to here
- mec **m** [mek] guy, bloke
- merde! [maird] shit!
- nana **f** [nana] bird, chick
- on s'éclate! [ON sayklat] we're having a blast
- pété [paytay] pissed
- salaud **m** [salo] bastard
- salope **f** [salop] bitch
- ta gueule! [ta gurl] shut it!
- tout baigne! [too beñ] everything's just hunky-dory!
- tu déconnes? [too daykon] are you crazy?
- tu m'emmerdes! [too monmaird] you're a pain in the arse!
- tu te fous de ma gueule? [too tuh foo duh ma gurl] are you taking the piss!
- va te faire foutre! [va tuh fair footr] fuck off!

A

a: il/elle a **he/she/it has**

à [a] **to; at; in; by**

à la gare **at the station**

abcès **m** [absay] **abscess**

abeille **f** [abay] **bee**

abonnements **mpl** [abonnuh-mON] **season tickets**

abord: d'abord [dabor] **first**

absolument [absolOON] **absolutely**

accélérateur **m** [axaylayraturr] **accelerator**

accélérer [axaylayray] **to accelerate**

accepter [axeptay] **to accept**

accès autorisé pour livraisons **deliveries only**

accès aux quais **to the platforms**

accès aux trains **to the trains**

accès interdit **no entry**

accès réservé au personnel **staff entrance only**

accès réservé aux riverains **no entry except for access**

accès réservé aux voyageurs **munis de billets ticket holders only**

accompagner [akONpan-yay] **to accompany**

accord: d'accord [dakor] **OK**

je suis d'accord **I agree**

accotement non stabilisé **soft verge**

accueil **m** [akuh-ee] **reception**

accusé de réception **m**

[akOozay duh rayseps-yON] **acknowledgement of receipt**

achat **m** [a-sha] **purchase**

faire des achats **to go shopping**

acheter [ashtay] **to buy**

acide [a-seed] **sour**

acteur **m** [akturr] **actor**

actrice **f** [aktreess] **actress**

adaptateur **m** [adaptaturr] **adaptor**

addition **f** [adeess-yON] **bill**

adolescent **m** [adolessON] **teenager**

s'adresser à ... [sadressay] **ask ...**

adressez-vous à la réception **ask at reception**

aérogare **f** [a-airogar] **air terminal**

aéroglysseur **m** [a-airogleessurr] **hovercraft**

aéroport **m** [a-airopor] **airport**

affaires **fpl** [affair] **things, belongings; business**

affichage **m** [affeeshahj] **display**

affiche **f** [affeesh] **poster**

afficher [affeeshay] **to display**

affranchir [affronsheer] **to stamp**

affranchissement **m** [affronsheess-mON] **postage**

affreux [affruh] **awful**

afin que [afAN kuh] **so that**

âge **m** [ahj] **age**

agence **f** [ajONss] **agency**

agence de voyages **f** [duh vwyahj] **travel agent's**

agenda **m** [ajAnda] **diary**
 agent conservateur [ajON
 kONSairvattur] **preservative**
 agent de police **m** [duh poleess]
policeman
 agiter avant l'emploi **shake**
before use
 agrandissement **m** [agrONdeess-
 mon] **enlargement**
 agréable [agray-abl] **pleasant**
 agriculteur **m** [agreekoolturr]
farmer
 ai: j'ai [jay] **I have**
 aide **f** [ed] **help**
 aider [ayday] **to help**
 aiguille **f** [aygwee] **needle**
 aile **f** [el] **wing**
 ailleurs [i-yur] **elsewhere**
 aimable [aymabl] **kind**
 aimer [aymay] **to like; to love**
 ne pas aimer **to dislike**
 aimerais: j'aimerais [jemray] **I**
would like
 ainsi [ANsee] **so; like this**
 ainsi que (just) **as**
 air **m** [air] **air**
 avoir l'air [avwahr] **to look**
 air conditionné [kondeess-yonay]
air conditioning
 aire de croisement **f** [air duh
 krwaz-mon] **passing place**
 aire de repos [ruhpo] **rest area**
 aire de service [sairveess]
service area
 aire de stationnement [stass-
 yonuh-mon] **parking area**
 ajouter [ajootay] **to add**
 alimentation **f** [aleemONTass-yon]
food; grocer

alimentation générale
 [jaynayral] **grocer**
 allaiter [alaytay] **to breastfeed**
 Allemagne **f** [almañ] **Germany**
 allemand [almon] **German**
 aller [alay] **to go**
 comment allez-vous? [komON
 talay voo] **how are you?**
 s'en aller [SON] **to go away**
 allez-vous-en! [alay-voo zON]
go away!
 aller chercher [shairshay] **to go**
and get, to fetch
 aller-retour **m** [alay ruhtoor]
return/round trip ticket
 aller simple **m** [SANpl] **single**
ticket
 aller voir [vwahr] **to go and**
see, to go and visit
 allumage **m** [aloomahj] **ignition**
 allumer [aloomay] **to light; to**
switch on
 allumette **f** [aloomet] **match**
 allumez vos phares **switch on**
your lights
 allumez vos veilleuses **switch**
on your sidelights/parking
lights
 alors [alor] **then; well**
 alpinisme **m** [alpeeneess-muh]
mountaineering
 ambassade **f** [ONbasad]
embassy
 améliorer [amayleeray] **to**
improve
 amende **f** [amOND] **fine**
 amener [amuhnay] **to bring**
 amer [amair] **bitter**
 américain [amayreekAN]

American
 Amérique **f** [amayreek] America
 ameublement **m** [amurblohmON]
 furniture
 ami **m**, amie **f** [amee] friend
 amortisseur **m** [amorteessurr]
 shock-absorber
 amour **m** [amoor] love
 faire l'amour [fair] to make
 love
 ampoule **f** [ONpool] light bulb;
 blister
 s'amuser [samoozay] to have
 fun
 an **m** [ON] year
 analgésique **m** [an-aljayzeek]
 painkiller
 ancien [ONSS-YAN] ancient; old,
 former
 ancien franc [fran] old French
 franc (= 1 centime)
 ancre **f** [ONkr] anchor
 anémique [anaymeek] anaemic
 anesthésie générale **f**
 [anestayzee jaynayral] general
 anaesthetic
 anesthésie locale [lo-kal] local
 anaesthetic
 angine **f** [ONjeen] tonsillitis
 angine de poitrine [pwatreen]
 angina
 anglais [ONglay] English
 Anglais **m** Englishman
 les Anglais the English
 Anglaise **f** [ONglez]
 Englishwoman
 Angleterre **f** [ONgluhtair] England
 année **f** [anay] year
 anniversaire **m** [aneevairsair]

birthday
 anniversaire de mariage
 [maree-ahj] wedding
 anniversary
 annuaire **m** [anoo-air] phone
 book
 annulé [anoolay] cancelled
 annuler [anoolay] to cancel
 antigel **m** [ONtee-jel] antifreeze
 antihistaminique **m**
 [ONteeheestameeneek]
 antihistamine
 anti-insecte: la crème anti-
 insecte [krem ONtee-ANsekt]
 insect repellent
 antiquaire **m** [ONteekair] antique
 shop
 août [oo] August
 apparaître [aparetr] to appear
 appareil **m** [aparay] device;
 camera
 qui est à l'appareil? who's
 speaking?
 Madame ... à l'appareil
 Madame ... speaking
 cet appareil ne rend pas la
 monnaie this machine does
 not give change
 cet appareil rend la monnaie
 this machine gives change
 appareil acoustique **m** hearing
 aid
 appareil-photo **m** camera
 appartement **m** [apartmon] flat,
 apartment
 appartenir [apartuhneer] to
 belong
 appeler [aplay] to call
 comment vous appelez-

vous? [komON voo zaplay-voo]
 what's your name?
 je m'appelle ... [juh mapel]
 my name is ...
 appendicite **f** [apANdeesseet]
 appendicitis
 apporter [aportay] to bring
 on peut apporter son repas
 you may eat your own
 food here
 apprendre [apronDr] to learn
 s'approcher (de) [saproshay] to
 go/come near
 appuyer [apwee-yay] to lean,
 to push
 appuyer ici press here
 appuyez pour ouvrir press to
 open
 après [apray] after
 après-demain [-duhMAN] the
 day after tomorrow
 après-midi **m** afternoon
 arabe (**m/f**) [a-rab] Arabic;
 Arab
 araignée **f** [aren-yay] spider
 arbre **m** [arbr] tree
 arc-en-ciel **m** [arkONss-yel]
 rainbow
 argent **m** [arjON] money; silver
 argent massif solid silver
 armoire **f** [armwahr] cupboard
 arnaque **f** [arnak] rip-off,
 swindle
 arôme **m** [arohm] flavour
 arôme naturel/artificiel
 natural/artificial flavouring
 arrêt **m** [aray] stop
 arrêt d'autobus bus stop
 arrêt de bus bus stop

arrêté: par arrêté préfectoral
 by order
 arrêter [aretay] to stop; to
 arrest
 s'arrêter to stop
 arrêtez! stop!
 arrêtez votre moteur switch
 off your engine
 arrêt facultatif request stop
 arrêt interdit no stopping
 arrière **m** [aree-air] back
 la roue arrière the back
 wheel
 le siège arrière the back seat
 arrivée(s) **f(pl)** [areevay]
 arrival(s)
 arriver [areevay] to arrive; to
 happen
 arrondissement **m** [arONdeess-
 mon] administrative district
 of Paris
 arthrite **f** [artreet] arthritis
 articles **mpl** [arteeki]: les
 articles soldés ne sont
 ni repris ni échangés no
 refund or exchange of
 reduced price goods
 articles de camping camping
 accessories
 articles de sport sports goods
 articles de voyage travel
 accessories
 articles ménagers [mayna-jay]
 household goods
 artisanat **m** [arteezana] crafts
 arts ménagers **mpl** [ar mayna-
 jay] household goods
 as: tu as [a] you have
 as-tu ...? do you have ...?

ascenseur **m** [asɔ̃surr] lift,
elevator

aspirateur **m** [aspeeraturr]
hoover®

s'asseoir [sasswahr] to sit
down

asseyez-vous [asay-ay-voo]
sit down

assez (de) [assay] enough;
quite

j'en ai assez [jɔ̃n ay assay] I
have enough; I'm fed up

assieds-toi [ass-yay-twa] sit
down

assiette **f** [ass-yet] plate

assurance **f** [assoorɔ̃ss]
insurance

assure la correspondance
avec ... connects with ...

asthme **m** [ass-muh] asthma

astucieux [astɔ̃ss-yuh] clever

athée **m/f** [atay] atheist

athlétisme **m** [atlayteess-muh]
athletics

Atlantique **m** [atlonteek]
Atlantic

attachez vos ceintures fasten
your seat belt

attaque **f** [atak] attack; stroke

atteindre [atandr] to reach

attendez ici wait here

attendez-moi! wait for me!

attendez votre ticket wait for
your ticket

attendre [atondr] to wait

attendre la sonorité wait for
the dialling tone

attention! [atɔ̃ss-yon] look
out!; caution!

attention à la marche mind
the step

attention, chien méchant
beware of the dog

attention, enfants caution,
children

attention, fermeture
automatique des portes
caution, doors close
automatically

attention, peinture fraîche wet
paint

atterrir [ataireer] to land

attraper [atrapay] to catch

au [o] to the; at the; in the;
by the; with

auberge **f** [obairj] inn

auberge de jeunesse [jur-ness]
youth hostel

aucun [okan] none, not any

au-dessous de [o-duhsoo duh]
below

au-dessus de [o-duhsoo duh]
above

audiophone **m** [odeeo-fon]
hearing aid

aujourd'hui [ojoordwee] today

aujourd'hui en huit a week

today

auprès de [opray duh] near

auquel [okel] to which; at
which

aurai: j'aurai [joray] I will have

aura: il/elle aura [ora] he/she/
it will have

aurais: j'aurais/tu aurais [oray]
I/you would have

auras: tu auras [ora] you will
have

au revoir **goodbye**
 aurez: vous aurez [oray] **you will have**
 auriez: vous auriez [oree-ay] **you would have**
 aurions: nous aurions [oree-ON] **we would have**
 aurons: nous aurons [orON] **we will have**
 auront: ils/elles auront [orON] **they will have**
 aussi [o-see] **also**
 aussi grand que **as big as**
 moi aussi **me too**
 aussi ... que possible **as ... as possible**
 aussitôt [o-seeto] **at once**
 aussitôt que **as soon as**
 Australie **f** [ostralee] **Australia**
 australien [ostralee-AN] **Australian**
 autant (de) [oton duh] **as much; as many**
 autobus **m** [otoboooss] **bus**
 autocar **m** **coach, bus**
 automne **m** [oton] **autumn**
 automobiliste **m/f** [otomobeeleest] **car driver; motorist**
 autoradio **m** [otorad-yo] **car radio**
 autoroute **f** [otoroot] **motorway, highway**
 autoroute à péage **toll motorway/highway**
 auto-stop **m** [otostop] **hitch-hiking**
 faire de l'autostop **to hitchhike**

autre [ohtr] **other**
 un/une autre **another**
 autre chose [shohz] **something else**
 autres destinations **other destinations**
 autres directions **other destinations**
 Autriche **f** [otreesh] **Austria**
 autrichien [otreeshee-AN] **Austrian**
 aux [o] **to the; at the; in the; by the; with**
 auquel(le)s [okel] **to which; at which; in which; by which**
 avaler [avalay] **to swallow**
 avance: d'avance [davONss] **in advance**
 en avance **early**
 avancer [avONsay] **to move forward, to advance**
 avant **m** [avON] **front**
 avant **before**
 avant JC **BC**
 avant-hier [avON-tee-air] **the day before yesterday**
 avec [avek] **with**
 averse **f** [avairss] **shower**
 aveugle [avurgl] **blind**
 avez: vous avez [voo zavay] **you have**
 avez-vous ...? **do you have ...?**
 avion **m** [av-YON] **plane**
 par avion **by airmail**
 avis **m** [avee] **notice**
 avocat **m** [avoka] **lawyer**
 avoir* [avwahr] **to have**

avons: nous avons [noo zavON]
 we have
 avril [avree] April
 ayant [ay-yON] having

B

bac **m** ferry
 bagages **mpl** [bagahj] luggage
 faire ses bagages to pack
 bagages à main [MAN] hand
 luggage
 bagarre **f** [ba-gar] fight
 bagnole **f** [ban-yol] car (familiar
 word)
 bague **f** [bag] ring
 baignade dangereuse danger,
 do not swim here
 baignade interdite no
 swimming
 se baigner [suh ben-yay] to go
 swimming
 baignoire **f** [beñ-wahr] bathtub
 bain **m** [BAN] bath
 bains douches municipaux
 public baths
 baiser **m** [bezzay] kiss
 baiser to screw
 bal **m** dance
 bal du 14 juillet open air
 dance on the French
 national holiday
 balade **f** [bal-ad] walk, stroll
 se balader [suh baladay] to go
 for a stroll
 baladeur **m** [baladurr] personal
 stereo
 balcon **m** [balkON] balcony

balle **f** [bal] ball
 balles [bal] francs (familiar word)
 ballon **m** [balON] ball; balloon
 bande d'arrêt d'urgence hard
 shoulder
 bande magnétique **f** [man-
 yayteek] tape
 bande médiane [mayd-yan]
 central reservation
 banlieue **f** [BON-I-yuh] suburbs
 banque **f** [BONK] bank
 barbe **f** [barb] beard
 barque **f** [bark] small boat
 barrière **f** [baree-air] fence
 barrière de dégel road closed
 to heavy vehicles during
 thaw
 bas **mpl** [ba] stockings
 bas low
 en bas [ON] downstairs
 baskets **fpl** [bass-ket] trainers
 bateau **m** [bato] boat
 bateau à rames [ram] rowing
 boat
 bateau à vapeur [vapurr]
 steamer
 bateau à voile [vwahl] sailing
 boat
 bateau-mouche [-moosh]
 pleasure boat on the Seine
 bâtiment **m** [bateemon]
 building
 batterie **f** [batree] battery
 se battre [suh batr] to fight
 baume après-shampooing
m [bohm apray-shONPWAN]
 conditioner
 bd boulevard
 BD (bande dessinée) **f** [bay-day]

(bond desseenay) comic strip
 beaucoup [bo-koo] a lot; much
 beaucoup de ... a lot of ...
 beau, **f** belle [bo, bel]
 beautiful; fine
 il fait beau the weather is
 good
 beau-fils **m** [-feess] son-in-law
 beau-père **m** [-pair] father-
 in-law
 bébé **m** [bay-bay] baby
 belge [belj] Belgian
 Belgique **f** [beljeek] Belgium
 belle [bel] beautiful
 belle-fille **f** [-fee] daughter-
 in-law
 belle-mère **f** [-mair] mother-
 in-law
 béquilles **fpl** [baykee] crutches
 besoin: j'ai besoin de ... [jay
 buhzwan duh] I need ...
 bibliothèque **f** [beebleeo-tek]
 library
 bibliothèque municipale
 public library
 bicyclette **f** [beesseeklet]
 bicycle
 bien [b-YAN] well, fine
 bien du/de la/des many, a
 lot of
 bien portant [portON] in good
 health
 bien que [kuh] although
 bien sûr [soor] of course
 bientôt [b-yanto] soon
 à bientôt see you later
 bienvenue! [b-YAN-vuhnOO]
 welcome!
 bienvenue sur notre réseau

welcome to our network
 bijouterie **f** [beejootuhree]
 jeweller's
 bijoux **mpl** [beejoo] jewellery
 billet **m** [bee-yay] ticket
 billet de banque [bonk]
 banknote, bill
 billets tickets; (bank)notes,
 bills
 billet Section Urbaine ticket
 valid for suburban train and
 métro and all RER
 billets internationaux
 international tickets
 billets périmés used tickets
 blaireau **m** [blairo] shaving
 brush
 blanc, **f** blanche [blON, blONsh]
 white
 blanchisserie **f** [blONsheesree]
 laundry
 blessé [blessay] injured; hurt
 blessure **f** [blessOor] wound
 bleu [bluh] blue
 bleu **m** bruise
 boire [bwahr] to drink
 bois **m** [bwa] wood
 boîte **f** [bwat] box; can;
 nightclub
 boîte à/aux lettres [letr]
 letterbox
 boîte de nuit [nwee] nightclub
 boîte de vitesses [veetess]
 gearbox
 bol **m** bowl
 bombe **f** [bonb] bomb
 bon [bon] good
 bon! right!, OK!
 bon anniversaire! happy

birthday!
 bon appétit! enjoy your meal!
 bon après-midi! have a good afternoon!
 bonbon **m** [bon-bon] sweet, candy
 bondé [bonday] crowded
 bonde **f** [bond] plug
 bonjour [bonjoor] hello; good morning
 bon marché [bon marshay] cheap
 bonne année! [bon anay] happy New Year!
 bonne chance! [shonss] good luck!
 bonne journée! [joornay] have a good day!
 bonne nuit [nwee] good night
 bonne route! [root] safe journey!
 bonnet de bain **m** [bonay duh ban] bathing cap
 bonsoir [bonswahr] good evening
 bon voyage! have a good trip!
 bord **m** [bor] edge
 au bord de la mer [o] at the seaside
 borne **f** [born] kilometre (familiar word)
 botte **f** [bot] boot
 bottin **m** [botan] telephone directory
 bouche **f** [boosh] mouth
 bouché [booshay] blocked
 boucherie **f** [booshree] butcher's
 boucherie-charcuterie

[-sharkootree] butcher's (also selling pâté and sausages)
 boucherie chevaline horsemeat butcher
 bouchon **m** [booshon] cork; stopper; traffic jam
 bouclé [booklay] curly
 boucles d'oreille **fpl** [bookl doray] earrings
 bouée **f** [boo-ay] buoy
 bouffe **f** [boof] grub, food
 bouger [boojay] to move
 bougie **f** [boojee] candle; spark plug
 bouillotte **f** [boo-ee-yot] hot-water bottle
 boulangerie **f** [boolonjree] baker's
 boulangerie-pâtisserie baker's and cake shop
 boules **fpl** [bool] (French-style) bowling
 boules Quiès® [kee-ess] earplugs
 boulevard périphérique **m** ring road
 bourré [booray] pissed
 boussole **f** [boossil] compass
 bouteille **f** [bootay] bottle
 boutique **f** small shop
 boutique de mode clothes boutique
 boutique hors-taxé [or tax] duty free shop
 bouton **m** [booton] button; spot
 boxe **f** [box] boxing
 BP (boîte postale) PO Box
 bras **m** [bra] arm

brasserie **f** pub/bar/café
serving food
brave **[brahv]** good; brave
bref **brief**
Bretagne **f** **[bruhtaɲ]** Brittany
bricolage **m** **[breekolahj]** do-it-yourself, DIY (supplies)
bricoler **[breekolay]** to do DIY
briller **[bree-yay]** to shine
briquet **m** **[breekay]** lighter
brise **f** **[breez]** breeze
britannique **British**
brocante **secondhand goods**
broche **f** **[brosh]** brooch
bronchite **f** **[bronsheet]**
bronchitis
bronzage **m** **[bronzahj]** suntan
bronzer **[bronzay]** to tan
se bronzer **to sunbathe**
brosse **f** **[bross]** brush
brosse à cheveux **[shuhvuh]**
hairbrush
brosse à dents **[don]**
toothbrush
brosser **[brossay]** to brush
brouillard **m** **[broo-ee-yar]** fog
brouillard fréquent **risk of fog**
bruit **m** **[brwee]** noise
brûler **[broolay]** to burn
brûlure **f** **[brooloor]** burn
brume **f** **[broom]** mist
brun **[bran]** brown
brushing **m** blow-dry
bruyant **[brwee-yon]** noisy
bu **[boo]** drunk
buffet à volonté **unlimited**
buffet
bureau **m** office
bureau d'accueil **[dakuh-ee]**

reception centre
bureau de poste **[posst]** post
office
bureau des objets trouvés
[objay troovay] lost property
office
bureautique **f** office
automation
butagaz **m** camping gas
buvette **f** **[boovet]** refreshment
room; refreshment stall
buvez: vous buvez **[boovay]**
you drink
buvons: nous buvons **[boovon]**
we drink

C

ça* **[sa]** it; that
ça alors! **well really!; I**
don't believe it!
ça va? **how's things?**
ça va **it's OK, I'm OK;**
that's fine
ça va mieux **I'm feeling**
better; things are better
cabas **m** **[kaba]** shopping bag
cabine **f** **[kabeen]** cabin
cette cabine peut être
appelée au numéro: ...
incoming calls can be made
to this phonebox using the
following number: ...
cabine téléphonique **phone**
box
cabines d'essayage **fitting**
rooms
cabinet dentaire **m** dentist's
surgery

cabinet médical **doctor's surgery**
 cacher [kashay] **to hide**
 cacher [kashair] **kosher**
 cachet **m** [kashay] **tablet**
 caddie **m** (supermarket) **trolley**
 cadeau **m** [kado] **present, gift**
 cadeaux-souvenirs **gift shop**
 cafard **m** [kafar] **cockroach**
 j'ai le cafard **I feel a bit down**
 café **m** [kafay] **coffee, black coffee; café, bar**
 café complet [konplay] **continental breakfast**
 cahier **m** [ky-yay] **notebook; exercise book**
 caisse **f** [kess] **till, cash desk**
 caisse d'épargne [dayparñ] **savings bank**
 caissier **m** **cashier**
 calculette **f** [kalolet] **calculator**
 calendrier **m** [kalondree-ay] **calendar**
 calmant **m** [kalmon] **tranquillizer**
 caméra **f** [kamayra] **cine-camera; (TV) camera**
 camion **m** [kam-yon] **lorry**
 camionnette **f** [kam-yonet] **van**
 campagne **f** [konpañ] **countryside**
 à la campagne **in the country**
 camping **m** [konpeeng] **camping; campsite**
 camping-car **m** **mobile home**
 camping-caravaning **site for**

camping and caravans
 camping interdit **no camping**
 canadien [kanadee-AN] **Canadian**
 canif **m** [kaneef] **penknife**
 canne à pêche **f** [kan a pesh] **fishing rod**
 canoë **m** [kano-ay] **canoe; canoeing**
 canton **m** [konton] **administrative district of Switzerland**
 caoutchouc **m** [ka-oochoo] **rubber**
 capitaine **m** [kapeeten] **captain**
 capot **m** [kapo] **bonnet, (US) hood**
 car **m** **coach, bus**
 car for, because
 caravane **f** **caravan**
 carburateur **m** **carburettor**
 cardiaque: être cardiaque **to have a heart condition**
 carie **f** [karee] **caries**
 carnet **m** [karnay] **book (of tickets)**
 carnet d'adresses [dadress] **address book**
 carnet de tickets [teekay] **book of tickets**
 carnet de timbres [tanbr] **book of stamps**
 carrefour **m** [karfoor] **crossroads, intersection**
 carrefour dangereux **dangerous crossroads/ intersection**
 carrosserie **f** **garage that does bodywork repairs**

carte **f** [kart] card; map; pass
 carte d'anniversaire birthday
 card
 carte de crédit [kraydee] credit
 card
 carte d'embarquement
 [ONbarkmon] boarding pass
 carte de réduction [raydOOX-yON]
 card entitling the holder to
 price reductions
 carte de visite [veezeet]
 (business) card
 carte d'identité [eedONteetay]
 ID card
 carte grise [greez] car
 registration book
 carte orange [oronj] season
 ticket for transport in Paris
 and its suburbs
 carte postale [poss-tal]
 postcard
 carte refusée card rejected
 carte routière [root-yair] road
 map
 carte verte [vairt] green card
 carton **m** [kartON] box;
 cardboard
 cascade **f** [kaskad] waterfall
 casquette **f** [kasket] cap
 cassé [kassay] broken
 casser [kassay] to break
 casserole **f** saucepan
 cauchemar **m** [kohsh-mar]
 nightmare
 cause **f** [kohz] cause
 à cause de because of
 CCP (compte de chèques
 postaux) giro account
 ce* [suh] this; that; it

ce serait [suhray] it would
 be
 ceci [suhsee] this
 cédez le passage give way,
 yield
 ceinture **f** [sANToor] belt
 ceinture de sécurité
 [saykOoreetay] seat belt
 cela [suhla] that
 célèbre [saylebr] famous
 célibataire **m** [sayleebatair]
 bachelor
 célibataire single
 celle-ci [sel-see] this one
 celle-là [-la] that one
 celles-ci [sel-see] these
 celles-là those
 celui-ci [suhlwee-see] this one
 celui-là that one
 cendrier **m** [SONdree-ay] ashtray
 cent [SON] hundred
 centime **m** [SONteem] centime
 (1/100 franc)
 centre **m** [SONtr] centre
 centre commercial shopping
 centre
 centre culturel arts centre
 centre sportif sports centre
 centre-ville city centre
 cependant [suhPONdon]
 however
 ce que [suh kuh] what
 ce qui [kee] what
 certain [sairtan] sure, certain;
 some
 ces* [say] these
 c'est [say] it is; that's
 c'est ça that's it
 c'est-à-dire [setadeer] that is

to say
 cet [set] this; that
 c'était [saytay] it was
 cette* [set] this; that
 ceux-ci* [suh-see] these
 ceux-là* those
 CFF (Chemins de fer fédéraux)
 Swiss railways
 chacun [shakan] each one;
 everyone
 chaîne f [shen] chain; channel;
 stereo
 chaise f [shez] chair
 chaise longue deck chair
 chaleur f [shalurr] heat
 chambre f [shonbr] room;
 bedroom
 chambre à air inner tube
 chambre à coucher [kooshay]
 bedroom
 chambre à deux lits [duh lee]
 twin room
 chambre pour deux
 personnes [pairson] double
 room
 chambre pour une personne
 [oon] single room
 chambres à louer rooms to
 let
 champ m [shon] field
 chance f [shonss] luck; chance
 change m [shonj] change;
 exchange; currency
 exchange
 change de devises currency
 exchange
 changement à ... change at ...
 changer [shonjay] to change
 se changer to change

changer de train to change
 trains
 changer de vitesse to change
 gear
 changeur de monnaie m
 change machine
 chanson f [shonson] song
 chanter [shontay] to sing
 chantier m roadworks;
 building site
 chantilly f [shontee-yee]
 whipped cream
 chapeau m [shapo] hat
 chapeau de soleil [solay] sun
 hat
 chapellerie f hat shop
 chaque [shak] each, every
 charcuterie f [sharkootree]
 delicatessen; cold meat,
 sausages, salami, pâtés etc
 chariot m [sharee-o] trolley
 chariot obligatoire you must
 take a trolley
 charter m charter flight
 chasse gardée hunting
 preserve
 chat m [sha] cat
 châtain [shatan] chestnut,
 brown
 château m [shato] castle;
 mansion
 château fort fortified castle
 chaud [sho] warm, hot
 chauffage m [shofahj] heating
 chauffage central [son-tral]
 central heating
 chauffard! [shofar] learn to
 drive!
 chauffe-eau m [shohf-o] water

heater
 chaussée déformée **uneven**
 road surface
 chaussée glissante **slippery**
 road surface
 chaussée rétrécie **road**
 narrows
 chaussée verglacée **icy road**
 chaussettes **fpl** [sho-set] **socks**
 chaussures **fpl** [sho-soor] **shoes**
 chaussures de ski **ski boots**
 chaussures de tennis **gym**
 shoes
 chauve [shohv] **bald**
 CH (Confédération Helvétique)
 Switzerland
 chemin **m** [shuhMAN] **path**
 chemin de fer [duh fair] **railway**
 chemise **f** [shuhmeez] **shirt**
 chemise de nuit [duh nwee]
 nightdress
 chemiserie **menswear**
 chemisier **m** [shuhmeez-yay]
 blouse
 chèque **m** [shek] **cheque, (US)**
 check
 les chèques ne sont
 acceptés qu'à partir de 100
 F **cheques accepted for**
amounts over 100F only
 les chèques ne sont pas
 acceptés **we do not accept**
cheques
 chèque de voyage [duh vvyahj]
 traveller's cheque
 chéquier **m** [shaykee-ay] **cheque**
 book
 cher [shair] **expensive; dear**
 chercher [shairshay] **to look**

for
 cheveux **mpl** [shuhvuh] **hair**
 cheville **f** [shuhvee] **ankle**
 chez [shay] **at; among**
 chez Nadine **at Nadine's**
 faites comme chez vous
make yourself at home
 chez Marcel/Mimi (name of bar
 etc) **Marcel's/Mimi's**
 chien **m** [shee-AN] **dog**
 les chiens doivent être tenus
 en laisse **dogs must be kept**
on a leash
 choc **m** [shok] **shock**
 chocolat à croquer **m** [shokola a
 krokay] **plain chocolate**
 chocolat au lait [o lay] **milk**
chocolate
 chocolatier **m** **chocolate shop**
 choisir [shwazeer] **to choose**
 choix **m** [shwa] **choice**
 chômage: au chômage [o
 shohmahj] **unemployed**
 chose **f** [shohz] **thing**
 Chronopost® **express mail**
 chute de neige **f** [shoot duh nej]
 snowfall
 chute de pierres **falling rocks**
 ciel **m** [see-el] **sky; heaven**
 cigare **m** [seegar] **cigar**
 cimetière **m** [seemt-yair]
 cemetery
 cinémathèque **f** **film theatre,**
movie theater
 cinglé **m** [SAnglay] **nutter,**
nutcase
 cinq [SANK] **five**
 cinquante [SANKONT] **fifty**
 cinquième [SANK-yem] **fifth**

cintre **m** [sANtr] coathanger
 cirage **m** [seerahj] shoe polish
 circuit touristique tourist
 route
 circulation **f** [seerk00lass-yON]
 traffic
 circulation alternée single line
 traffic
 circuler [seerk00lay] to run
 circule le ... runs on ...
 ne circule pas le samedi/
 dimanche does not run on
 Saturdays/Sundays
 circulez! move along!
 circulez sur une file single line
 traffic
 cire pour voiture **f** [seer poor
 vvat00r] car wax
 cirque **m** [seerk] circus
 ciseaux **mpl** [seezo] scissors
 cité universitaire **f** university
 halls of residence
 clair clear
 bleu clair light blue
 classe **f** [klass] class
 clé **f** [klay] key
 clé anglaise [ONglez] wrench
 clignotant **m** [kleen-yoton]
 indicator
 climat **m** [kleema] climate
 climatisation **f** [kleemateezass-
 yON] air-conditioning
 climatisé air-conditioned
 clinique **f** clinic
 cloche **f** bell
 clôture électrifiée electric fence
 clou **m** [kloo] nail
 cochon **m** [koshON] pig
 code de la route **m** [kod duh la

root] highway code
 code postal [poss-tal]
 postcode, zip code
 coffre **m** [kofr] boot, (US) trunk
 coiffer [kwafay] to comb
 se coiffer to do one's hair
 coiffeur **m**, coiffeuse **f** [kwafurr,
 -urz] hairdresser
 coiffeur pour dames [poor dam]
 ladies' hairdresser
 coiffeur pour hommes [om]
 men's hairdresser, barber's
 coiffure **f** [kwaf00r] hairstyle;
 hairdresser's
 coin **m** [kwAN] corner
 coincé [kwANSay] stuck
 col **m** collar; (mountain) pass
 col fermé pass closed
 col ouvert pass open
 col roulé [roolay] polo neck
 (jumper)
 colis **m** [kolee] parcel, package
 colis France parcels for
 France only
 collant **m** [kolON] tights
 colle **f** [kol] glue
 collectionner [kolex-yonay] to
 collect
 collier **m** [kol-yay] necklace
 colline **f** [koleen] hill
 combien? [konb-yAN] how
 many?, how much?
 commander [komONday] to
 order
 comme [kom] like; as; how
 commencer [komONsay] to
 begin
 comment? [komON] how?;
 pardon?; sorry?

- comment allez-vous? [talay-
voo] **how are you?**
comment ça va? [sa] **how
are things?**
comment vas-tu? [va-too]
how are you?
commerçant **m** [komairson]
shopkeeper
commissariat **m** [komeessaree-a]
police station
commissariat de police **police
station**
commotion cérébrale **f**
[komoss-yon sayray-bral]
concussion
communication **f**
[komoonneekass-yon] **call**
communication internationale
international call
communication interurbaine
long-distance call
communication locale **local
call**
communication urbaine **local
call**
compagnie aérienne **f** [kompan-
yee a-ayree-en] **airline**
comparer [konparay] **to
compare**
compartiment fumeurs
smoking compartment
compartiment non-fumeurs
non-smoking compartment
complet **m** [konplay] **suit**
complet **full, no vacancies**
complètement [konpletmon]
totally
compliqué [konpleekay]
complicated
composer le numéro **dial the
number**
composez sur le clavier
numérique le montant
choisi pour la vignette
enter selected value of
postage label on numerical
keyboard (francs, comma,
centimes)
composez votre code
confidentiel à l'abri des
regards indiscrets **enter
your PIN without letting
anybody see it**
composition **contents**
composition du train **order
of cars**
compostage: le compostage
des billets est obligatoire
tickets are valid only if
punched
compostez votre billet
validate/punch your ticket
in the machine
comprendre [konprondr] **to
understand; to include**
comprimé **m** [konpreemay]
tablet
comprimé effervescent
effervescent tablet
compris [konpree] **included**
comptable **m** [kontabl]
accountant
comptant: payer comptant
[konton] **pay cash**
compteur **m** [konturr]
speedometer
con **m** [kon] **stupid idiot;
stupid bastard**

concessionnaire **m** agent
 concierge **m/f** caretaker
 conditions d'enneigement
 snow conditions
 conditions pour skier **skiing**
 conditions
 conducteur **m** [KONDookturr]
 driver
 conductrice **f** [KONDooktreess]
 driver
 conduire [KONDweer] to drive
 confirmer [KONfeermay] to
 confirm
 confiserie **f** confectioner,
 sweet shop
 congé annuel **m** annual
 holiday
 congélateur **m** [konjaylaturr]
 freezer
 connaître [konetr] to know
 conseiller [KONSay-yay] to
 advise
 conserver: se conserve au
 moins ... après la date-limite
 de vente keeps for at least
 ... after the sell-by date
 conserver au frais (et au sec)
 keep in a cool (dry) place
 conservez votre ticket sur
 vous keep your ticket with
 you
 conservez votre titre de
 transport jusqu'à la sortie
 keep your ticket till you
 leave the station
 consigne **f** [KONseeh]
 left luggage, baggage
 checkroom
 consigne automatique left

luggage lockers
 consommation **f** [KONSomass-
 yON] drink
 consommation au comptoir
 drink at the bar
 consommation en salle drink
 in the lounge
 consommer avant le ... eat by
 ..., best before ...
 constipé [KONsteepay]
 constipated
 consulat **m** [KONSoola] consulate
 contacter [KONTaktay] to
 contact
 contagieux [KONTah-jyuh]
 contagious
 contenir [KONTuhneer] to
 contain
 ne contient pas de ...
 contains no ...
 content [KONTON] pleased
 contenu contents
 continuer [KONteenOO-ay] to
 continue, to go on
 contraceptif **m** contraceptive
 contractuel **m** traffic warden
 contraire **m** [KONtrair] opposite
 contre [KONtr] against
 contre les ... for ...
 contre-indications contra-
 indications
 contrôle des bagages **m**
 baggage security check
 contrôle des passeports
 passport control
 contrôles radar radar speed
 checks
 convoi exceptionnel long
 vehicle

copain **m** [kopAN] pal, mate;
boyfriend
copine **f** [kopen] friend;
girlfriend
coquillage **m** [kokee-ahj] shell
Corail **m** intercity train
cor au pied **m** [o p-yay] corn
corde **f** rope
cordonnerie **f** cobbler's
cordonnier **m** cobbler, shoe
repairs
corps **m** [kor] body
correspondance **f**
[koresspondONss] connection
correspondance Porte
d'Orléans all stops on the
line to Porte d'Orléans
Corse **f** [korss] Corsica
costume **m** suit
côté **m** [kotay] side
à côté de next to
mettre de côté to put aside
côte **f** [koht] coast; rib
Côte d'Azur French Riviera
côté non stabilisé soft verge
coton **m** [kotON] cotton
coton hydrophile [eedrofeel]
cotton wool, absorbent
cotton
cou **m** [koo] neck
couche **f** [koosh] nappy
coucher: aller se coucher [alay
suh kooshay] to go to bed
au coucher seulement only
when you go to bed
couchette **f** couchette;
reclining seat; bunk bed
coude **m** [kood] elbow
coudre [koodr] to sew

couette **f** [kwet] continental
quilt; bunch (in hair)
couler [koolay] to sink; to run
couleur **f** [koolurr] colour
couloir bus et taxis bus and
taxi lane
coup **m** [koo] blow, knock;
stroke
tout d'un coup suddenly
coup de fil phonecall
coup de soleil [solay] sunburn
coupe **f** [koop] haircut
coupe de cheveux [duh
shuhvuh] haircut
couper [koopay] to cut
coupure **f** [koopoor] cut
coupure de courant [duh
koorON] power cut
cour court; courtyard
courageux [koorahj-uh] brave
courant d'air **m** [koorON dair]
draught
courant dangereux dangerous
current
courir [kooreer] to run
courrier **m** [kooree-ay] mail;
letters and postcards
courrier recommandé
registered mail
courroie du ventilateur **f**
[koorwa doo vONteelaturr] fan
belt
cours du change **m** [koor doo
shONj] exchange rate
course **f** [koorss] race
faire des courses to go
shopping
course automobile racing
track

court [koor] short
 court de tennis **m** tennis court
 cousin **m**, cousine **f** [kooZAN, -een] cousin
 couteau **m** [kooto] knife
 coûter [kootay] to cost
 coutume **f** [kootoom] custom
 couture **f** dressmaking;
 couture
 couvent **m** [koovON] convent
 couvercle **m** [koovairkl] lid
 couvert [koovair] covered;
 overcast
 couverts **mpl** [koovair] cutlery
 couverts à poisson fish
 cutlery
 couverture **f** [koovairtoor] blanket
 couverture chauffante
 [shohfONT] electric blanket
 couvre-lit **m** [koovr-lee] bedspread
 cracher [krashay] to spit
 crachin **m** [krashAN] drizzle
 craindre [krANDr] to fear
 crampe **f** [krONp] cramp
 crâne **m** [krahN] skull
 cravate **f** tie
 crayon **m** pencil
 crédit ... unités ... units
 remaining, credit ...
 crème de beauté **f** [botay] cold
 cream
 crème démaquillante
 [daymakee-yONT] cleansing
 cream
 crème hydratante [eedratONT]
 moisturizer
 crèmerie **f** dairy

crêperie **f** [krepuhree] pancake
 restaurant
 crevaisson **f** [kruhvezzON] puncture
 crevé [kruhvey] knackered;
 punctured
 cric **m** jack
 crier [kree-ay] to shout
 crise **f** [kreez] fit, attack; crisis
 crise cardiaque heart attack
 crise de foie [duh fwa] upset
 stomach
 crise d'épilepsie epileptic fit
 croire [krwahr] to believe
 croisement **m** [krwazmON] junction, intersection
 croisière **f** [krwaz-yair] cruise
 crosse de golf **f** golf club
 CRS (Compagnie républicaine
 de sécurité) **f** [say-air-ess] riot
 police; **m** riot policeman
 cuiller **f**, cuillère **f** [kwee-yair] spoon
 cuillère à café teaspoon
 cuillère à dessert dessert
 spoon
 cuillère à soupe soup spoon
 cuillerée **f** spoonful
 cuir **m** [kweer] leather
 cuisine **f** kitchen; cooking
 cuisiner [kweezenay] to cook
 cuisinier **m** [kweezen-yay] cook
 cuisinière **f** [kweezen-yair] cooker; cook
 cuisse **f** [kweess] thigh; leg (of
 chicken)
 cycles cycle shop
 cyclisme **m** [seekleess-muh] cycling

cycliste **m/f** [seekleest] cyclist
 cyclotourisme **m** cycle touring
 cystite **f** [seess-teet] cystitis

D

daim **m** [dan] suede
 dame **f** [dam] lady
 dames ladies' (toilets);
 draughts, checkers
 dancing **m** [donseeng] dance
 hall, night club
 danger **m** [donjay] danger
 danger de mort danger of
 death
 dangereux [donjuhrh]
 dangerous
 dans [don] in; into
 danse **f** [donss] dance;
 dancing
 danser [donsay] to dance
 date **f** [dat] date
 date de naissance [nessonss]
 date of birth
 date limite de vente sell-by
 date
 de [duh] of; from
 debout [duhboo] standing
 début **m** beginning
 débutant **m** beginner
 décembre [daysONbr]
 December
 décider [dayseeday] to decide
 déclarer [dayklaray] to declare,
 to state
 décoller [daykolay] to take off
 déconseillé aux personnes
 sensibles unsuitable
 for people of a nervous

disposition
 décontracté [daykontraktay]
 casual; laid-back
 découpez suivant le pointillé
 cut along the dotted line
 découvrir [daykoovreer] to
 discover
 décrire [daykreer] to describe
 décrochez lift the receiver
 déçu [daysOO] disappointed
 dedans [duhdON] inside
 défaire sa valise [dayfair] to
 unpack
 défectueux [dayfektOO-uh]
 faulty
 défendu [dayfondOO] forbidden
 défense de ... [dayfonss] ...
 forbidden, no ..., do not ...
 défense d'afficher stick no
 bills
 défense de déposer des
 ordures no litter, no
 dumping
 défense d'entrer no entry
 défense de fumer no smoking
 défense de laisser des
 bagages dans le couloir
 bags must not be left in the
 corridor
 défense de marcher sur la
 pelouse keep off the grass
 défense de parler au
 conducteur do not talk to
 the driver
 défense de ... sous peine
 d'amende ... will be fined
 défense de stationner no
 parking
 défense de traverser les voies

it is forbidden to cross the railway/railroad lines
dégagé clear
dégoûtant [daygootON] disgusting
degré **m** [duhgray] degree
dégueulasse [daygurlass] disgusting
dégustation (de vin) **f** [daygootass-yON] wine tasting
dégustation gratuite free wine-tasting
dehors [duh-or] outside
 dehors! get out!
déjà [dayja] already
déjeuner **m** [dayjuhnay] lunch; breakfast
delco **m** distributor
délicieux [dayleess-yuh] delicious
deltaplane **m** [-plan] hang-gliding
demain [duhMAN] tomorrow
 à demain see you tomorrow
demander [duhmONday] to ask
demandez à la caisse ask at the cash desk
démangeaison **f** [daymONjezzON] itch
démaquillant **m** [daymakee-yON] skin cleanser
 se **démaquiller** [daymakee-yay] to remove one's make-up
démarrer [daymaray] to start up
demi [duhme] half
demi-litre **m** half a litre
demi-heure **f** [-urr] half an hour

demi-journée **f** [-joornay] half a day
demi-pension **f** [-ponss-yON] half board, American plan
demi-tour **m** U-turn
dent **f** [dON] tooth
dentier **m** [dONT-yay] dentures, false teeth
dentifrice **m** [dONTeeffreess] toothpaste
dentiste **m/f** [dONteest] dentist
dépanneuse **f** [daypanurz] breakdown lorry
département **m** [daypartmON] administrative district of France
départementale **f** [daypartmONTAL] B road
départ(s) departure(s)
dépasser [daypassay] to pass
 se **dépêcher** [suh daypeshay] to hurry
 dépêchez-vous! hurry up!
dépendre: ça dépend [sa dayPON] it depends
dépenser [dayponsay] to spend
dépliant **m** [dayplee-ON] leaflet
dépression (nerveuse) **f** [daypress-yON nairvurz] nervous breakdown
déprimé [daypreemay] depressed
depuis (que) [duhpwee (kuh)] since
dérangement: en dérangement out of order
déranger [dayrONjay] to disturb
 ça vous dérange si ...? [sa

voo dayRONj] do you mind
if ...?
déraper [dayrapay] to skid
dermatologue **m/f** [dairmatolog]
dermatologist
dernier [dairn-yay] last
l'année dernière last year
derrière [dairyair] behind
derrière **m** bottom
des* [day] of the; from the;
some
des biscuits some biscuits
dès [day] from
dès que as soon as
désagréable [dayzagray-abl]
unpleasant
désastre **m** [dayzast] disaster
descendre [duhsONdr] to go
down; to get off
se déshabiller [suh dayzabee-yay]
to undress
désinfectant **m** [dayzANfekTON]
disinfectant; antiseptic
désirer [dayzeeray] to want, to
wish for
désolé: je suis désolé
[dayzoley] I'm sorry
desquels [daykel] of which;
from which
dessert **m** [desair] dessert
dessert ... stops at ...
dessin **m** [duhsAN] drawing
dessiner [duhseenay] to draw
dessous [duhsoo] underneath;
under it
dessus [duhsOO] above; on
top; on it
destinataire **m/f** addressee;
consignee

détaxe à l'exportation **f** tax
refund on export goods
détendre: se détendre [suh
dayTONdr] to relax
détester [daytestay] to hate
deux [duh] two
deuxième étage **m** [duhz-yem
aytahj] second floor, (US)
third floor
devant [duhVON] in front of;
in front
développement de pellicules/
photos film processing
développer [dayvlopay] to
develop
devenir [duhvuhneer] to become
déviation **f** diversion
devises étrangères **fpl** [duhveez
aytronjair] foreign currency
devoir **m** [duhvwahr] duty
devoir to have to
devrai: je devrai [duhvray] I
will have to
devrais: je/tu devrais [duhvray]
I/you should
devras: tu devras [duhvra] you
will have to
devrez: vous devrez [duhvray]
you will have to
devriez: vous devriez [duhvree-
ay] you should
diabétique diabetic
diamant **m** [dee-amON] diamond
diapositive **f** [dee-apozeeteev]
slide
diarrhée **f** [dee-aray] diarrhoea
dictionnaire **m** [deex-yonair]
dictionary
diététique health food

Dieu **m** [d-yuh] God
 différent [deefayron] different
 difficile [deefeesseel] difficult
 Diligo® pre-stamped parcel,
 for France only
 diluer [deeloo-ay] to dissolve
 diluer dans un peu d'eau
 dissolve in water
 dimanche [deemonsh] Sunday
 dimanches et jours fériés
 Sundays and public
 holidays
 dîner **m** [deenay] dinner
 dîner to have dinner
 dîner-spectacle dinner during
 the show (in cabaret)
 dingue [dan-g] crazy
 dire [deer] to say; to tell
 directeur **m** [deerekurr]
 manager; director;
 headteacher
 direction **f** [deerex-yon]
 steering; direction
 dis: je/tu dis [dee] I/you say
 disent: il/elles disent [deez]
 they say
 disons: nous disons [deezon]
 we say
 disparaître [deesparetr] to
 disappear
 disquaire **m** [deeskair] record
 shop
 disque **m** [deesk] record
 disque compact compact disc
 disque obligatoire parking
 disk compulsory
 dissolvant **m** [deessolvon] nail-
 polish remover
 Distingo® envelope with pre-

printed address box
 distributeur automatique de
 billets **m** ticket machine
 distributeur (automatique)
 de billets (de banque) cash
 machine, ATM
 distributeur de boissons
 drinks vending machine
 dit [dee] says; said
 dites: vous dites [deet] you
 say
 divorcé [deevorsay] divorced
 divorcer [deevorsay] to get a
 divorce
 dix [deess] ten
 dix-huit [deez-weet] eighteen
 dixième [deez-yem] tenth
 dix-neuf [deez-nuhf] nineteen
 dix-sept [deesset] seventeen
 d'occasion [dokaz-yon] second-
 hand
 docteur **m** [dokurr] doctor
 doigt **m** [dwa] finger
 dois: je/tu dois [dwa] I/you
 must
 doit: il/elle doit [dwa] he/she/it
 must
 doivent: ils/elles doivent
 [dwa] they must
 dolmen **m** megalithic tomb
 domicile **m** home address
 dommage: c'est dommage
 [domahj] it's a pity
 donc [donk] then, therefore
 donner [donay] to give
 dont [don] of which; whose
 dormir [dormeer] to sleep
 dos **m** [doh] back
 dose pour adultes/enfants

dose for adults/children
 douane **f** [dwan] Customs
 doubler [dooblay] to overtake
 douce [dooss] soft; sweet
 douche **f** [doosh] shower
 douleur **f** [doolurr] pain
 douloureux [doolooruh] painful
 douter [dootay] to doubt
 doux, **f** douce [doo, dooss] soft;
 sweet
 douzaine **f** [doozen] dozen
 douze [dooz] twelve
 drap **m** [dra] sheet
 drapeau **m** [drapo] flag
 draps de lit **mpl** [dra duh lee]
 bed linen
 drogue **f** [drog] drug
 droguerie **f** [drogree] shop
 selling selling non-
 prescription medicines,
 toiletries and household
 goods
 droit [drwa] straight
 droit **m** right
 droite **f** [drwat] right
 à droite (de) on the right
 (of)
 drôle funny
 du* [doo] of the; from the;
 some
 du vin some wine
 dû: j'ai dû [doo] I had to; I
 must have
 duquel [dookel] of which;
 from which
 dur [door] hard
 durer [dooray] to last; to keep
 durée de conservation ...
 keeps for ...

E

eau **f** [o] water
 eau de Javel [duh javel] bleach
 eau non potable not drinking
 water
 eau potable drinking water
 échanger [ayshonjay] to
 exchange
 échange/remboursement
 exchange/refund
 échantillon gratuit – ne peut
 être vendu free sample
 – not for sale
 échecs **mpl** [ayshek] chess
 écharpe **f** [aysharp] scarf
 échelle **f** [ayshel] ladder
 école **f** [aykol] school
 école de langues [duh lon-g]
 language school
 économique [aykonomeek]
 economy; economy-rate
 Écopli® **m** [aykoplee]
 economy-rate letter for
 France
 écossais [aykossay] Scottish
 Écosse **f** [aykoss] Scotland
 écouter [aykootay] to listen (to)
 écrire [aykreer] to write
 écrou **m** [aykroo] nut
 édifice public **m** [aydeefeess
 poobleek] public building
 édredon **m** [aydruhdON] duvet
 égal [aygal] equal
 ça m'est égal I don't mind
 égaliser [aygaleezay] to
 equalize; to trim
 église **f** [aygleez] church

élastique **m** [aylasteek] rubber band

électricité **f** [aylektreesseetay] electricity

électroménager **m** household appliances

électrophone **m** [aylektrofon] record player

élever [ayluhvay] to raise; to lift up

elle* [el] she; her; it

elle-même [el-mem] herself; speaking

elles* [el] they; them

emballer [ONbalay] to wrap

embarquement (immédiat) boarding (now)

embouteillage **m** [ONbootay-ahj] traffic jam

embranchement **m** [ONbrONshmon] fork

embranchement d'autoroutes motorway junction

embrasser [ONbrassay] to kiss

embrayage **m** [ONbray-ahj] clutch

émission **f** [aymeess-yON] programme

emmener [ONmuhnay] to give a lift to; to take away

Empire [ONpeer] Napoleon's reign (1804-14)

emplacement **m** [ONplassmon] site

emplacement réservé no parking

employer [ONplwy-yay] to use; to employ

exporter [ONportay] to take

away

emprunter [ONprANTay] to borrow

empruntez le passage souterrain use the underpass

en [ON] in; to; by

en 1945 in 1945

en France in France

en bas [ba] downstairs

en haut [o] upstairs

en cas d'incendie in the event of fire

en cas d'urgence in an emergency

en cas d'affluence ne pas utiliser les strapontins do not use fold-down seats

when the train is crowded

en face de opposite

enceinte [ONSANT] pregnant

enchanté [ONshONTay] pleased to meet you

encolure **f** [ONkolœr] collar size

encore [ONkor] again; still

encore plus beau even more beautiful

encore une bière another beer

endommager [ONdoma-jay] to damage

endormi [ONDormee] asleep

enfant **m/f** [ONfon] child

enfin [ONfan] at last

enflé [ONflay] swollen

enjoleur **m** [ONjoleevurr] hub cap

enlever [ONluhvay] to take away; to remove

ennuyer [ON-nwee-yay] to

bother; to bore
 s'ennuyer to be bored
 ennuyeux [ON-nwee-yuh] annoying; boring
 énorme [aynorm] enormous
 énormément [aynormaymon] enormously
 enregistrement des bagages m check-in
 enrhumé: je suis enrhumé [ONroomay] I've got a cold
 enseignant m [ONsen-yon] teacher
 enseigner [ONsen-yay] to teach
 ensemble [ONsonbl] together
 ensoleillé [ONSolay-yay] sunny
 ensuite [ONsweet] afterwards
 entendre [ONTondr] to hear
 enterrement m [ONTairmon] funeral
 entier [ONteeyay] whole
 entièrement [ONtee-yairmon] entirely
 entorse f [ONTorss] sprain
 entracte m interval
 entraînement m [ONTrenmon] training
 entre [ONtr] between; among
 entrée f [ONtray] entrance, way in; entrée
 entrée à l'avant entry at the front
 entrée des artistes stage door
 entrée de service tradesman's entrance
 entrée gratuite admission free
 entrée interdite no admittance, no entry
 entrée libre admission free

entrejambe m inside leg measurement; crutch
 entrer [ONtray] to go in; to come in; to enter
 vous entrez dans un espace non fumeur you are entering a no smoking area
 entrez! [ONtray] come in!
 entrez sans frapper enter without knocking
 entrez sans sonner enter without ringing the bell
 envers [ONvair] to, towards
 envie: j'ai envie de [ONvee] I feel like
 environ [ONveeron] about
 envoi d'un objet recommandé avec/sans avis de réception mailing of a registered item with/without receipt note
 envoi recommandé m recorded delivery
 envoyer [ONvwy-ay] to send
 épais [aypay] thick
 épaule f [aypol] shoulder
 épeler [ayplay] to spell
 épicerie f [aypeesree] grocer's
 épicerie fine delicatessen
 épingle f [aypangl] pin
 épingle de nourrice [duh nooreess] safety pin
 épouse f [aypooz] wife
 épouser [aypoozay] to marry
 épouvantable [aypooovONTabl] terrible
 épuisé [aypweezay] exhausted
 équipage m [aykeepahj] crew
 équipe f [aykeep] team
 équipements sportifs sporting

facilities
 équitation **f** [aykeetass-yON] horse riding
 erreur **f** [air-rurr] mistake
 éruption **f** [ayroops-yON] rash
 es: tu es [ay] you are
 escale **f** [eskal] stop-over
 escalier **m** [eskal-yay] stairs
 escalier roulant [roolon] escalator
 Espagne **f** [españ] Spain
 espagnol [espan-yol] Spanish
 espèce de con! [essess duh KON] you stupid bastard!
 espérer [espayray] to hope
 espoir **m** [espwahr] hope
 esquimau **m** [eskeemo] ice cream on a stick, ice lolly
 essayer [essay-ay] to try; to try on
 essence **f** [essONss] petrol, gas
 essieu **m** [ess-yuh] axle
 essuie-glace **m** [ess-wee-glass] windscreen wiper
 est: il/elle est [ay] he/she/it is
 est **m** east
 à l'est de east of
 est-ce que ...? [eskuh] to form questions
 est-ce que vous pensez ...? do you think ...?
 est-ce qu'il y a ...? [eskeel ya] is there ...?; are there ...?
 estomac **m** [estoma] stomach
 et [ay] and
 et ... et both ... and
 étage **m** [aytahj] floor
 1er étage first floor, (US)
 second floor

étage inférieur lower floor
 étage supérieur upper floor
 étang **m** [ayTON] pond
 étant [ayTON] being
 état **m** [ayta] state
 États-Unis **mpl** [ayta zoonnee] United States
 été **m** [aytay] summer
 été been
 éteignez vos phares switch off your lights
 éteignez vos veilleuses switch off your sidelights/parking lights
 éteindre [aytANDr] to switch off
 éteint [aytAN] switched off; out
 s'étendre [sayTONdr] to lie down; to extend
 éternuer [aytairnOO-ay] to sneeze
 êtes: vous êtes [et] you are
 étiquette **f** label
 étoile **f** [aytwal] star
 étonnant [aytonON] astonishing
 étranger **m** [aytronjay] foreigner
 à l'étranger abroad
 étranger foreign
 étranger service prioritaire overseas priority mail
 être* [etr] to be
 étroit [aytrwa] narrow; tight
 études **fpf** [aytood] studies
 étudiant **m**, étudiante **f** [aytood-yON, -yONT] student
 étudier [aytood-yay] to study
 eu [OO] had
 européen [urropay-AN] European

eux* [uh] them
 s'évanouir [sayvanweer] to faint
 évidemment [ayveedamon] obviously
 évident [ayveedON] obvious
 évier m [ayv-yay] sink
 exagérer [exajayray] to exaggerate
 examiner [exameenay] to examine
 excédent de bagages m excess baggage
 excès de vitesse m speeding
 s'excuser [sexkoozay] to apologize
 excusez-moi [exkoozay mwa] sorry; excuse me
 exemple m [exONpl] example
 par exemple for example
 exiger [exeejay] to demand
 exigez votre reçu ask for a receipt
 expliquer [expleekay] to explain
 exposition f exhibition; exposure
 exprès [expray] deliberately
 par exprès [express] special delivery
 express m ordinary fast train
 extincteur m [extANKturr] fire extinguisher

F

fabriqué en/au ... made in ...
 fâché [fashay] angry
 facile [fasseel] easy
 façon f [fassON] way

de façon que so that
 facteur m postman
 facultatif optional; request
 faible [febl] weak
 faim: j'ai faim [fam] I'm hungry
 faire* [fair] to do; to make
 ça ne fait rien [san fay ree-AN] it doesn't matter
 faisons: nous faisons [fuhzON] we do; we make
 fait: il/elle fait [fay] he/she/it does; he/she/it makes
 fait did; made
 faites: vous faites [fet] you do; you make
 faites attention! be careful!
 faites l'appoint have the right change ready
 faites vérifier votre niveau d'huile have your oil checked
 fait main hand-made
 falaise f [falez] cliff
 falloir [falwahr] to be necessary
 il va falloir ... it will be necessary to ...
 famille f [fameel] family
 fard à paupières m [far a pohp-yair] eye-shadow
 fatigué [fateegay] tired
 fâché [fohshay] broke
 fausse [fohss] wrong
 faut: il faut que je/vous ... [eel fo kuh] I/you must ...
 faute f [foht] mistake; fault
 fauteuil roulant m [fotuh-ee roolon] wheelchair
 faux, f fausse [fo, fohss] wrong

faux numéro **wrong number**
 favori **favourite**
 FB (franc belge) **Belgian franc**
 félicitations! **[fayleesseetass-yON] congratulations!**
 femelle **[fuhmel] female**
 femme **f [fam] woman; wife**
 femme d'affaires **[dafair] businesswoman**
 femme de chambre **[duh shONbr] chambermaid**
 fenêtre **f [fuhnetr] window**
 fer **m [fair] iron**
 fer à repasser **[ruhpassay] iron**
 ferai: je ferai **[fuhray] I will do; I will make**
 fera: il/elle fera **[fuhra] he/she/it will do; he/she/it will make**
 feras: tu feras **[fuhra] you will do; you will make**
 ferez: vous ferez **[fuhray] you will do; you will make**
 fermé **[fairmay] closed**
 fermé jusqu'au ... **closed until ...**
 fermé le ... **closed on ...**
 ferme **f [fairm] farm**
 fermer **[fairmay] to close**
 fermer à clé **[klay] to lock**
 fermer la grille **[gree] close the outside door**
 fermeture annuelle **f annual holiday, annual closure**
 fermeture automatique **des portes doors close automatically**
 fermeture éclair **f [fairmuhtOor**

ayklair] **zip**
 fermeture hebdomadaire le lundi **closed on Mondays**
 fermez le volet svp **please close the flap**
 ferons: nous ferons **[fuhrON] we will do; we will make**
 feront: ils/elles feront **[fuhrON] they will do; they will make**
 fête **f [fet] party; feast day**
 fête des vendanges **[vONdonj] grape harvest festival**
 fête de village **[veelajh] village fair**
 fête nationale **14 July (national holiday)**
 feu **m [feu] fire**
 vous avez du feu? **[voo zavay dOO] have you got a light?**
 feuille **f [fuh-ee] leaf**
 feux arrière **mpl [fuh aree-yair] rear lights**
 feux d'artifice **fireworks**
 feux de camp interdits **no campfires**
 feux de position **sidelights**
 feux de signalisation **traffic lights**
 février **[fayvree-ay] February**
 fiancé **engaged**
 se fiancer **[suh fee-ONSay] to get engaged**
 fibres naturelles **natural fibres**
 ficelle **f [feessel] string**
 fier **[fee-air] proud**
 fièvre **f [fee-evr] fever**
 avoir de la fièvre **to have a**

temperature
 fil **m** [feel] thread
 fil de fer [duh fair] wire
 file **f** [feel] lane
 fille **f** [fee] girl; daughter
 film en VO **m** film in the original language
 fils **m** [feess] son
 filtre **m** [feeltr] filter
 fin **f** [fAN] end
 fin fine
 fin d'autoroute end of motorway
 fin de ... end of ...
 fin de série oddment
 finir [feeneer] to finish
 fleur **f** [flurr] flower
 fleuriste **m** [flurreest] florist's
 foire **f** [fwahr] fair
 foire à la brocante [brokONT] street market for antiques and bric-à-brac
 fois **f** [fwa] time
 une fois once
 à la fois at the same time
 folle [fol] mad
 fonctionnaire **m/f** [fONks-yonair] civil servant
 fond **m** [fON] bottom
 au fond de at the bottom of
 fond de teint [duh TAN] foundation cream
 fonds **m** [fON] fund; funds
 fontaine **f** [fONTen] fountain
 font: ils/elles font [fON] they do; they make
 footing **m** jogging
 forêt **f** [foray] forest

forme: en forme [form] fit
 formellement interdit strictly prohibited
 formez le ... dial ...
 formidable [formeedabl] great
 formulaire **m** [formoolair] form
 fort [for] strong; loud; loudly; very
 fou, **f** folle [foo, fol] mad
 foulard **m** [foolar] scarf
 foule **f** [fool] crowd
 foulure **f** [fooloor] sprain
 four **m** [foor] oven
 fourchette **f** [foorshet] fork
 fournitures de bureau office supplies
 fourreur **m** furrier
 fous: je m'en fous [juh mon foo] I don't give a damn
 fous le camp! [kON] get lost!
 foutre [footr] to put; to do
 allez vous faire foutre! [alay voo fair] go to hell!
 fr (franc) franc
 fraîche [fresh] fresh
 frais **mpl** [fray] charges
 frais, **f** fraîche [fray, fresh] fresh
 franc **m** [frON] franc
 français [frONsay] French
 Français **m** Frenchman
 Française **f** [frONsez] French woman
 franc suisse [sweess] Swiss
 franc
 frapper [frapay] to hit
 frappez avant d'entrer knock before entering

frein **m** [fran] brake
 frein à main [man]
 handbrake; (US) parking
 brake
 freiner [frenay] to brake
 frein moteur: utilisez votre
 frein moteur engage lower
 gear
 frère **m** [frair] brother
 fret **m** [fray] freight
 frigo **m** fridge
 frisé [freezay] curly
 froid [frwa] cold
 fromager **m** [fromajay],
 fromages [fromahj] cheese
 shop
 front **m** [fron] forehead
 frontière **f** [front-yair] border
 frotter [frotay] to rub
 FrS (franc suisse) Swiss franc
 fuite **f** [fweet] leak
 fumée **f** [foomay] smoke
 fumer [foomay] to smoke
 fumeurs [foomurr] smokers
 fusible **m** [foozeabl] fuse
 fusil **m** [foozee] gun

G

gagner [gan-yay] to win; to
 earn
 galerie **f** gallery; roof rack;
 circle
 galerie d'art [dar] art gallery
 gallois [galwa] Welsh
 gallo-romain civilization
 following Roman conquest
 of Gaul
 ganterie **f** glove shop

gants **mpl** [gon] gloves
 garçon **m** [garson] boy; waiter
 garder [garday] to keep
 gare **f** [gar] train station
 gare routière [root-yair] bus
 station
 se garer [suh garay] to park
 gare SNCF [ess-en-say-ef]
 French train station
 gas-oil **m** diesel
 gauche **f** [gohsh] left
 à gauche (de) on the left
 (of)
 gaucher [gohshay] left-handed
 Gaulois Gauls (original inhabitants
 of France)
 gazole **m** diesel
 gel **m** [jel] frost; gel
 gelé [juhlay] frozen
 gelée **f** [juhlay] frost
 geler [juhlay] to be freezing
 gélule **f** [jayloo] capsule
 gênant [jenON] embarrassing
 gendarme **m** policeman
 gendarmerie **f** police station
 gendre **m** [jONdr] son-in-law
 gêner [jenay] to embarrass; to
 hinder
 généralement [jaynayralmon]
 generally
 généraliste **m/f** [jaynayraleest]
 GP, family doctor
 génial! [jayn-yal] great!,
 fantastic!
 genou **m** [juhnoo] knee
 gens **mpl** [jon] people
 gentil [jONtee] kind; nice
 gérant **m** [jayron] manager
 gilet **m** [jeelay] cardigan

Gi

gilet de corps [duh kor] vest
 gîte **m** rural holiday accommodation
 gîte et petit déjeuner [jeet ay puhtee dayjuhnay] bed and breakfast
 glacier **m** [glassee-ay] ice cream shop; glacier
 glissant [gleesson] slippery
 Golfe de Gascogne **m** Bay of Biscay
 gomme **f** [gom] rubber, eraser
 gorge **f** [gorj] throat
 goût **m** [goo] taste
 goûter [gootay] to taste
 goûter **m** tea (meal)
 gouttes **fpl** [goot] drops
 grâce à [grass] thanks to
 grand [gron] large; tall; great
 Grande-Bretagne **f** [grond-bruhtañ] Great Britain
 grandes lignes main lines
 grande surface **f** [soorfass] superstore
 grandes vacances **fpl** [grond vakonss] summer holidays
 grand magasin **m** [magazan] department store
 grand-mère **f** [gron-mair] grandmother
 grand-père **m** [-pair] grandfather
 gras **m** [gra] fat
 gras, **f** grasse [gra, grass] greasy
 gratuit [gratwee] free
 grave [grahv] serious; deep
 gravillons loose chippings
 grec, **f** grecque [grek] Greek

grêle **f** [grel] hail
 grippe **f** [greet] flu
 gris [gree] grey
 gros [gro] big; fat
 grossier [gross-yay] rude
 grotte **f** [grot] cave
 groupe sanguin **m** [groop songan] blood group
 guêpe **f** [gep] wasp
 guère [gair] hardly
 guérir [gay-reer] to heal, to cure; to recover
 guerre **f** [gair] war
 gueule de bois **f** [gurl duh bwa] hangover
 guichet **m** [geeshay] ticket office; box office; counter
 guichet automatique cash dispenser, ATM
 guichet fermé position closed
 guide touristique **m/f** [geed tooreesteeek] tourist guide
 gymnase **m** [jeemnaz] gymnasium
 gynécologue **m/f** [jeenaykolog] gynaecologist

H

habillé [abeeyay] formal; dressed
 habiller [abeeyay] to dress
 s'habiller to get dressed
 habiter [abeetay] to live
 habitude **f** [abeetood] habit
 d'habitude usually
 habituel [abeetoodel] usual
 s'habituer à [sabeetoo-ay] to get

used to
 haïr [a-er] to hate
 hall d'arrivée **m** arrival hall,
 arrivals
 hall (de) départ departures,
 departure hall
 hall de gare station concourse
 halte stop
 hameau **m** [amo] hamlet
 hanche **f** [ONsh] hip
 handicapé [ONdeekapay]
 disabled
 hasard: par hasard [azar] by
 chance
 haut [o] high
 en haut upstairs
 hauteur limitée à ... maximum
 height ...
 herbe **f** [airb] grass
 heure **f** [urr] hour; time
 quelle heure est-il? [kel urr
 ayteel] what time is it?
 à l'heure on time
 3 heures de l'après-midi 3
 p.m.
 5 heures du matin 5 a.m.
 11 heures du soir 11 p.m.
 heure limite d'enregistrement
 check-in deadline
 heures d'affluence rush
 hour
 heures des levées collection
 times
 heures de visite visiting
 hours
 heures d'ouverture opening
 times
 heureusement [urrurzmon]
 fortunately

heureux [ur-ruh] happy
 hexagone: l'hexagone **m**
 France (colloquial name)
 hier [yair] yesterday
 hippisme **m** [eepees-muh]
 horse-riding
 histoire **f** [eestwahr] history;
 story
 hiver **m** [eevair] winter
 HLM (habitation à loyer
 modéré) **f** [ash-el-em]
 council flat, public housing
 unit
 hollandais [olonday] Dutch
 homme **m** [om] man
 homme d'affaires [dafair]
 businessman
 hommes [om] gents, men's
 room
 honnête [onet] honest
 honteux [ONTuh] ashamed
 hôpital **m** [opeetal] hospital
 hoquet **m** [okay] hiccups
 horaire **m** [orair] timetable,
 schedule
 horaire d'ouverture opening
 times
 horloge **f** [orloj] clock
 horlogerie **f** watchmaker's
 horlogerie-bijouterie
 watchmaker and jeweller's
 horodateur **m** parking meter,
 pay and display
 hors-bord **m** [or-bor] outboard
 motorboat
 hors de [or duh] out of
 hors saison off season
 hors service out of order
 hors taxes [tax] duty-free

hôtel **m** [otel] hotel
 hôtel de ville [duh veel] town
 hall, city hall
 hôtesse de l'air **f** [otess] air
 hostess
 huile **f** [weel] oil
 huile solaire **suntan** oil
 huit [weet] eight
 huitième [weet-yem] eighth
 humeur **f** [oomurr] mood
 humide [oomeed] damp
 humidité **f** [oomeedeetay]
 dampness
 hypermarché **m** [eepairmarshay]
 supermarket; hypermarket

I

I **tourist information**
 ici [ee-see] here
 idée **f** [eeday] idea
 il* [eel] he; it
 île **f** [eel] island
 il est interdit de is
 prohibited
 il est interdit de déposer des
 ordures **no litter, no tipping**
 il est interdit de donner à
 manger aux animaux **do not**
feed the animals
 il est interdit de marcher sur
 les pelouses **keep off the**
grass
 il n'y a pas ... [eel nya pa] there
 isn't ...; there aren't ...
 il n'y a pas de quoi! [duh kwa]
 don't mention it!
 ils* [eel] they
 il y a ... [eelya] there is ...;

there are ...
 il y a trois jours **three days**
 ago
 est-ce qu'il y a ...? [eskeel ya]
 is there ...?; are there ...?
 imbécile! [ANbayseel] idiot!
 immédiatement [eemaydee-
 atmon] immediately
 immeuble **m** [eemurbl] block
 (of flats); building
 impasse **dead end**
 imperméable **m** [ANpairmay-abl]
 raincoat
 imprimé **printed matter**
 incroyable [ANKrwyabl]
 incredible
 indicatif **m** [ANdeekateef]
 dialling code, area code;
 country code
 indiquer [ANdeekay] to indicate,
 to point out
 s'infecter [SANfektay] to become
 infected
 infirmerie **f** [ANfeermuhree]
 infirmary
 infirmière **f** [ANfeerm-yair] nurse
 informations **fpl** [ANformass-yON]
 news; information
 informatique **f** [ANformateek]
 information technology;
 computing
 informer [ANformay] to inform
 infraction **f** [ANfrax-yON] offence
 insérer le jeton **insert token**
 insérez votre carte **insert your**
card
 insolation **f** [ANSolass-yON]
 sunstroke
 insomnie **f** [ANSomnee]

insomnia
 institut de beauté **m** [ANsteetoo
 duh botay] **beauty salon**
 instrument de musique **m**
 [ANstroomON duh moozeek]
musical instrument
 insupportable [ANSooportabl]
obnoxious
 interdiction de ... [Antairdeex-
 yON] **no ...**
 interdiction de fumer **no**
smoking
 interdiction de marcher sur
 la voie **do not walk on the**
track
 interdiction de parler au
 conducteur **do not speak to**
the driver
 interdiction de stationner **no**
parking
 interdit [Antairdee] **forbidden,**
prohibited
 interdit à tous véhicules **no**
access to any vehicle
 interdit aux forains et aux
 nomades **no gypsies**
 interdit aux mineurs **no**
admittance to minors
 interdit aux moins de ... ans
children under ... not
admitted
 interdit aux voyageurs **no**
access for passengers; staff
only
 intéressant [AntayressON]
interesting
 s'intéresser à [sANTayressay] **to**
be interested in
 intérieur: à l'intérieur [Antayree-

urr] **inside**
 interrupteur **m** [ANTairoopturr]
switch
 intoxication alimentaire **f**
 [ANToxeekass-yON aleemONTair]
food poisoning
 introduire [ANTrodweer] **to**
introduce; to insert
 introduire carte ou composer
 numéro libre **insert card or**
dial freephone number
 introduire les pièces ici **insert**
coins here
 introduisez une pièce de 2
 francs et tournez la poignée
insert a 2 franc coin and
turn the handle
 introduisez votre pièce ici
insert coin here
 invité **m** [ANveetay] **guest**
 inviter [ANveetay] **to invite**
 irai: j'irai [eeray] **I will go**
 ira: il/elle ira [eera] **he/she/it**
will go
 iras: tu iras [eera] **you will go**
 irez: vous irez [eeray] **you**
will go
 irlandais [eerlONday] **Irish**
 Irlande du Nord **f** [eerlOND doo
 nor] **Northern Ireland**
 irons: nous irons [eerON] **we**
will go
 iront: ils/elles iront [eerON] **they**
will go
 issue de secours **emergency**
exit, fire escape
 italien [eetalyAN] **Italian**
 itinéraire **m** [eeteenayrair] **route**
 itinéraire bis **alternative route**

itinéraire conseillé
recommended route
itinéraire de délestage
alternative route
itinéraire obligatoire
compulsory route (for
heavy vehicles etc)
ivre [eevr] drunk
ivresse f [eevress] drunkenness

J

jaloux [jaloo] jealous
jamais [jamay] never; ever
jambe f [jonb] leg
janvier [jonvee-ay] January
jardin m [jardAN] garden
jardin public public gardens,
park
jardin zoologique zoo
jauge f [johj] gauge
jaune [jo-n] yellow
je* [juh] I
jean m jeans
j'écoute [jaykoot] speaking
jetable [juhtahl] disposable
jeter [juhtay] to throw (away)
jeton m [juhtON] token
jeu m [juh] game
jeu de société board game
jeudi [juhdee] Thursday
jeun: le matin à jeun first
thing in the morning on an
empty stomach
jeune [jum] young
jeune femme f [fam] young
woman
jeune fille f [fee] girl
jeune homme m [om] young

man
jeux mpl [juh] games
jeux électroniques computer
games
jeux interdits aux moins
de 16 ans use of gaming
machines forbidden for
those under 16
joindre [jwANDr] to join
joli [jolee] pretty
jouer [joo-ay] to play
jouet m [joo-ay] toy
jour m [joor] day
jour férié [fayree-ay] public
holiday
journal m [joornal] newspaper
journaux newspapers,
stationer
journée f [joornay] day
journée continue open all day
journées à tarif réduit cheap
travel days
jours de semaine uniquement
weekdays only
jours impairs odd dates of the
month (parking allowed)
jours ouvrables weekdays
jours pairs/impairs parking
allowed only on even/odd
days of the month
joyeuses Pâques! [jwy-urz pak]
happy Easter!
juif, f juive [jweef, jweev] Jewish
juillet [jwee-yay] July
juin [jwan] June
juive [jweev] Jewish
jumeaux mpl [joomo] twins
jumelé [joomuhlay] twinned
jumelles fpl [joomel]

binoculars; twins
 jupe **f** [ʒœp] skirt
 jupon **m** [ʒœpon] petticoat
 jusqu'à (ce que) [ʒœska(ss kuh)]
 until
 jusque [ʒœsk] up to, as far
 as; till
 juste [ʒœst] fair; right

K

kermesse **f** [kairmess] fair
 kiosque à journaux **m**
 newspaper stand
 klaxon **m** horn
 klaxonner [klaxonay] to hoot
 K-way® **m** [ka-way] cagoule

L

l' the; him; her; it
 la* the; her; it
 là [la] there
 là-bas [laba] over there
 lac **m** lake
 lacets **mpl** [lassay] shoe laces
 laid [lay] ugly
 laine **f** [len] wool
 laisser [lessay] to let; to leave
 lait **m** [lay] milk
 laiterie dairy (Switzerland)
 lait solaire [solair] suntan
 lotion
 lame de rasoir **f** [lahm duh
 razwahr] razor blade
 lampe de poche **f** [lɔnp duh
 posh] torch
 lancer [lɔnsay] to throw
 landau **m** [lɔndo] pram

langue **f** [lɔŋ-g] tongue;
 language
 laque **f** [lak] hair spray
 laquelle [laket] which one
 large [larj] wide
 lavabo **m** washbasin
 lavage à la main hand wash
 lavage du pare-brise screen
 wash
 lave-auto **m** [lav-oto] car wash
 laver [lavay] to wash
 se laver to wash, to have a
 wash
 laverie automatique **f** [lavree
 otomateek] launderette,
 laundromat
 laver séparément wash
 separately
 lave-vaisselle **m** [lav-uess-el]
 dish washer
 lavoir **m** [lavwahr] wash house
 lavomatic **m** launderette,
 laundromat
 layette **f** babywear
 le* [luh] the; him; it
 leçon **f** [luhson] lesson
 lecteur de cassettes **m** [lekturr]
 cassette player
 lendemain **m** [lɔnduhman] the
 next day
 lent [lɔŋ] slow
 lentement [lɔntuhmon] slowly
 lentilles de contact **fpl** [lɔntee
 duh] contact lenses
 lentilles dures [dœr] hard
 lenses
 lentilles semi-rigides [-reejeed]
 gas-permeable lenses
 lentilles souples [soopl] soft

lenses

lequel [luhkel] which one

les* [lay] the; them

lequel(le)s [laykel] which ones

lessive **f** [lesseev] washing

powder; washing

faire la lessive do the

washing

lettre **f** [letr] letter

leur* [lurr] their; (to) them

le/la leur theirs

leurs* [lurr] their

les leurs theirs

lever [luhvay] to lift, to raise

se lever to get up

levier de vitesses **m** [luhv-yay

duh veetess] gear lever

lèvre **f** [levr] lip

lézard **m** [layzar] lizard

libellez votre chèque à l'ordre

de ... please make out your

cheque to ...

librairie **f** [leebrairee] bookshop,

bookstore

libre [leebr] free, vacant

libre-service self-service

libre-service affranchissement

self-service stamping

facility

libre-service bancaire

autobank, ATM

lieu **m** [l-yuh] place

ligne **f** [leeñ] line

la ligne est encombrée the

line is busy

lignes de banlieue suburban

lines

lime à ongles **f** [leem a ONgl]

nailfile

limitation de vitesse **f**

[leemeetass-yON duh veetess]

speed limit

limite de validité des billets

expiry of validity of tickets

lin **m** [IAN] linen

linge de maison **m** [IANj duh

mezzON] household linen

lingerie **f** underwear

linge sale **m** [IANj sal] laundry

lire [leer] to read

liste **f** [leest] list

lit **m** [lee] bed

lit de camp [kon] campbed

lit d'enfant [donfon] cot

litterie **f** [leetuhree] bedding

lit pour deux personnes [duh

pairson] double bed

lit pour une personne [oon]

single bed

lits superposés **mpl** [lee

soopairpozay] bunk beds

living **m** living room

livraison **f** [leevrezON] delivery

livraison à domicile home

deliveries

livraisons interdites de ... à ...

no deliveries between ...

and ...

livre **f** [leevr] pound

livre **m** book

livres et journaux books and

newspapers

livre sterling **f** pound sterling

localité **f** [lokaleetay] place

location **f** [lokass-yON] rental;

theatre tickets

location à la semaine charge

per week

location de for hire
location de bateaux [bato]
boat hire

location de vélos [vaylo]
bicycles for hire/rent

location de voitures [vwatoo]
car hire/rental

loft **m** warehouse conversion
logement **m** [lojmon]
accommodation

loger [loj] to stay
loges des artistes artists'
dressing rooms

logiciel **m** [lojeess-yel] software

loi **f** [lwa] law

loin [lwan] far away
plus loin further

loisirs **mpl** [lwazeer] free time,
leisure

Londres [londr] London

long, **f** longue [lon, lon-g] long

longtemps [lonton] a long time

longue [lon-g] long

longueur **f** [longurr] length

lorsque [lorskuh] when

louer [loo-ay] to rent

à louer to let, for rent, for
hire

lourd [loor] heavy; rich;
muggy

loyer **m** [lwy-ay] rent

lui* [lwee] him; to him; to her

lui-même [-mem] himself;
speaking

lumière **f** [loom-yair] light

lundi [landee] Monday

lune **f** [loon] moon

lunettes **tpl** [loonet] glasses

lunettes de soleil [duh solay]

sunglasses

lycée **m** [leessay] secondary
school

M

M, M° (métro) underground

M (Monsieur) Mr

m* (to) me; myself

ma* my

machine à écrire **f** [aykreer]
typewriter

machine à laver [lavay]
washing machine

mâchoire **f** [mashwahr] jaw

Mademoiselle [mad-mwazel]
Miss

magasin **m** [magazan] shop,
store

magasin d'alimentation
grocery store

magasin de chaussures shoe
shop

magasin de disques record
shop

magasin de vins et spiritueux
off-licence, liquor store

magasin diététique health
food store

magnétoscope **m** [man-
yaytoskop] video recorder

mai [may] May

maigre [megr] skinny

maigrir [megreer] to lose
weight

maillot de bain **m** [my-o duh ban]
swimming costume

main **f** [man] hand

maintenant [mantnon] now

mairie **f** [mairee] town hall
 mais [may] but
 maison **f** [mezzON] house
 à la maison at home
 la maison n'accepte pas les chèques we do not accept cheques
 la maison ne fait pas crédit we do not give credit
 maison de la culture arts centre
 maison des jeunes youth club
 maison d'hôtes [doht] guesthouse
 mal **m** pain; trouble; harm
 mal badly; wrongly
 se faire mal à la main to hurt one's hand
 avoir mal au cœur to feel sick
 ça fait mal it hurts
 malade [malad] ill
 maladie **f** [maladee] disease
 mal de gorge **m** [gorj] sore throat
 mal de mer [duh mair] seasickness
 mal de tête [tet] headache
 mal d'oreilles [doray] earache
 mal du pays [payee] homesickness
 mâle [mahl] male
 malentendu **m** [malONTONDoo] misunderstanding
 malgré [malgray] in spite of
 malheureusement [malur-urzmON] unfortunately
 maman **f** [mamON] mum
 Manche **f** [mONsh] English

Channel
 manche **f** sleeve
 mandat postal **m** [mONda poss-tal] postal order
 manette du signal d'alarme pull for alarm
 manger [mONjay] to eat
 manquer [mONkay] to miss
 ... me manque [muh mONK] I miss ...
 manteau **m** [mONto] coat
 manuel de conversation **m** [mONOOel duh konvairsass-yON] phrase book
 maquillage **m** [makee-ahj] make-up
 se maquiller [makee-ay] to put one's make-up on
 marchand **m** [marshON] shopkeeper; merchant; dealer
 marchand de légumes greengrocer
 marchand de vins wine merchant
 marchandise: les marchandises dangereuses sont interdites dangerous items are prohibited
 marche **f** [marsh] walking; step; march; running, working
 marché **m** [marshay] market
 marche arrière [aree-air] reverse gear
 marcher [marshay] to walk; to work, to function
 ça marche? OK?
 mardi [mardee] Tuesday

marée **f** [maray] tide
 mari **m** [maree] husband
 mariage **m** [maree-ahj] wedding
 marié [maree-ay] married
 se marier (avec) [suh maree-ay]
 to get married, to marry
 maroquinerie **f** leather goods
 marque déposée registered
 trademark
 marrant [marON] funny
 marre: j'en ai marre (de) [jON ay
 mar] I'm fed up (with)
 marron [marON] brown
 mars [marss] March
 marteau **m** [marto] hammer
 massepain **m** [massuhPAN]
 marzipan
 matelas **m** [matuhla] mattress
 matin **m** [matAN] morning
 le matin in the morning
 mauvais [mo-vay] bad
 maux de dents **mpl** [mo duh
 dON] toothache
 maux d'estomac stomach
 ache
 me* [muh] me; to me; myself
 mec **m** bloke, guy
 mécanicien **m** [maykaneess-YAN]
 mechanic
 mèches **mpl** [mesh] highlights
 médecin **m** [maydsAN] doctor
 médicament **m** [maydeekamON]
 medicine
 Méditerranée **f** [maydeetairanay]
 Mediterranean
 méduse **f** [maydooz] jellyfish
 meilleur [mayurr] better
 le meilleur the best
 meilleur que better than

meilleurs vœux! [vuh] best
 wishes!
 mélanger [maylONjay] to mix
 même [mem] even; same
 le/la même the same
 ménage: faire le ménage
 [maynahj] to do the
 housework
 mener [muhnay] to lead
 menhir **m** [mayneer] standing
 stone
 mentir [mONteer] to lie
 menton **m** [mONTON] chin
 menu à ... **F** set menu costing
 ... francs
 mer **f** [mair] sea
 mercerie **f** haberdasher's, (US)
 notions store
 merci [mairsee] thank you; no
 thank you
 merci beaucoup [bo-koo]
 thank you very much
 merci de votre visite thanks
 for your visit
 merci, pareillement [paraymON]
 thank you, the same to you
 mercredi [mairkruhdee]
 Wednesday
 merde! [maird] shit!
 mère **f** [mair] mother
 merveilleux [mairvay-uh]
 wonderful
 mes* [may] my
 messe **f** [mess] mass
 messieurs [mess-yuh]
 gentlemen; gents, men's
 rest room
 mesure **f** [muhzoor] measure
 à mesure que as

sur mesure to measure
 météo f [maytay-o] weather
 forecast
 métier m [maytee-ay] job
 mètre m [metr] metre
 métro m [maytro]
 underground, subway
 mettre [metr] to put
 se mettre à to begin to
 meublé m [murblay] furnished
 accommodation
 meubles mpl [murbl] furniture
 Midi m South of France
 midi m midday
 mien*: le mien [luh m-YAN] mine
 mienne*: la mienne [m-yen]
 mine
 mien(ne)s*: les mien(ne)s
 [m-YAN, m-yen] mine
 mieux [m-yuh] better
 le mieux (the) best
 mignon, mignonne [meen-yON,
 meen-yon] sweet, cute
 milieu m [meel-yuh] middle
 mille m [meel] thousand
 million f [meel-YON] million
 mince [mANSS] thin
 minuit m [meen-wee] midnight
 miroir m [meer-wahr] mirror
 mis [mee] put
 mise en fourrière immédiate
 illegally parked cars will be
 removed
 mise en marche automatique,
 placez vos mains sous le
 volet starts automatically,
 place your hands under
 the flap
 Mlle (Mademoiselle) Miss

Mme (Madame) Mrs
 mobylette f [mobeet] moped
 mode f [mod] fashion
 à la mode fashionable
 mode d'emploi directions
 for use
 modèle m [mo-del] model;
 design; style
 modes ladies' fashions
 moi [mwa] me
 moi-même [mwa-mem]
 myself
 moindre [mWAndr] smaller;
 less; lesser
 le moindre the smallest; the
 slightest
 moins: à moins que [mWAN kuh]
 unless
 au moins at least [o]
 moins (de) less
 le moins (the) least
 mois m [mwa] month
 moitié f [mwatee-ay] half
 à moitié prix [pree] half-
 price
 molle [mol] soft
 mollet m [molay] calf
 mon* [MON] my
 monde m [mond] world
 tout le monde [too luh]
 everyone
 moniteur m, monitrice f
 [moneeturr, -treess] instructor
 monnaie f [monay] change
 monsieur m [muhss-yuh]
 gentleman, man
 Monsieur sir
 montagne f [montañ] mountain
 montant m [montON] amount

montant exact **exact change**
monter [mONTay] to go up; to
get in

montre **f** [mONtr] watch

montrer [mONtray] to show

monument aux morts **war**
memorial

moquette **f** [moket] carpet

morceau **m** [morso] piece

mordre to bite

morsure **f** [morsoor] bite

mort **f** [mor] death

mort **dead**

mosquée **f** [moskay] mosque

mot **m** [mo] word

moteur **m** [moturr] engine

moto **f** motorbike

mou, **f** molle [moo, mol] soft

mouche **f** [moosh] fly

mouchoir **m** [moosh-wahr]
handkerchief

mouillé [mooyay] wet

mourir [mooreer] to die

mousse à raser **f** [razay]
shaving foam

moustique **m** [moosteek]
mosquito

mouton **m** [mootON] sheep

mur **m** [moor] wall

mûr [moor] ripe

musée **m** [moozay] museum;
art gallery

musée d'art [dar] art gallery

muséum **m** [moozay-om] natural
history museum

musique **f** [moozeek] music

musulman [moozoolmon]

Muslim

myope [mee-op] shortsighted

N

nager [nahjay] to swim

naître [netr] to be born

nana **f** bird, girl

nappe **f** [nap] tablecloth

natation **f** [natass-yON]
swimming

nationalité **f** [nass-yonaleetay]
nationality

nature **f** [natoor] nature

yaourt nature **natural**

yoghurt

naturel [natoorrel] **natural**

naturellement [natoorrelmon]

naturally, of course

navette **f** [navet] shuttle
service

navette de l'aéroport **airport**
bus

ND (Notre Dame) **Our Lady**

né **born**

néanmoins [nay-onmwan]
nevertheless

ne ... aucun [nuh ... okan] **no,**
not any, none

nécessaire [naysessair]
necessary

négatif **m** [naygateef] **negative**

ne ... guère [gair] **hardly**

neige **f** [nej] snow

neiger [nejay] to snow

ne ... jamais [jamay] **never**

ne ... ni **neither ... nor**

ne ... nulle part [nool par]

nowhere, not ... anywhere

ne ... pas* [pa] **not**

ne pas ... **do not ...**

ne pas affranchir **freepost**, do not affix stamp
 ne pas avaler do not swallow
 ne pas congeler do not freeze
 ne pas dépasser ... comprimés par jour do not take more than ... tablets a day
 ne pas dépasser la dose prescrite do not exceed the prescribed dose
 ne pas déranger do not disturb
 ne pas essorer do not spin dry
 ne pas laisser à la portée des enfants **keep out of the reach of children**
 ne pas repasser do not iron
 ne pas se pencher au dehors do not lean out of the window
 ne pas se pencher par la fenêtre do not lean out of the window
 ne pas ... sous peine d'amende ... will be fined
 ne pas tordre do not wring
 ne pas toucher à ... do not touch ...
 ne ... personne [pairson] nobody, not anybody
 ne ... plus [ploø] no more, no longer
 ne ... que [kuh] only
 ne quittez pas [nuh keetay pa] hold the line, hold on
 ne ... rien [ree-AN] nothing, not anything

ne rien jeter dans les WC do not flush objects down the toilet
 ne rien jeter par la fenêtre do not throw anything out of the window
 ne tirer la poignée qu'en cas de danger **pull handle only in case of emergency**
 nerveux [nairvuh] nervous
 n'est-ce pas? [ness-pa] didn't he/she/it?; isn't it?; isn't that so?
 nettoyage à sec **dry cleaning; dry clean only**
 nettoyer [net-wy-ay] to clean
 neuf, f neuve [nuhf, nuhv] new
 neuf **nine**
 neveu m [nuhvuh] nephew
 neuvième [nuhv-yem] ninth
 névralgies **headaches**
 névrosé [nayvrozay] neurotic
 nez m [nay] nose
 ni **neither**
 ni ... ni ... **neither ... nor ...**
 nids-de-poule **potholes**
 nièce f [nee-ess] niece
 nocturne **late night opening**
 Noël [no-el] **Christmas**
 noir [nwahr] **black**
 noir et blanc **black and white**
 nom m [non] **name**
 nom de famille [duh famee] **surname, family name**
 nom de jeune fille [jurn fee] **maiden name**
 nommer: se nommer [suh nomay] **to be called**
 non [non] **no; not**

non-fumeurs [-fɔomurr] no smoking
 non merci [mairsee] no thank you
 nord **m** [nor] north
 au nord de north of
 nos* [no] our
 note **f** [not] bill; note
 notez le numéro de votre emplacement make a note of the number of your parking space
 notre* [notr] our
 nôtre*: le/la nôtre [luh/la nohtr] ours
 nôtres*: les nôtres ours
 n'oubliez pas de composter votre billet do not forget to punch/validate your ticket
 n'oubliez pas le guide don't forget to tip the guide
 n'oubliez pas votre reçu don't forget your receipt
 nourriture **f** [nooreetoor] food
 nous* [noo] we; (to) us
 nous acceptons les cartes de crédit credit cards welcome
 nous n'acceptons pas les chèques cheques not accepted
 nouveau, **f** nouvelle [noovo, -vel] new
 de nouveau again
 nouveau franc new French franc (100 old francs)
 Nouvel An **m** [ON] New Year
 nouvelle [noovel] new
 nouvelles **fpl** [noovel] news

novembre [no-vONbr] November
 nu [noo] naked
 nuage **m** [noo-ahj] cloud
 nuageux [noo-ahjuh] cloudy
 nuit **f** [nwee] night
 nul [nool] no; lousy
 nulle part [nool par] nowhere
 numéro **m** [noomayro] number
 numéro de téléphone phone number
 numéro direct direct dialling
 numérotez dial
 numéro vert freephone
 nu-pieds **mpl** [noo-p-yay] flip-flops

O

objectif **m** [objekteef] lens; objective
 objets trouvés **mpl** [objay troovay] lost property office, lost and found
 objets volumineux large parcels/packages
 oblitérez votre billet punch your ticket
 obtenir [obtuhneer] to get
 obturateur **m** [obtooraturr] shutter
 occasion **f** [okaz-yON] opportunity; occasion; bargain
 d'occasion second-hand
 occupé [okoo-pay] engaged; occupied; busy
 s'occuper de [sokoo-pay] to take care of

octobre [oktoβr] October
 oculiste **m/f** eye specialist
 odeur **f** [odurr] smell
 œil **m** [uh-ee] eye
 office à ... service at ...
 office du tourisme tourist
 office
 offre spéciale special offer
 offrir [ofreer] to offer; to give
 oiseau **m** [wazo] bird
 ombre **f** [ONbr] shade
 à l'ombre in the shade
 ombre à paupières [pohp-yair]
 eye shadow
 on* [ON] one; someone; you;
 they; people; we
 oncle **m** [ONkl] uncle
 ondulé [ONDoolay] wavy
 ongle **m** [ONgl] nail
 ont: ils/elles ont [ON] they
 have
 onze [ONz] eleven
 opérer [opayray] to operate
 ophtalmologue **m/f**
 ophthalmologist
 opticien **m** [opteess-yAN]
 optician
 optimiste optimistic
 optique optician's
 or **m** gold
 or massif solid gold
 orage **m** [orahj] thunderstorm
 orageux [orahjuh] stormy
 orchestre **m** [orkestr] orchestra;
 stalls
 ordinaire [ordeenair] ordinary;
 equivalent of two-star
 petrol

ordinateur **m** [ordeenaturr]
 computer
 ordonnance **f** [ordonONss]
 prescription
 ordures **fpl** [ordoor] litter;
 refuse; filth
 oreille **f** [oray] ear
 oreiller **m** [oray-yay] pillow
 oreillons **mpl** [orayON] mumps
 organiser [organeezay] to
 organize
 orteil **m** [ortay] toe
 os **m** [oss] bone
 oser [ozay] to dare
 ou [oo] or
 ou bien [b-yAN] or else
 où [oo] where
 oublier [ooblee-ay] to forget
 ouest **m** [west] west
 à l'ouest de west of
 oui [wee] yes
 outil **m** [ootee] tool
 ouvert [oovair] open
 ouvert de ... à ... open from
 ... to ...
 ouverture **f** [oovairtoor]
 opening
 ouverture des guichets hours
 of opening
 ouvre-boîte **m** [oovr-bwat] tin-
 opener
 ouvre-bouteille **m** [-bootay]
 bottle-opener
 ouvreuse **f** [oovrurz]
 usherette
 ouvrier **m** [oovree-ay] (factory)
 worker
 ouvrir [oovreer] to open
 ouvrir ici open here

P

- pages jaunes **fpl** [pahj jo-n]
yellow pages
- paire **f** [pair] pair
- palais **m** [palay] palace
- pâle [pah] pale
- panier **m** [pan-yay] basket
- panier (à provisions) shopping basket
- panne **f** [pan] breakdown
en panne [ON] out of order;
broken down
tomber en panne [tONbay] to
break down
- panneau de signalisation **m**
roadsign
- pansement **m** [pONssmon]
bandage
- pansement adhésif [adayzeef]
Elastoplast®, Bandid®
- panser [pONsay] to dress
- pantalon **m** [pONTalON] trousers,
(US) pants
- pantoufles **fpl** [pONTooft]
slippers
- papa **m** dad
- papeterie **f** stationer's;
stationery
- papier **m** [pap-yay] paper
- papier à lettres writing paper
- papier collant [kolON]
Sellotape®, Scotch tape®
- papier d'aluminium
[dalOOmeenee-um] aluminium
foil
- papier d'emballage [dONbalahj]
wrapping paper
- papier hygiénique [eejee-ayneek] toilet paper
- papiers papers; litter
- papiers, s'il vous plaît your
identity papers, please
- papillon **m** [papee-yON]
butterfly
- Pâques [pak] Easter
- paquet **m** [pakay] package,
packet
- par by; through
- parachute ascensionnel **m**
[assONsee-one] parascending
- parachutisme **m** parachuting
- parages: dans les parages
[dON lay parahj] in the vicinity
- paraître [paretre] to seem; to
come out, to be published
- parapluie **m** [paraplwee]
umbrella
- parc **m** park
- parce que [parss-kuh] because
- parcmètre **m** parking meter
- parcotron **m** parking for train
users
- pardessus **m** [par-duhsOO]
overcoat
- par-dessus over
- par-dessous [duhsOO] under
- pardon [par-dON] excuse me,
pardon (me); thank you
- pare-brise **m** [par-breez]
windscreen
- pare-chocs **m** [-shok] bumper
- parents **mpl** [parON] parents;
relatives
- paresseux [paressuh] lazy
- parfait [parfay] perfect
- parfois [parfwa] sometimes

parfum **m** [parfAN] perfume
 parfumerie **f** perfume and cosmetics shop
 parking **m** [parkeeng] car park, parking lot
 parking à étages [aytahj] multi-storey car park, parking garage
 parking courte durée short-term car park
 parking longue durée long-term car park
 parking non gardé unsupervised parking
 parking payant paying car park
 parking privé private car park
 parking public public car park
 parking réservé aux clients de l'hôtel parking for hotel guests only
 parking souterrain underground car park
 parking surveillé car park with attendant
 parler [parlay] to speak
 parler ici talk here
 parmi among
 pars: je/tu pars [par] I/you leave, I/you go away
 part **f** [par] piece; share
 à part except
 de la part de from; on behalf of
 de la part de qui? [duh kee] who shall I say is calling?
 partager [partahjay] to share
 parterre **m** stalls
 partir [parteer] to leave

partout [partoo] everywhere
 pas* [pa] not
 pas de ... no ...
 pas de remboursement we cannot give cash refunds
 pas encore not yet
 passage à niveau **m** [passahj a neevo] level crossing, (US) railroad crossing
 passage à niveau gardé/non gardé manned/unmanned level crossing
 passage clouté pedestrian crossing
 passage interdit no entry
 passage piétons pedestrian crossing
 passage protégé priority road
 passager **m** [passahjay] passenger
 passage souterrain underpass
 passeport **m** [pass-por] passport
 passer [passay] to pass
 qu'est-ce qui se passe? [keskee suh pass] what's happening?
 passer par to go through
 passerelle **f** gangway
 passe-temps **m** [pass-ton] pastime
 passionnant [pass-yonON] exciting
 passionné de [pass-yonay] very keen on
 pastilles pour la gorge **fpl** [pastee poor la gorj] throat pastilles

patientez svp **please wait**
 patinage **m** [pateenahj] **skating**
 patiner [pateenay] **to skate**
 patinoire **f** [pateenwahr] **ice rink**
 patins à glace **mpl** [patan a
 glass] **ice skates**
 patron **m** [pa-trON] **boss; owner**
 pauvre [pohvr] **poor**
 payer [pay-ay] **to pay**
 payer comptant **to pay cash**
 payez à la caisse **pay at the**
cash desk
 payez à la sortie **pay on your**
way out
 payez à l'ordre de ... **payable**
to ...
 payez ici **pay here**
 pays **m** [payee] **country**
 paysage **m** [payee-zahj] **scenery**
 Pays de Galles **m** [payee duh
 gal] **Wales**
 PCV **m** [pay-say-vay] **collect**
call, reverse charge call
 péage **m** [payahj] **toll**
 peau **f** [po] **skin**
 pêche **f** [pesh] **fishing; peach**
 pêche interdite **no fishing**
 pêcher [peshay] **to fish**
 pêche sous-marine
underwater fishing
 peigne **m** [peñ] **comb**
 se peigner [suh pen-yay] **to**
comb one's hair
 peindre [pANDr] **paint**
 peine: à peine [pen] **hardly**
ce n'est pas la peine it's not
worth it; it's not necessary
 peinture **f** [pANToor] **painting**
 peinture fraîche **wet paint**

pelle **f** [pel] **spade**
 pellicule **f** **film**
 pelouse **f** [puhlooz] **lawn**
 pénalité pour abus **penalty**
for misuse
 pendant [pONdon] **during**
 pendant que **while**
 penser [pONsay] **to think**
 pension **f** [pONS-yON]
guesthouse
 pension complète [konplet] **full**
board
 pension de famille **guesthouse**
 pente **f** [pONT] **slope**
 perdre [pairdr] **to lose**
se perdre to get lost
 père **m** [pair] **father**
 périphérique **m** [payreefayreek]
ring road
 permanente **f** [pairmanONT]
perm
 permettre [pairmetr] **to allow**
 permis [pairmee] **allowed**
 permis de conduire **m** [duh
 KONdweer] **driving licence,**
driver's license
 perruque **f** [pairook] **wig**
 personne **f** [pairson] **person**
 personne **nobody**
personne ne sait ... nobody
knows ...
 personnes handicapées
disabled
 peser [puhzay] **to weigh**
 pétanque **f** [paytonk] **French**
bowling game
 petit [puhtee] **small**
 petit ami **m** [tamee] **boyfriend**
 petit déjeuner **m** [dayjuhnay]

breakfast
 petite amie **f** [tamee] girlfriend
 petite cuillère **f** teaspoon
 petite-fille **f** [puhtee-fee]
 granddaughter
 petit-fils **m** [puhtee-feess]
 grandson
 petits-enfants **mpl** [puhtee-
 ZONFON] grandchildren
 peu: peu de ... [puh] few ...
 un peu (de) a bit (of)
 peur **f** [purr] fear
 de peur que for fear that
 j'ai peur (de) I'm afraid (of)
 peut-être [puht-etr] maybe
 peut: il/elle peut [puh] he/she/
 it can
 il peut y avoir ... there may
 be ...
 peuvent: ils/elles peuvent
 [puhv] they can
 peux: je/tu peux [puh] I/you
 can
 phallocrate **m** [falokrat] male
 chauvinist pig
 phare **m** [far] headlight;
 lighthouse
 phare antibrouillard [ONtee-broo-
 yar] fog lamp
 pharmacie **f** [farmassee]
 chemist's, pharmacy
 pharmacie de garde duty
 chemist/pharmacy, late-
 night chemist
 pharmacie de service duty
 chemist
 photographie **m**
 photographer; camera shop
 photographie **f** [foto-grafee]

photograph
 photographier [foto-grafyay] to
 photograph
 photomètre **m** [foto-metr] light
 meter
 pièce **f** [p-yess] coin; room;
 part
 la pièce each, apiece
 pièce de théâtre [duh tay-atr]
 play
 pièces de rechange [ruhshONj]
 spare parts
 pièces détachées [daytashay]
 parts
 pièces rejetées reject coins
 pied **m** [p-yay] foot
 à pied on foot
 pierre **f** stone
 piéton **m** [p-yayTON] pedestrian
 piétons passez en deux
 temps pedestrians cross in
 two stages
 pile **f** [peel] battery; pile
 pilote **m** [peelot] pilot
 pilule **f** [peelOOl] pill
 pince **f** [PANSS] pliers; clip
 pince à épiler [aypeelay]
 tweezers
 pince à linge [IANj] clothes peg
 pince à ongles [ONgl] nail
 clippers
 pinceau **m** [PANSO] paint brush
 piquant [peekON] hot, spicy
 piquer [peekay] to sting
 piqûre **f** [peekOOr] injection;
 bite
 piqûre d'insecte [dANsekt]
 insect bite
 pire [peer] worse

le pire **worst**
 piscine **f** [ˈpeesseen] **swimming pool**
 pissoir **m** **public urinal**
 piste balisée **f** [ˈbaalezay] **marked ski path**
 piste cyclable [ˈseeklabl] **cycle path**
 piste de ski **ski track**, piste
 piste pour débutants
 [ˈdaybooton] **nursery slope**
 place **f** [ˈplass] **seat; square**
 place principale [ˈprANseepal] **main square**
 placer [ˈplassay] **to place**
 place réservée aux ... **this seat is intended for ...**
 place(s) assise(s) **seat(s)**
 places debout **standing passengers**
 places libres **spaces free** (in car park)
 plafond **m** [ˈplafon] **ceiling**
 plage **f** [ˈplahj] **beach**
 plaindre: se plaindre [ˈsuh plANDr] **to complain**
 plaire [ˈplair] **to please**
 plaisanterie **f** [ˈplezzONTree] **joke**
 plaît: s'il vous plaît [ˈseel voo play] **please**
 plan **m** [ˈplon] **map**
 planche de surf **f** [ˈplonsh] **surfboard**
 planche à voile [ˈvval] **sailboard**
 plancher **m** [ˈplonshay] **floor**
 plan de métro **underground map**
 plan de ville **map of the town**

plan du quartier **map of the district**
 plan du réseau **network map**
 planning familial **m** [ˈpla-neeng] **family planning**
 plante **f** [ˈplont] **plant**
 plaque minéralogique **f** [ˈmeenayralojeek] **number plate**
 plat **m** [ˈpla] **dish**
 plat **flat**
 plateau **m** **tray**
 plateaux-repas **light meals served on trains**
 plâtre **m** **plaster; plaster cast**
 plats à emporter **take-away meals**
 plein [ˈplan] **full**
 faire le plein **to fill up**
 pleurer [ˈplurray] **to cry**
 pleut: il pleut [ˈpluh] **it's raining**
 pleuvoir [ˈpluhvvaahr] **to rain**
 plombage **m** [ˈplonbahj] **filling**
 plombier **m** **plumber**
 plongée **f** [ˈplonjay] **diving**
 plongée interdite **no diving**
 plongée sous-marine **skin-diving**
 plonger [ˈplonjay] **to dive**
 pluie **f** [ˈplwee] **rain**
 plupart: la plupart de [ˈploɔpar duh] **most of**
 plus [ˈploɔ] **more**
 plus jamais **never again**
 plus de ... **more; no more ...**
 plus ... que ...-er **than**
 le plus [ˈploɔss] **(the) most**
 plusieurs [ˈploɔz-yurr] **several**
 plutôt [ˈplooto] **rather**

pluvieux [ploov-yuh] rainy
 PMU betting on horses
 pneu **m** [p-nuh] tyre
 pneu crevé [kruh-vay] flat tyre
 pneu de rechange [duh ruhshonj] spare tyre
 poche **f** [posh] pocket
 poche en plastique plastic bag
 poêle **f** [pwal] frying pan
 poids **m** [pwa] weight
 poids lourds [pwa loor] heavy vehicles
 poids maximum maximum weight
 poids net net weight
 poignée **f** [pwan-yay] handle
 poignet **m** [pwan-yay] wrist
 point de rencontre **m** [pwan duh ronkontr] meeting point
 point de vue [voo] viewpoint
 point noir accident blackspot; blackhead
 point panoramique viewpoint
 point phone pay-phone
 pointure **f** [pwantoor] shoe size
 poissonnerie **f** fishmonger
 poitrine **f** [pwatreen] chest; breast
 poli [polee] polite
 police **f** police
 police de l'aéroport airport police
 police de la route traffic police
 police du port harbour police
 police secours emergency police
 politique **f** politics
 politique political

pollué [poloo-ay] polluted
 pommade **f** [pomahd] ointment
 pompiers **mpl** [ponp-yay] fire brigade
 poney **m** pony
 pont **m** [pon] bridge; deck
 pont à péage [payahj] toll bridge
 port de pêche **m** [por duh pesh] fishing port
 porte **f** [port] door; gate
 porte-bébé **m** [-baybay] carry-cot
 portefeuille **m** [portfuh-ee] wallet
 porte-jarretelles **fpl** suspenders
 porte-monnaie **m** [port-monay] purse
 porter [portay] to carry
 bien se porter to be well
 portes automatiques automatic gates
 portier **m** [port-yay] porter
 portière **f** [port-yair] door
 portillon automatique **m** automatic gate
 posologie directions for use, dosage
 posséder [possayday] to own; to possess
 poste **f** [posst] post office
 poste de police **m** police station
 poster [postay] to post
 poste restante poste restante, (US) general delivery
 pot **m** [po] jug
 pot d'échappement [dayshapmon] exhaust

poterie **f** [potree] pottery
 poubelle **f** [poobel] dustbin
 poudre **f** [poodr] powder
 pouls **m** pulse
 poumons **mpl** [poomON] lungs
 poupée **f** [poopay] doll
 pour [poor] for
 pourboire **m** [poorbwahr] tip
 pourboire interdit please do
 not tip
 pour cent [sON] per cent
 pour entrer ..., to enter ...
 pour ouvrir appuyer push to
 open
 pour que [kuh] in order that,
 so that
 pourquoi [poorkwa] why
 pourrai: je pourrai [pooray] I
 will be able
 pourra: il/elle pourra [poora]
 he/she/it will be able
 pourras: tu pourras [poora]
 you will be able
 pourrez: vous pourrez [pooray]
 you will be able
 pourri [pooree] rotten
 pourrons: nous pourrons
 [poorON] we will be able
 pourront: ils/elles pourront
 [poorON] they will be able
 pourtant [poortON] however
 pour tous renseignements,
 s'adresser à ... for
 enquiries, please see ...
 pourvu que [poorvOO kuh]
 provided that
 pousser [poossay] to push
 poussette **f** pushchair
 poussez [poossay] push

pouvoir **m** [poovwahr] power
 pouvoir to be able to
 pratique practical
 précautions d'emploi
 instructions for use
 préfecture **f** [prayfektOor]
 regional administrative
 headquarters
 préfecture de police police
 headquarters
 préféré [prayfayray] favourite
 préférence **f** [prayfayRONss]
 preference
 préférer [prayfayray] to prefer
 premier **m** [pruhm-yay] first
 floor; (US) second floor
 premier first
 première **f** first class;
 première
 premier étage first floor, (US)
 second floor
 premiers secours **mpl** [pruhm-
 yay suhkoor] first aid
 premiers soins [swAN] first aid
 prendre [prONdr] to take; to
 catch
 à prendre à jeun to be taken
 on an empty stomach
 à prendre après les repas to
 be taken after meals
 à prendre au coucher to be
 taken at bedtime
 à prendre avant le coucher
 to be taken before going to
 bed
 à prendre avant les repas to
 be taken before meals
 à prendre ... fois par jour to
 be taken ... times a day

prendre ... comprimés à la fois
 take ... pills at a time
 prendre ... comprimés ... fois
 par jour take ... pills ...
 times a day
 prenez: vous prenez [pruhnay]
 you take
 prenez un caddy take a
 trolley/cart
 prenez un chariot take a
 trolley/cart
 prenez un jeton à la caisse
 buy a token at the cash
 desk
 prenez un panier take a basket
 prenez un ticket take a ticket
 prénom **m** [prayNON] Christian
 name, first name
 prenons: nous prenons
 [pruhNON] we take
 préparer [prayparay] to prepare,
 to get ready
 préparez votre monnaie have
 your change ready
 presbyte [prezbeet] long-
 sighted
 prescrire [preskreer] to
 prescribe
 près de [pray duh] near
 présenter [prayZONTay] to
 introduce; to present
 préservatif **m** [prayzairvateef]
 condom
 presque [presk] almost
 pressing **m** dry-cleaner's
 pression **f** [press-yON] pressure;
 draught beer
 pression de l'air air pressure
 pression des pneus tyre

pressure
 prêt [pray] ready
 prêt-à-porter ready-to-wear
 clothes
 prêter [pretay] to lend
 prêtre **m** [pretr] priest
 prier [pree-ay] to ask; to pray
 je vous en prie [juh voo ZON
 pree] don't mention it,
 you're welcome
 prière **f** [pree-air] prayer
 prière de ... please ...
 prière de frapper avant
 d'entrer please knock before
 entering
 prière de ne pas déranger
 please do not disturb
 prière de ne pas faire de bruit
 après 22 heures please do
 not make any noise after
 10 p.m.
 prière de ne pas fumer please
 do not smoke
 prière de ne pas toucher
 please do not touch
 prière de refermer la porte
 please close the door
 prière de s'essuyer les pieds
 avant d'entrer please wipe
 your feet
 prière de tenir les chiens en
 laisse please keep dogs on
 a lead
 primeurs fruit shop,
 greengrocer's
 principal [prANseepal] main
 printemps **m** [prANTON] spring
 prioritaire [pree-oreetair]
 priority; priority-rate;

having right of way
 priorité **f** [pree-oreetay] right of way; priority
 priorité à droite right of way for traffic coming from the right
 pris [pree] taken
 prise **f** [preez] plug; socket
 prise en charge minimum charge
 prise multiple [moolteepl] adaptor
 privé [preevay] private
 prix **m** [pree] price; fee; prize
 prix cassés reduced prices
 prix coûtant at cost price
 prix des places ticket prices
 prix par jour price per day
 prix par personne price per person
 prix par semaine price per week
 prix réduit reduced price
 prix sacrifiés prices slashed
 probablement [prob-abluhmon] probably
 prochain [proshan] next
 à la prochaine [proshen] see you soon
 prochaine levée next collection
 prochaine séance à ... heures next performance at ...
 produits de beauté cosmetics
 produits d'entretien household cleaning materials
 produits naturels health food

produit toxique poison
 professeur **m** [professurr] teacher; lecturer; professor
 profond [profON] deep
 profondeur **f** [profONDurr] depth
 promenade **f** walk
 promenades à cheval horse riding
 promener: aller se promener [alay suh promnay] to go for a walk
 promettre [prometr] to promise
 promotion: en promotion on special offer
 prononcer [pronONsay] to pronounce
 propre [propr] clean; own
 propriétaire **m/f** [propee-aytair] owner
 propriété privée private property
 propriété privée défense d'entrer private property, keep out; no trespassing
 prospectus **m** brochure
 protège-couches **mpl** [protej-koosh] nappy-liners
 protéger [protejay] to protect
 provenance: en provenance de (arriving) from
 prudence **f** [proodonss] caution
 prudent [proodon] careful
 P & T (Postes et Télécommunications) post office (with telephone)
 PTT (Postes, Télégraphes, Téléphones) [pay-tay-tay] post

office (with telephone)
 pu: il a pu [poo] he was able to
 public **m** [poobleek] audience;
 public
 puce **f** [poooss] flea
 puis [pwee] then
 puisque [pweess-kuh] since
 pull(over) **m** sweater
 pure laine vierge pure new
 wool
 puzzle **m** [poozl] jigsaw
 PV (procès verbal) **m** [pay-vay]
 parking ticket

Q

quai **m** [kay] platform; track;
 quay
 quand [kon] when
 quand même [mem] anyway;
 all the same
 quant à [konta] as for
 quarante [karont] forty
 quart **m** [kar] quarter
 quartier **m** [kart-yay] district
 quatorze [katorz] fourteen
 quatre [katr] four
 quatre-vingt-dix [katr-van-deess]
 ninety
 quatre-vingts [katr-van] eighty
 quatrième [katree-em] fourth
 que [kuh] that; what; than;
 who(m); which
 que ...? what ...?
 que désirez-vous? what
 would you like?
 quel [kel] which
 quelque chose [kelkuh shohz]
 something

quelque part [par] somewhere
 quelque(s) [kelkuh] some
 quelques-uns [kelkuh-zan]
 some, a few
 quelqu'un [kelkan] somebody
 qu'est-ce que ...? [keskuh]
 what ...?
 qu'est-ce que vous avez
 dit? what did you say?
 qu'est-ce qu'il y a? [keskeel
 ya] what's the matter?
 qu'est-ce qui ...? [keskee]
 what ...?
 queue **f** [kuh] tail; queue
 faire la queue to queue
 qui [kee] who
 quincaillerie **f** [kan-ky-ree]
 ironmonger, hardware
 store
 quinzaine **f** [kanzen] fortnight;
 about fifteen
 quinze [kanz] fifteen
 quitter [kitay] to leave
 ne quittez pas [nuh kitay pa]
 hold the line
 quoi? [kwa] what?
 quoique [kwa-kuh] although

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rabais **m** [rabay] discount,
 reduction
 raccourci **m** [rakoorse] shortcut
 raccrochez: ne raccrochez
 pas [nuh rakroshay pa] hold
 the line
 raccrochez svp replace the
 receiver

radiateur **m** [rad-yaturr] heater;
 radiator
 radio(graphie) **f** X-ray
 raide [red] steep; straight
 raison **f** [rezzON] reason
 avoir raison [avwahr] to be
 right
 raisonnable [rezzonabl]
 sensible; reasonable
 ralentir [ralONteer] to slow
 down
 ralentisseurs speed bumps;
 rumble strip
 ralentissez slow down
 rallonge **f** [ralONj] extension
 lead
 rame **f** [ram] train (on
 underground)
 randonnée **f** [rONdonay]
 rambling; hike; trekking;
 ride; trip; hill-walking
 ranger [rONjay] to tidy; to put
 away
 rapide [rapeed] fast
 rapide **m** inter-city train
 rappel **m** reminder, reminder
 sign
 rappeler [rapuhlay] to call back
 se rappeler to remember, to
 recall
 raquette de tennis **f** tennis
 racket
 rarement [raruhMON] seldom
 se raser [suh razay] to shave
 rasoir **m** [razwahr] razor
 rasoir électrique electric
 shaver
 rater [ratay] to miss
 RATP (Régie autonome des

transports parisiens) Paris
 public transport company
 ravi de faire votre
 connaissance [ravee duh fair
 votr konessONss] how do you
 do, nice to meet you
 ravissant [raveessON] lovely
 rayon **m** [rayON] spoke;
 department
 rayon jouets toy department
 rayons **X** **mpl** [rayON eex] X-ray
 réceptionné **m** [raysaypeessay]
 receipt
 recette **f** [ruhset] recipe
 recevoir [ruhsuhvwahr] to
 receive; to have guests
 recharge **f** [ruhshari] refill
 réchaud à gaz **m** [rayshoh]
 camping gas stove
 réclamations **tpl** [rayklamass-
 yON] complaints; faults
 service
 recommander [ruhkomONday] to
 recommend
 envoyer une lettre en
 recommandé to send a
 letter by recorded delivery
 reconnaissant [ruhkonnessON]
 grateful
 reconnaître [ruhkoneer] to
 recognize
 reçu **m** [ruhsOO] receipt
 réductions familles
 nombreuses special rates
 for large families
 regarder [ruhgarday] to look
 (at); to watch
 régime **m** [rayjeem] diet
 être au régime to be on a

diet
 règlement **m** [reglmon] regulation
 règles **fpl** [regl] period
 rein **m** [ran] kidney
 reine **f** [ren] queen
 reins **mpl** [ran] back
 relâche closed
 relais routier **m** [ruhlay root-yay] transport café (often quality restaurant)
 relevez lift up
 remarquer [ruhmarkay] to notice
 remboursement **m** [ronboorsmon] refund
 rembourser [ronboorsay] to refund
 remercier [ruhmailrs-yay] to thank
 remettez mes amitiés à ... [ruhmetay may zameet-yay] give my regards to ...
 remise **f** [ruhmeez] reduction
 remonte-pente **m** [ruhmONT-pONT] ski lift; ski tow
 remorque **f** [ruhmark] trailer
 remorquer [ruhmarkay] to tow
 remplir [ronpleer] to fill in, to fill
 rencontrer [ronkontray] to meet
 rendez-vous **m** appointment
 prendre rendez-vous to make an appointment
 rendre [rondr] to give back, to return; to make
 se rendre à to go to
 renouveler [ruhnoovuhlay] to renew

renseignements **mpl** [ronsen-yuhmon] information; directory enquiries
 renseignements internationaux international directory enquiries
 renseigner [ronsen-yay] to inform
 se renseigner to find out; to enquire
 rentrer [rontray] to return
 rentrer à la maison to go home
 renverser [ronvairsay] to knock over
 réparations **fpl** [rayparass-yON] repairs
 réparer [rayparay] to repair
 repas **m** [ruhpa] meal
 repasser [ruhpassay] to iron; to come back
 répéter [raypaytay] to repeat
 répondre [raypondr] to answer
 réponse **f** [rayponss] answer
 repos **m** [ruhpo] rest
 reposer: se reposer [suh ruhpozay] to take a rest
 représentant **m** [ruhprayzONTON] agent
 représentation **f** [ruhprayzONTass-yON] representation; performance
 reprise **f** [ruhpreez] revival; renewal; resumption
 RER (Réseau express régional) **m** [air-uh-air] fast, limited-stop metro line in Paris
 résa **f** [rayza] reservation
 ticket on TGV

réservation obligatoire
 booking essential
 réservé [rayzairvay] reserved
 réservé au personnel staff
 only
 réservé aux clients patrons
 only
 réservé aux clients de l'hôtel
 hotel patrons only
 réservé aux membres de
 l'équipage reserved for the
 crew, crew only
 réserve de chasse hunting
 preserve
 réserver [rayzairvay] to book,
 to reserve
 réservoir m [rayzairvwahr] tank
 respectez le silence de ces
 lieux please respect the
 sanctity of this place
 respectez les pelouses please
 do not walk on the grass
 respirer [respeeray] to breathe
 responsable [respOnsabl]
 responsible
 resquilleur m [reskeeyurr] fare
 dodger
 ressembler à [ruhsOnblay] to
 look like
 ressort m [ruhsor] spring
 restaurant de poisson fish
 restaurant
 restauration à votre place
 meal served at your seat (1st
 class only)
 reste m [rest] rest
 rester [restay] to stay
 resto m restaurant
 restoroute m roadside café

retard m [ruhtar] delay
 en retard late
 retardé [ruhtarday] delayed
 retirer [ruhteeray] to withdraw
 retirez votre argent take your
 money
 retirez votre carte remove
 your card
 retirez votre reçu (d'opération)
 take your receipt
 retour m [ruhtoor] return
 de retour dans une heure
 back in an hour
 retourner [ruhtoonay] to return
 retrait de colis et lettres
 recommandées collection
 of parcels and recorded
 delivery letters
 retrait des bagages m [ruhtray
 day bagahj] baggage claim
 retrait d'espèces cash
 withdrawal
 retraité(e) m/f [ruhtretay] old-
 age pensioner
 retraits withdrawals
 rétroviseur m [raytroveezurr]
 rearview mirror
 réunion f [ray-oon-yon] meeting
 réussir [rayOosseer] to succeed
 rêve m [rev] dream
 réveil m [rayvay] alarm clock;
 waking up
 réveillé [rayvay-yay] awake
 réveiller [rayvay-yay] to wake
 se réveiller to wake up
 revenir [ruhvuhneer] to come
 back
 revêtement temporaire
 temporary road surface

revue **f** magazine
 rez-de-chaussée **m** [rayd-shoh-say] ground floor, (US) first floor
 RF (République française) French Republic
 rhume **m** [room] cold
 rhume des foins [day fwAN] hay fever
 riche [reesh] rich
 rideau **m** [reedo] curtain
 rien [ree-AN] nothing
 de rien you're welcome
 rien à déclarer nothing to declare
 rire [reer] to laugh
 risque d'avalanche danger of avalanche
 rivage **m** [reevahj] shore
 rive **f** [reev] bank
 riverains autorisés no entry except for access, residents only
 rivière **f** river
 RN (route nationale) **f** [air-en] national highway
 robe **f** [rob] dress
 robe de chambre [duh shONbr] dressing gown
 robinet **m** [robeenay] tap
 rocher **m** [roshay] rock
 roi **m** [rwa] king
 Roi-Soleil [solay] Louis XIV (The Sun King)
 roman **m** [romON] novel
 roman Romanesque
 rond [ron] round
 rond-point **m** [-pwan] roundabout, (US) traffic

circle
 ronfler [ronflay] to snore
 rose **f** [roz] rose
 rose pink
 rôtisserie **f** [roteesree] steak-house
 roue **f** [roo] wheel
 roue de secours [duh suhkoor] spare wheel
 rouge [rooj] red
 rouge à lèvres **m** [rooj a levr] lipstick
 rougeole **f** [roojol] measles
 roulez au pas drive at walking pace
 roulez sur une file single lane traffic
 rousse [rooss] red-haired
 route **f** [root] road; route
 route barrée road closed; road blocked
 route départementale secondary road
 route du vin route taking in vineyards, wine route
 route nationale [nass-yonal] national highway, main road
 routier **m** [root-yay] truck; truck-driver; roadside café
 roux, **f** rousse [roo, rooss] red-haired
 Royaume-Uni **m** [rwy-ohm oonee] United Kingdom
 RU (Royaume Uni) UK
 rubéole **f** [roobayol] German measles
 rue **f** [roo] street
 rue commerçante [komairsONT]

shopping street
 rue piétonne [p-yayton]
 pedestrian precinct
 rue piétonnière [p-yayton-yair]
 pedestrian precinct
 ruisseau **m** [rweesso] stream

S

SA (société anonyme) [ess-ah]
 Ltd, Inc
 sa* his; her; its
 sable **m** [sabl] sand
 sables mouvants quicksand
 sac **m** bag
 sac à dos [doh] rucksack
 sac à main [man] handbag,
 (US) purse
 sac de couchage [duh kooshahj]
 sleeping bag
 sac en plastique [ON plasteek]
 plastic bag
 saignement **m** [sen-yuhmon]
 bleeding
 saigner [sen-yay] to bleed
 sais: je/tu sais [say] I/you
 know
 je ne sais pas I don't know
 saison **f** [sezzON] season
 en haute saison in the high
 season
 sait: il/elle sait [say] he/she
 knows
 salaud [salo] bastard
 sale [sal] dirty
 salé [salay] salty; savoury
 salle à manger **f** [sal a monjay]
 dining room
 salle climatisée [kleemateezay]

dining room with air
 conditioning
 salle d'attente [datONt] waiting
 room
 salle de bain [duh ban]
 bathroom
 salle de cinéma [duh seenayma]
 cinema
 salon **m** [salON] lounge
 salon de coiffure [duh kwafOOr]
 hairdressing salon
 salon d'essayage [dessayahj]
 fitting room
 salon de thé [duh tay] tearoom
 salon privé [preevay] private
 lounge
 salut! [salOO] hi!; cheerio!
 samedi [samdee] Saturday
SAMU (Service d'Aide
 Médicale d'Urgence) **m**
 [samOO] emergency medical
 service
 sang **m** [sON] blood
 sanisette **f** [saneezet]
 automated public toilet on
 the street
 sanitaires **mpl** [saneetair] toilets
 and showers
 sans [sON] without
 sans agent de conservation
 contains no preservatives
 sans alcool non-alcoholic
 sans doute [doot]
 undoubtedly
 sans issue no through road,
 dead end
 sans plomb lead-free
 santé! [sontay] cheers!; bless
 you!

santé **f** health
 en bonne santé healthy, in good health
 bon pour la santé healthy
 SARL (société à responsabilité limitée) Ltd, Inc
 satellite **m** [-eet] section of airport terminal; satellite
 sauf [sohf] except; safe
 sauf indication contraire du médecin unless otherwise stated by your doctor
 sauf le ... except on ...
 sauf riverains access only
 saurai: je saurai [sora] I will know
 saura: il/elle saura [sora] he/she/it will know
 sauras: tu sauras [sora] you will know
 saurez: vous saurez [sora] you will know
 saurons: nous saurons [sorON] we will know
 sauront: ils sauront [sorON] they will know
 sauter [sotay] to jump
 sauvage [sovahj] wild
 savoir [savwahr] to know
 savon **m** [savON] soap
 scandaleux [skONDaluh] shocking
 se* [suh] him; to him; himself; her; to her; herself; each other
 séance **f** [say-ONss] showing
 seau **m** [so] bucket
 sec, **f** sèche [sek, sesh] dry
 sèche-cheveux **m** [sesh-

shuhvuh] hair dryer
 sécher [sayshay] to dry
 second **m** [suhgON] second floor, (US) third floor
 seconde **f** [suhgONd] second; second class
 secours **m** [suhkoor] help
 au secours! [oh] help!
 secours de montagne [duh mONTañ] mountain rescue
 Secours routier français [root-yay] French motoring organization
 secrétaire **m/f** [suhkraytair] secretary
 sécurité: en sécurité [ON saykOoreetay] safe
 séduisant [saydweezON] attractive
 sein **m** [SAN] breast
 au sein de within
 seize [sez] sixteen
 seizième: le seizième [sez-yem] the 16th arrondissement, up-market area of Paris
 séjour **m** [sayjoor] stay
 self **m** self-service restaurant
 selle **f** [sel] saddle
 selon [suhlON] according to
 sels de bain **mpl** [sel duh BAN] bath salts
 semaine **f** [suhmen] week
 par semaine per week
 semblable [SONblabl] similar
 sembler [SONblay] to seem
 semelle **f** [suhmel] sole
 semi-remorque **m** [suhmee-ruhmark] articulated lorry
 sens **m** [SONss] direction

sens giratoire [jeeratwahr] roundabout; (US) traffic circle
sensible [sonseeb] sensitive
sens interdit one-way street; no entry
sens unique one-way street
sentier m [sont-yay] path
sentier balisé marked footpath
sentiment m [sonteemon] feeling
sentir [sonteer] to feel; to smell
séparé [sayparay] separate
séparément [sayparaymon] separately
sept [set] seven
septembre [septonbr] September
septième [set-yem] seventh
serai: je serai [suhray] I will be
sera: il/elle sera [suhra] he/she/it will be
serais: je/tu serais [suhray] I/you would be
seras: tu seras [suhra] you will be
serez: vous serez [suhray] you will be
sérieux [sayree-uh] serious
seriez: vous seriez [suhree-ay] you would be
serions: nous serions [suhree-ON] we would be
serons: nous serons [suhron] we will be
seront: ils/elles seront [suhron] they will be

serpent m [sairpon] snake
serrez à droite keep to the right
serrure f [sair-roor] lock
serveur m [sairvurr] waiter
serveuse f [sairvurz] waitress
servez-vous please take one
service m [sairveess] service; service charge; ward; department
service! not at all! (Switzerland)
service après vente after-sales service
service de retouches alteration/tailoring service
service des urgences casualty department
service d'urgence emergency ward, emergencies
service non-stop 24-hour service
serviette f [sairvee-et] towel; briefcase; serviette, napkin
serviette (de table) serviette, napkin
serviette de toilette [twalet] towel
serviette hygiénique [eejee-ayneek] sanitary towel/napkin
servir [sairveer] to serve
se servir to help oneself
se servir de to use
ses* [say] his; her; its
seul [surl] alone; single; only
seulement [surlmon] only
sexe m [sex] sex
shamp(o)ing m [shonpwAN]

shampoo
shamp(o)ing - mise en plis
[meez ON plee] shampoo and
set
si if; so; yes
SIDA **m** [seeda] AIDS
siècle **m** [see-ekl] century
siège **m** [see-ej] seat
sien*: le sien [luh s-YAN] his;
hers; its
sienne*: la sienne [s-yen] his;
hers; its
sien(ne)s*: les sien(ne)s [s-YAN,
s-yen] his; hers; its
signal d'alarme **m** alarm;
emergency lever
signer [seen-yay] to sign
signifier [seen-yeefee-ay] to
mean
silence **m** [seelONss] silence
silencieux [seelONsssee-uh] silent
s'il te plaît [seel tuh play] please;
excuse me
s'il vous plaît [seel voo play]
please; excuse me
simple [SANpl] simple; mere
sinon [seenON] otherwise
sirop pour la toux **m** [too]
cough medicine
site historique **m** [seet eestoreek]
place of historical interest
six [seess] six
sixième [seez-yem] sixth
ski **m** ski; skiing
faire du ski to go skiing
ski de descente [duh dessONT]
downhill skiing
ski de fond [fon] cross-
country skiing

skier [skee-ay] to ski
ski nautique waterski
slip **m** [sleep] pants,
underpants
slip de bain [duh BAN]
swimming trunks
snack **m** snack bar
SNCB (Société Nationale des
Chemins de Fer Belges)
f [ess-en-say-bay] Belgian
railways/railroad
SNCF (Société Nationale des
Chemins de Fer Français)
f [ess-en-say-ef] French
railways/railroad
société **f** [sos-yay-tay]
company; society
sœur **f** [surr] sister
soi [swa] oneself
soie **f** [swa] silk
soif: j'ai soif [jay swaf] I'm
thirsty
soigner [swan-yay] to treat, to
nurse, to tend
soir **m** [swahr] evening
le soir in the evening
ce soir tonight
soirée **f** [swahray] evening;
evening performance
soirée privée private party
sois [swa] be
soit ... soit ... [swa] either ...
or ...
soixante [swassONT] sixty
soixante-dix [-deess] seventy
sol **m** ground
soldé [solday] reduced
solde: en solde [ON sold]
reduced

solder [sɔlday] to sell at a reduced price
 soldes **fpl** [sɔld] sale
 soldes d'été [daytay] summer sale
 soleil **m** [solay] sun
 au soleil in the sun
 sombre [sɔnbr] dark
 sommeil: j'ai sommeil [jay somay] I'm sleepy
 sommes: nous sommes [som] we are
 sommet **m** [somay] summit
 somnifère **m** [somneefair] sleeping pill
 son* [sɔn] his; her; its
 son **m** sound
 sonnette **f** bell
 sonnette d'alarme alarm bell
 sonnette de nuit night bell
 sont: ils/elles sont [sɔn] they are
 sorte **f** [sort] sort
 de sorte que so that
 sortie **f** [sortee] exit, way out
 sortie de camions vehicle exit
 sortie de secours emergency exit
 sortie piétons exit for pedestrians
 sortir [sorteer] to go out; to take out
 SOS Femmes [ess-o-ess fam] Women's Aid Centre
 SOS Médecin [mayd-san] 24-hour emergency medical service found in large towns
 souci **m** [soossee] worry

se faire du souci (pour) to worry (about)
 soucoupe **f** [sookoop] saucer
 soudain [soodAN] suddenly
 souffrant [soofron] unwell
 souffrir [soofreer] to be in pain; to suffer
 souffrir de to suffer from
 souhait: à vos souhaits [soo-ay] bless you
 souhaiter [soo-ettay] to wish (for)
 souliers **mpl** [sool-yay] shoes
 sourcil **m** [soorseel] eyebrow
 sourd [soor] deaf
 sourire [sooreer] to smile
 souris **f** [sooree] mouse
 sous [soo] under
 sous réserve de toute modification subject to modifications
 sous-sol **m** basement
 sous-titré [-teetray] subtitled
 sous-titres **mpl** [-teetr] subtitles
 sous-vêtements **mpl** [-vetmon] underwear
 soutien-gorge **m** [soot-yAN-gorj] bra
 souvenir: se souvenir de [suh soovuhneer duh] to remember
 souvent [soovON] often
 soyez [swy-yay] be
 soyez le bienvenu [luh b-yAN-vuhnOO] welcome
 sparadrap **m** [sparadra] plaster, Bandaid®
 spécialement [spays-yalmon] especially
 spectacle **m** [spektakl] show

spéléologie **f** pot-holing
 sports d'hiver **mpl** [spor deevair]
 winter sports
 stade **m** [stad] stadium
 stage **m** [stahj] training course
 standardiste **m/f** [stONDardeest]
 operator
 starter **m** choke
 station de métro **f** [stass-yON duh
 maytro] underground/
 subway station
 station de taxis taxi rank
 stationnement à durée limitée
 restricted parking
 stationnement alterné
 parking on alternate sides
 of the street on 1st-15th
 and 16th-31st of the
 month
 stationnement en épis interdit
 no angle parking
 stationnement gênant **no**
 parking please
 stationnement interdit **no**
 parking
 stationnement limité à 30
 minutes parking restricted
 to 30 minutes
 stationnement payant **pay to**
 park here
 stationnement réglementé
 limited parking
 stationnement toléré 2
 minutes parking for 2
 minutes only
 stationner [stass-yonay] **to**
 park
 station-service **f** [stass-yON-
 sairveess] petrol/gas station

station thermique [tairmahl] spa
 stérilet **m** [stayreelay] IUD,
 coil
 strapontin **m** [strapontAN] fold-
 down seat
 studio **m** flatlet
 stylo **m** [steelo] pen
 stylo à bille [bee] biro®
 stylo-feutre [furtr] felt-tip pen
 su [sOO] known
 substance dangereuse
 dangerous substance
 sucette **f** [sOUsset] lollipop
 sucré [sOOkray] sweet
 sud **m** [sOod] south
 au sud de south of
 suffire [sOOfeer] to be
 sufficient
 ça suffit [sa sOOfee] that's
 enough
 suis: je suis [swee] I am
 Suisse **f** [sweess] Switzerland
 suisse Swiss
 Suisse romande [romOND]
 French-speaking
 Switzerland
 suivant [sweevON] next
 suivre [sweevr] to follow
 faire suivre to forward
 sujet: au sujet de [o sOOjay duh]
 about
 super **m** [sOOpair] 4 star petrol;
 (US) premium (gas)
 super! great!
 supermarché **m** [sOOpairmarshay]
 supermarket
 supplément **m** [sOOpaymon]
 extra charge, supplement
 supporter [sOOportay] to

tolerate, to stand; to support
 supposer [soopozay] to suppose
 sur [soor] on
 sûr [soor] sure; safe; reliable
 surgelé [soorjelay] frozen
 surgelés **mpl** frozen food
 surnom **m** [soornON] nickname
 surprenant [soorpruhN] surprising
 surtout [soortoo] above all; especially
 surveillant **m** [soorvayON] supervisor; guard
 surveillant de plage [duh plahj] lifeguard
 survêtement de sport **m** [soorvetmON duh spor] tracksuit
 SVP (s'il vous plaît) please
 sympa [sanpa] nice
 sympathique [sanpateek] nice
 syndicat d'initiative **m** [sandeeka deeneess-yateev] tourist information centre

T

t* (to) you; yourself
 ta* your
 tabac **m** [taba] tobacco; tobacconist and newsagent (also sells stamps)
 tabac-journaux **m** newsagent, tobacco store and news vendor (also sells stamps); newspaper kiosk
 tableau **m** [tablo] painting
 tableau de bord [duh bor]

dashboard
 tache **f** [tash] stain
 taille **f** [ti] size; waist
 tailleur **m** [ti-urr] tailor; lady's suit
 taisez-vous [tezzay-voo] shut up
 tais-toi [tay-twa] shut up
 talc **m** talcum powder
 talon **m** [talON] heel
 talon-minute heel bar
 tandis que [tondee kuh] whereas; while
 tant (de) [ton] so much; so many
 tant mieux [**m**-yuh] so much the better
 tant pis [pee] too bad
 tant que as long as
 tante **f** [tont] aunt
 tapis **m** [tapee] rug
 tapis roulant [roolON] moving walkway; baggage carousel
 tard [tar] late
 tarif **m** [tareef] price
 tarif des consommations price list
 tarif normal first-class mail
 tarif réduit reduced fare; second-class mail
 tarifs postaux postage rates
 tarifs postaux intérieurs inland postage rates
 tarifs postaux pour l'étranger overseas postage rates
 tasse **f** [tass] cup
 taureau **m** [toro] bull
 taux **m** [toh] rate
 taux à l'achat buying rate

Ta

taux à la vente **selling rate**
 taux de change [duh shONj] **exchange rate**
 taxis - tête de station **taxi rank, queue here**
 TCF (Touring club de France) **m** [tay-say-ef] **French automobile association**
 te* [tuh] (to) you; yourself
 TEE (Trans-Europe-Express) **m** [tay-uh-uh] **first class trans-European express**
 teint **m** [tAN] **complexion**
 teint **died**
 teinte **f** [tANT] **colour, shade**
 teinturerie **f** [TANToor-uhree] **dry cleaner's**
 teinturier **m** [TANToor-ay] **dry cleaner's**
 télé **f** [taylay] **TV**
 télécarte **f** [taylay-kart] **phonecard**
 télécartes en vente ici **phonecards sold here**
 télécopie **f fax**
 téléferique **m** [taylayfayreek] **cable car**
 téléphone à carte **m** **cardphone**
 téléphone interurbain **long-distance telephone**
 téléphoner (à) [taylayfonay] **to phone**
 télésiège **m** [taylaysee-ey] **chairlift, ski lift**
 télési **m** **ski tow**
 Télétel® **free computerized service available in post offices instead of the**

phonebook
 téléviseur **m** [taylayveezurr] **television set**
 tellement [telmON] **so**
 tellement de **so much; so many**
 tel(s) **such**
 témoin **m** [taymWAN] **witness**
 tempête **f** [TONpet] **storm**
 tempête de neige [duh nej] **snowstorm**
 temple **m** [TONpl] **Protestant church**
 temps **m** [TON] **time; weather**
 de temps en temps **from time to time**
 tenez votre droite **keep to the right**
 tenir [tuhneer] **to hold; to keep**
 tennis **fpl** [tenneess] **trainers**
 tente **f** [TONt] **tent**
 terminer [tairmeenay] **to finish**
 terrain **m** [terrAN] **pitch, field, ground**
 terrain de camping [duh KONpeeng] **campsite**
 terrain pour caravanes [poor karavan] **caravan site**
 terre **f** [tair] **earth**
 tes* [tay] **your**
 tête **f** [tet] **head**
 tête de station **taxi rank, queue here**
 TGV (Train à grande vitesse) **m** [tay-jay-vay] **high-speed train**
 théière **f** [tay-air] **teapot**
 tiède [t-yed] **lukewarm**
 tien*: le tien [luh t-YAN] **yours**
 tienne*: la tienne [t-yen] **yours**

à la tienne! **your health!**
 tiennent: ils/elles tiennent
 [t-yen] **they hold**
 tien(ne)s*: les tien(ne)s [t-yAN, t-yen] **yours**
 tiens: je/tu tiens [t-yAN] **I/you hold**
 tient: il/elle tient [t-yAN] **he/she/it holds**
 timbre **m** [tANbr] **stamp**
 timbres de collection
collectors' stamps
 tir **m** [teer] **shooting**
 tire-bouchon **m** [teer-booshON] **corkscrew**
 tirer [teeray] **to pull; to shoot**
 tirez [teeray] **pull**
 tissu **m** [teessOO] **material**
 tissus **fabrics**
 titre de transport **ticket**
 toi* [twa] **you**
 toilette: faire sa toilette [twalet] **to have a wash**
 toilettes **fp** [twalet] **toilets; (US) rest room**
 les toilettes sont dans la cour **the toilet is in the back yard**
 toit **m** [twa] **roof**
 tomber [tONbay] **to fall**
 tomber en panne [ON pan] **to break down**
 tomber en panne d'essence **to run out of petrol**
 tomber malade **to fall ill**
 ton* [tON] **your**
 tonalité **f** [tohnaleetay] **dialling tone**
 tonnage limité **weight limit**

tonnerre **m** [tonair] **thunder**
 torchon à vaisselle **m** [torshON a vess-el] **tea towel**
 tort: avoir tort [avwahr tor] **to be wrong**
 tôt [toh] **early**
 toucher [tooshay] **to touch**
 toujours [toojoor] **always; still**
 tour **m** **tour; turn**
 tour **f** **tower**
 tour de hanches **m** [duh ONsh] **hip measurement**
 tour de poitrine [pwatreen] **bust/chest measurement**
 tour de taille [ti] **waist measurement**
 tour en voiture [vwatOOr] **drive**
 tourner [toornay] **to turn**
 tournevis **m** [toornuhvee] **screwdriver**
 tous [too] **all; every**
 tous les deux **both of them**
 tous les jours **every day**
 tous les jours sauf ... **every day except ...**
 tous les matins **every morning**
 tousser [toossay] **to cough**
 tout [too] **everything; all; every**
 pas du tout **not at all**
 en tout **altogether**
 à tout à l'heure! [a toota lurr] **see you later!**
 tout à fait [too ta fay] **entirely; altogether**
 tout compris [kONpree] **all inclusive**
 tout de suite [toot sweet]

immediately
 tout droit [drwa] straight ahead
 toute [toot] all; every
 toute la journée all day
 toutefois [tootfwa] however
 toute personne prise en
 flagrant délit de vol sera
 poursuivie all shoplifters
 will be prosecuted
 toutes [toot] all; every
 toutes directions all
 directions
 toutes opérations all
 transactions
 toutes taxes comprises
 inclusive of taxes
 tout le monde [too luh mond]
 everyone
 toux f [too] cough
 traduction f [tradoox-yon]
 translation
 traduire [tradweer] to translate
 train m [tran] train
 un train peut en cacher un
 autre there may be another
 train hidden behind this one
 être en train de faire
 quelque chose to be doing
 something
 train à supplément train for
 which you must pay a
 supplement
 train auto-couchettes
 motorail
 train direct direct train
 train en partance pour ... train
 leaving for ...
 train omnibus slow train
 train rapide express train

trains au départ departures
 train supplémentaire extra
 train
 traitement m [tretmon] (course
 of) treatment
 traitement de texte word
 processing; word processor
 traiteur m [treturr] delicatessen
 tranche f [tronsh] slice
 tranquille [tronkeel] quiet
 transactions avec l'étranger
 overseas business
 transpirer [tronspeeray] to sweat
 travail m [travi] work
 travailler [travi-ay] to work
 travaux mpl [travo] roadworks;
 building work
 traversée f [travairsay] crossing
 traverser [travairsay] to cross,
 to go through
 treize [trez] thirteen
 trembler [tronblay] to tremble
 trente [tront] thirty
 très [tray] very
 très bien, merci [b-yan] very
 well, thank you
 tribunal m [treeboonal] court
 tricot m [treeko] knitting;
 jumper
 tricoter [treekotay] to knit
 tricots knitwear
 triste [treest] sad
 trois [trwa] three
 troisième [trwaz-yem] third
 tromper [tronpay] to deceive
 se tromper to be wrong
 se tromper de numéro to
 dial the wrong number
 trop [tro] too; too much

trop de **too much/many**
 trottoir **m** [ˈtrotwahr] pavement;
 (US) sidewalk
 trou **m** [ˈtroo] hole
 trouver [ˈtroovay] to find
 truc **m** [ˈtrɔk] thing
 TTC (toutes taxes comprises)
 inclusive of tax
 tu* [ˈtoo] you
 tuer [ˈtoo-ay] to kill
 tunnel de lavage **m** [ˈtoonel duh
 lavahj] car-wash
 tutoyer [ˈtootwy-ay] to use the
 familiar 'tu' form
 tuyau **m** [ˈtwee-yo] pipe
 TVA (taxe sur la valeur ajoutée)
 f [ˈtay-vay-ah] VAT
 TV par câble **f** [ˈtay-vay par kahbl]
 cable TV

U

UE **f** [ˈoo-uh] EU, European
 Union
 ulcère **m** [ˈoolisair] ulcer
 un* [ˈAN] a; one
 une* [ˈon] a; one
 unité **f** [ˈoonetay] unit
 urgence **f** [ˈoorjONss] emergency
 urinoir **m** [ˈoorreenwahr] public
 urinal
 usage: l'usage des WC est
 interdit pendant l'arrêt du
 train en gare **do not use the
 toilet while the train is in
 a station**
 usage externe **for external
 use**
 usine **f** [ˈoozeen] factory

ustensiles de cuisine **cooking
 utensils**
 utile [ˈooteel] useful
 utilisateur **m** [ˈooteeleezatturr] user
 utiliser [ˈooteeleezay] to use
 utiliser avant ... **use before ...**
 utilisez un stylo à bille et
 appuyez fortement **use a
 ball-point pen and write
 firmly**

V

va: il/elle va **he/she/it goes**
 comment ça va? [ˈkomON sa]
how are you?
 il va bien [eel va b-YAN] **he's
 well**
 il va mal **he's not well**
 le bleu me va bien **blue suits
 me**
 vacances **fpl** [ˈvakONss] **holiday,
 vacation**
 vacances annuelles **annual
 holiday**
 vaccin **m** [ˈvaxAN] **vaccination**
 vache **f** [ˈvash] **cow**
 vachement [ˈvashmon] **bloody,
 damn(ed)**
 vagin **m** [ˈvajAN] **vagina**
 vague **f** [ˈvag] **wave**
 vague de chaleur [ˈduh shalurr]
heatwave
 vais: je vais [ˈvay] **I go**
 vaisselle **f** [ˈvess-el] **crockery**
 faire la vaisselle **to do the
 washing up**
 valable [ˈval-abl] **valid**
 valable jusqu'au ... **valid**

until ...
 validez [valeeday] validate
 valise **f** [valeez] suitcase
 vallée **f** [valay] valley
 valoir [valwahr] to be worth
 varappe **f** [varap] rock climbing
 variable [varee-abl] changeable
 varicelle **f** [vareessel] chickenpox
 vase **m** [vahz] vase
 vas: tu vas [va] you go
 vas-y [va-zee] go on
 vaut: il vaut [vo] it is worth
 véhicule **m** [vay-eekool] vehicle
 vélo **m** [vaylo] bike
 faire du vélo to cycle
 vélomoteur **m** [-moturr] moped
 vendanges **fpl** [vondonj] wine harvest
 vendangeur: on demande des vendangeurs grape pickers wanted
 vendeur **m**, vendeuse **f** [vondurr, -urz] shop assistant; salesman; saleswoman
 vendre [vondr] to sell
 à vendre for sale
 vendredi [vondruhdee] Friday
 vendu uniquement sur ordonnance sold on prescription only
 venir [vuhneer] to come
 venir de faire quelque chose to have just done something
 faire venir to send for
 vent **m** [vON] wind
 vente **f** [vONT] sale; selling rate

en vente ici available here
 ventes hors taxes à bord duty free sales aboard
 vent fort strong wind
 ventilateur **m** [vONteelaturr] fan
 ventre **m** [vONtr] stomach
 verglas **m** [vairgla] black ice
 vérifier [vayreef-yay] to check
 vérifiez votre monnaie check your change
 vernis à ongles **m** [vairnee a ONgl] nail polish
 verrai: je verrai [vairray] I will see
 verra: il/elle verra [vairra] he/she/it will see
 verras: tu verras [vairra] you will see
 verre **m** [vair] glass
 verre à eau [o] tumbler
 verre à vin [VAN] wineglass
 verrez: vous verrez [vairray] you will see
 verrons: nous verrons [vairron] we will see
 verront: ils/elles verront [vairron] they will see
 verrou **m** [vairroo] bolt
 verrouiller [vairroo-yay] to bolt; to lock
 vers **m** [vair] verse
 vers towards; about
 versement **m** [vairss-mON] payment, deposit
 verser [vairsay] to pay; to pour
 version originale **f** [vairss-yON oreeyeenal] in the original language
 vert [vair] green

vessie **f** [ˈvesse] bladderveste **f** [ˈvest] jacketvestiaire **m** [ˈvestee-air] cloakroom; (US) checkroom; changing roomvêtements **mpl** [ˈvetmon] clothes

vêtements dames ladies' fashions

vêtements enfants children's wear

vêtements femmes ladies' wear

vêtements hommes menswear

vêtements messieurs menswear

vétérinaire **m** [ˈvetayreenair] vetveuf **m** [ˈvurf] widower

veuillez ... [ˈvuh-ee-yay] please ...

veuillez établir votre chèque à l'ordre de ... please make cheques payable to ...

veuillez éteindre votre moteur please switch off engine

veuillez fermer la porte please close the door

veuillez libérer votre chambre avant midi please vacate your room by 12 noon

veuillez patienter please wait
veuillez patienter, nous traitons votre demande please wait, your request is being processed

veulent: ils/elles veulent [ˈvurl] they want

veut: il/elle veut [ˈvuh] he/she/it wants

cela veut dire ... that means ...

veuve **f** [ˈvurv] widow

veux: je/tu veux [ˈvuh] I/you want

vexer [ˈvexay] to offend

vidange **f** [ˈveedONj] oil change

vide [ˈveed] empty

vide-ordures **m** [ˈ-ordoor] garbage chutevie **f** [ˈvee] life

vieille [ˈv-yay] old

vieille ville **f** [ˈveel] old town

viendrai: je viendrai [ˈv-yANDray] I will come

viendra: il/elle viendra [ˈv-yANDra] he/she/it will come

viendras: tu viendras [ˈv-yANDra] you will come

viendrez: vous viendrez [ˈv-yANDray] you will come

viendrons: nous viendrons [ˈv-yANDRON] we will come

viendront: ils/elles viendront [ˈv-yANDRON] they will come

viennent: ils/elles viennent [ˈv-yen] they come

viens: je/tu viens [ˈv-yAN] I/you come

vient: il/elle vient [ˈv-yAN] he/she/it comes

vieux, **f** vieille [ˈv-yuh, v-yay] oldvignette **f** [ˈveen-yet] road tax disc; postage label

vignettes montant au choix select postage labels to required value

vignoble **m** [ˈveen-yobl] vineyard

vilebrequin **m** [veelbruhKAN] crankshaft
 ville **f** [veel] town
 en ville **in** town; **to** town
 ville jumelée avec ... twin town ...
 vingt [VAN] twenty
 vins et spiritueux wine merchant
 viol **m** [veeol] rape
 violet [veeolay] purple
 violon **m** [veeolon] violin
 virage **m** [veerahj] bend
 virage dangereux dangerous bend
 virages sur ... km bends for ... km
 virement **m** [veermON] transfer
 vis **f** [vee] screw
 visage **m** [veezahj] face
 viseur **m** [veezurr] viewfinder
 visite guidée **f** [veezeet geeday] guided tour
 visiter [veezeetay] to visit
 visitez ... visit ...
 vite [veet] quick; quickly
 vitesse **f** speed; gear
 vitesse limitée à ... speed limit ...
 vitre **f** [veetr] window
 vitrine **f** [veetreen] shop window
 vivant [veevON] alive
 vivre [veevr] to live
 VO (version originale) [vay-o] in the original language
 vœux: meilleurs vœux [may-yurr vuh] best wishes
 voici [vwa-see] here is; here

are; here you are
 voie **f** [vwa] platform; track; lane
 par voie orale orally
 voie ferrée railway
 voie pour véhicules lents crawler lane
 voilà [vwala] here is; here are; there you are
 le voilà there he is
 voile **f** [vwal] sail; sailing
 voilier **m** [vwal-yay] sailing boat
 voir [vwahr] to see
 voisin **m**, voisine **f** [vwazan, -zeen] neighbour
 voiture **f** [vwatoor] car; coach; carriage
 en voiture by car
 voiture de queue rear car
 voiture de tête front car
 voix **f** [vwa] voice
 vol **m** flight; theft
 volant **m** [volON] steering wheel
 vol à voile [vwal] gliding
 vol direct direct flight
 voler [volay] to steal; to fly
 volets **mpl** [volay] shutters
 voleur **m** [vollurr] thief
 volley **m** [volay] volleyball
 vols intérieurs **mpl** [vol ZANTayree-urr] domestic flights
 vols internationaux [ZANTairassyono] international flights
 vomir [vomeer] to be sick, to vomit
 vont: ils/elles vont [vON] they go
 vos* [vo] your

votre* [votr] your
 vôtre*: le/la vôtre [luh/la vohtr]
 yours
 à la vôtre! cheers!
 vôtres*: les vôtres [lay vohtr]
 yours
 voudraient: il/elles voudraient
 [voodray] they would like
 voudrais: je/tu voudrais
 [voodray] I/you would like
 voudrait: il/elle voudrait
 [voodray] he/she/it would like
 voudriez: vous voudriez
 [voodree-ay] you would like
 voudrions: nous voudrions
 [voodree-ON] we would like
 voulez: que voulez-vous?
 [kuh voolay-voo] what do you want?
 voulez-vous ...? do you want ...?
 voulez-vous un reçu? do you want a receipt?
 vouloir [voolwahr] to want
 vouloir dire [deer] to mean
 voulu [vooloo] wanted
 vous* [voo] you; (to) you
 vous désirez? can I help you?
 vous êtes ici you are here
 vouvoyer [voo-vwy-ay] to use the polite 'vous' form
 voyage m [vwy-ahj] trip, journey
 voyage d'affaires [dafair] business trip
 voyage de noces [duh noss] honeymoon

voyage organisé [organeezay] package tour
 voyager [vwy-ahjay] to travel
 voyageur m [vwy-ahjurr] traveller
 voyagiste m [vwy-ahjeest] tour operator
 vrai [vray] true; real
 à vrai dire actually
 vraiment [vraymon] really
 vu [voo] seen
 vue f [voo] view

W

wagon m [vagon] carriage
 wagon-lit [-lee] sleeper, sleeping car
 wagon-restaurant [-restorON] dining car
 WC mpl [vay-say] toilet, rest room

Y

y [ee] there; it
 y a-t-il ...? [yateel] is there ...?; are there ...?
 yeux mpl [yuh] eyes

Z

zéro [zayro] zero
 zone bleue f [zon bluh] restricted parking area
 zone piétonne [p-payton] pedestrian precinct
 zone piétonnière [p-paytonair] pedestrian precinct

Menu Reader: Food

Essential Terms

bread le pain [pAN]

butter le beurre [burr]

cup la tasse [tass]

dessert le dessert [desair]

fish le poisson [pwassON]

fork la fourchette [foorshet]

glass le verre [vair]

knife le couteau [kooto]

main course le plat principal [pla prANseepal]

meat la viande [veeOND]

menu la carte [kart]

pepper le poivre [pwahvr]

plate l'assiette f [ass-yet]

salad la salade [sa-lad]

salt le sel

set menu le menu (à prix fixe) [muhn00 (a pree feex)]

soup le potage [potahj]

spoon la cuillère [kwee-yair]

starter l'entrée f [ONtray]

table la table [tahbl]

another ..., please encore ..., s'il vous plaît [ONkor ..., seel voo play]

excuse me! (to call waiter/waitress) pardon [par-dON]

could I have the bill, please? l'addition, s'il vous plaît [adeess-yON
seel voo play]

abats [aba] offal
 abricot [abreeko] apricot
 agneau [an-yo] lamb
 aiguillette de bœuf [ay-gwee-yet
 duh burf] slices of rump steak
 ail [i] garlic
 ailloli [i-olee] garlic
 mayonnaise
 à la broche [ala brosh] roasted
 on a spit
 à l'ail [ali] with garlic
 à la jardinière [ala jardeen-yair]
 with assorted vegetables
 à l'ancienne [alons-yen]
 traditional style
 à la normande [ala normond] in
 cream sauce
 à la provençale [ala provonsahl]
 cooked in olive oil with
 tomatoes, garlic and herbs
 alose [aloze] shad (fish)
 amande [amond] almond
 ananas [anana] pineapple
 anchois [ONshwa] anchovies
 andouillette [ONDoo-yet] small,
 spicy tripe sausage
 anguille [ONGwee] eel
 araignée de mer [aren-yay duh
 mair] spider crab
 arête [aret] fishbone
 artichaut [artee-sho] artichoke
 asperge(s) [aspairj] asparagus
 aspic de volaille [vol-i] chicken
 in aspic
 assaisonnement [assezonuhMON]
 seasoning; dressing
 assiette anglaise [ass-yet
 ONGlez] selection of cold
 meats

aubergine aubergine,
 eggplant
 au choix ... [o shwa] choice
 of ...
 aux câpres [o kapr] in caper
 sauce
 avocat [avoka] avocado
 baba au rhum [o rum] rum
 baba
 baguette stick of bread,
 French stick
 banane [banan] banana
 bananes flambées [banan
 flonbay] bananas flambéd in
 brandy
 barbue [barboo] brill (fish)
 bâtard [batar] a half-size
 French stick (250g)
 bavaroise [bavarwaz] light
 mousse
 bavette à l'échalote [bavet a
 layshalot] grilled beef with
 shallots
 béarnaise [bay-arnez] with
 béarnaise sauce (sauce made
 from egg yolks, butter and
 herbs)
 beaufort [bofor] hard cheese
 from Savoie
 bécasse [baykass] woodcock
 béchamel [bayshamel] white
 sauce, béchamel sauce
 beignet [ben-yay] fritter,
 doughnut
 beignet aux pommes [o pom]
 apple fritter
 betterave [betrahv] beetroot;
 (US) red beet

beurre [burr] butter
 beurre d'anchois [donshwa]
 anchovy paste
 beurre d'estragon [destragon]
 tarragon butter
 beurre noir [nwahr] dark
 melted butter
 bien cuit [b-yan kwee] well
 done (meat)
 bifteck [beeftek] steak
 bifteck de cheval [duh shuhval]
 horsemeat steak
 biscuit de Savoie [beess-kwee
 duh savwa] sponge cake
 bisque d'écrevisses [beesk
 daykruhveess] freshwater
 crayfish soup
 bisque de homard [duh omar]
 lobster bisque
 bisque de langoustines
 [lɔŋgoosteen] saltwater
 crayfish soup
 blanquette de veau [blonket duh
 vo] veal stew
 bleu [bluh] very rare; rare;
 blue
 bleu d'Auvergne [dovairn] blue
 cheese from Auvergne
 bœuf [burf] beef
 bœuf à la ficelle [feesel] beef
 cooked in stock
 bœuf bourguignon [boor-geen-
 yon] beef cooked in red
 wine
 bœuf en daube [ON dohb] beef
 casserole
 bœuf miroton [meeroton] boiled
 beef with onions
 bœuf mode [mod] beef stew

with carrots
 boisson [bwasson] drink
 bolet [bolay] boletus (mushroom)
 bouchée à la reine [booshay ala
 ren] vol au vent
 boudin [boodAN] black pudding
 boudin blanc [blon] white
 pudding
 boudin noir [nwahr] black
 pudding
 bouillabaisse [booyabess] spicy
 fish soup from the Midi
 bouilli [boo-ye] boiled
 bouillon [booyON] stock
 bouillon de légumes [duh
 laygoom] vegetable stock
 bouillon de poule [pool]
 chicken stock
 boulette [boolet] meatball
 bouquet rose [bookay roz]
 prawns
 boutargue [bootarg] smoked
 fish roe
 braisé [brezay] braised
 brandade de morue [brondad
 duh moroo] cod and potatoes,
 mashed
 brioche [bree-osh] round bun
 brochet [broshay] pike
 brochette [broshet] kebab
 brugnon [broon-yon] nectarine

 cabillaud [kabee-yo] cod
 cacahuètes [kaka-wet] peanuts
 caille [ki] quail
 cake fruit cake
 cal(a)mar squid
 canapé [kanapay] small open
 sandwich, canapé

canard [kanar] duck
 canard à l'orange [lorONj] duck
 in orange sauce
 canard aux cerises [o suhreez]
 duck with cherries
 canard aux navets [o navay]
 duck with turnips
 canard laqué [lakay] Chinese
 roast duck, Peking duck
 canard rôti [rotee] roast duck
 caneton [kantON] duckling
 cantal [kONTal] hard cheese
 from Auvergne
 câpres [kapr] capers
 carbonnade [karbonad] stew
 made with beef, onions
 and beer
 cardon [kardON] cardoon,
 vegetable similar to celery
 cari [karee] curry
 carotte [karot] carrot
 carottes râpées [rapay] grated
 carrots (with vinaigrette)
 carottes Vichy carrots in
 butter and parsley
 carpe [karp] carp
 carré d'agneau [karray dan-yo]
 rack of lamb
 carrelet [karlay] plaice
 carte [kart] menu
 carvi [karvee] caraway
 casse-croûte [kass-kroot]
 sandwich; snack
 cassis [kasseess] blackcurrant
 cassoulet [kassoolay] casserole
 with pork, sausages and
 beans
 céleri (en branches) [selree (ON
 BRONsh)] celery

céleri rave [rahv] celeriac
 céleri rémoulade [raymoolad]
 celeriac in mayonnaise and
 mustard dressing
 cèpe [sep] cep (mushroom)
 cerise [suhreez] cherry
 cerises à l'eau de vie [lo duh
 vee] cherries in brandy
 cervelas [sairvuhla] saveloy
 (highly seasoned sausage
 made from brains)
 cervelle [sairvel] brains
 chabichou [shabeeshoo] goats'
 and cows' milk cheese
 champignon [shONpeen-yON]
 mushroom
 champignons de Paris
 [duh paree] white button
 mushrooms
 champignons à la grecque
 [grek] mushrooms in olive
 oil, tomatoes and herbs
 chanterelle chanterelle
 (mushroom)
 charlotte dessert consisting of
 layers of fruit, cream and
 biscuits
 chasselas [shassla] white
 grape
 châtaigne [shateñ] sweet
 chestnut
 chausson aux pommes
 [shohSON o pom] apple
 turnover
 cheval [shuhval] horse
 chèvre [shevr] goats' milk
 cheese
 chevreuil [shevruh-ee]
 venison

chicorée [sheekoray] endive,
chicory
chicorée frisée [freezay] curly
lettuce
chiffonnade d'oseille [sheefonad
dozay] sorrel cooked in
butter
chips [sheeps] crisps, (US)
potato chips
chocolatine [shokolateen]
chocolate puff pastry
chou [shoo] cabbage
chou à la crème cream puff
choucroute [shookroot]
sauerkraut with sausages
and smoked ham
chou-fleur [shooflurr]
cauliflower
chou-fleur au gratin [o gratAN]
cauliflower cheese
chou rouge [shoo rooj] red
cabbage
choux de Bruxelles [duh broo-
sel] Brussels sprouts
ciboulette [seeboolet] chives
cigarette [seegaret] kind of
finger biscuit (eg to serve with
ice cream)
citron [seetRON] lemon
citron vert [vair] lime
civet de lièvre [seevay duh lee-
evr] jugged hare
clafoutis [klafootee] batter
pudding with fruit
cochon de lait [koshON duh lay]
sucking pig
cocktail de crevettes [kruhvet]
prawn cocktail
cœur [kurr] heart

cœur d'artichaut [darteesho]
artichoke heart
coing [kwAN] quince
colin [kolAN] hake
compote [konpot] stewed fruit
compris [konpree] included
comté [kontay] hard cheese
from the Jura area
concombre [konkonbr]
cucumber
confit de canard [konfit duh
kanar] duck preserve
confit d'oie [konfee dwa] goose
preserve
confiture [konfeetoor] jam
confiture d'orange [dorONj]
marmalade
congre [kongr] conger eel
consommé [konsommay] clear
soup made from meat or
chicken
consultez aussi l'ardoise
other suggestions on the
slate
consultez notre carte des
desserts have a look at our
dessert menu
coq au vin [kok o vAN] chicken
in red wine
coque [kok] cockle
coquelet [koklay] young
cockerel, poult
coquilles Saint-Jacques [kokee
SAN jak] scallops
côte de porc [koht duh por]
pork chop
côtelette [kotlet] chop
côtelette de porc [duh por]
pork chop

cotriade bretonne [kotree-ad
bruhton] fish soup from
Brittany

coulis [koolee] creamy sauce
or soup

coulis de framboises [duh
fronbwahz] raspberry sauce

coulis de langoustines
[lɔŋgoosteen] saltwater
crayfish sauce

coulommiers [koolom-yay] rich
medium-soft cheese

coupe [koop] ice cream dessert

coupe Danemark [danmark]
vanilla ice cream with hot
chocolate sauce

coupe des îles [day zeel]
vanilla ice cream with
syrup, fruit and whipped
cream

courgette courgette, zucchini

court-bouillon [koor-booyON]
stock for poaching fish or
meat

couscous [kooskooss] semolina
(usually served with meat,
vegetables and hot spicy
sauce)

couscous royal [rwy-al]
couscous with meat

couvert [koovair] cover charge

crabe [krab] crab

crème [krem] cream; creamy
sauce or dessert

crème à la vanille [vane]e]
vanilla custard

crème anglaise [ɔŋglez]
custard

crème brûlée à la cassonade

[broolay ala kassonad] custard
covered with brown sugar
and 'grilled'

crème Chantilly [shONTee-yee]
whipped cream

crème d'asperges [daspairj]
cream of asparagus soup

crème de bolets [duh bolay]
cream of mushroom soup

crème de marrons [marON]
chestnut purée

crème de volaille [vol-i] cream
of chicken soup

crème d'huîtres [weetr] cream
of oyster soup

crème fouettée [foo-etay]
whipped cream

crème pâtissière [pateessee-air]
confectioner's custard

crème renversée [ronvairsay]
custard dessert in a mould

crème vichyssoise [veeshee-
swaz] cold potato and leek
soup

crêpe [krep] pancake

crêpe à la béchamel
[bayshamel] pancake with
béchamel sauce

crêpe à la chantilly [shONTee-
yee] pancake with whipped
cream

crêpe à la crème de marrons
[krem de marON] pancake with
chestnut purée

crêpe à l'œuf [al-uhf] pancake
with a fried egg

crêpe au chocolat [o shokola]
pancake with chocolate
sauce

crêpe au fromage [fromahj]
cheese pancake
crêpe au jambon [jonbON] ham
pancake
crêpe au sucre [sookr] pancake
with sugar
crêpe au thon [tON] tuna
pancake
crêpe de froment [duh fromON]
wholemeal flour pancake
crêpes Suzette pancakes
flambéd with orange sauce
crêpinette [krappeenet] sausage
patty wrapped in fat
cresson [kressON] cress
crevette [kruhvét] prawn
crevette grise [greez] shrimp
crevette rose [roz] prawn
croque-madame [krok ma-dam]
toasted cheese sandwich
with ham and eggs
croque-monsieur [krok
muhss-yuh] toasted cheese
sandwich with ham
crottin de Chavignol [krotAN
duh shaveen-yol] small goats'
cheese
crottin de chèvre chaud [shevr
sho] small goats' cheese
served hot
croûte au fromage [kroot o
fromahj] toasted cheese
croûte forestière [forest-yair]
mushrooms on toast
crudités [kroodeetay] selection
of salads or chopped raw
vegetables
crustacés [kroostassay] shellfish
cuit cooked

cuisses de grenouille [kweess
duh gruhnoo-yuh] frogs' legs
cuissot de chevreuil [kweeso
duh shevruh-ee] haunch of
venison

darne de saumon grillée [darn
duh somON gree-yay] grilled
salmon steak

dartois [dartwa] pastry with
jam

datte [dat] date

daurade [dorad] gilthead (fish)

dinde [dAND] turkey

échalote [ayshalot] shallot

écrevisse [aykruhvæss]

freshwater crayfish

écrevisses à la nage [nahj]
freshwater crayfish in wine
and vegetable sauce

émincé de veau [aymANSay duh
vo] finely cut veal in cream
sauce

emporter: à emporter [ONportay]
to take away; (US) to go

endive [ONdeev] chicory,
endive

endives au jambon [o jonbON]
chicory with ham baked in
the oven

endives braisées [brezay]
braised chicory

entrecôte [ONtr-koht] rib steak

entrecôte au poivre [o pwahvr]
steak fried with black
peppercorns

entrecôte maître d'hôtel
[metr dotel] steak with butter

and parsley
 entrée [ONtray] first course
 entremets [ONtr-may] dessert
 épaule d'agneau farcie
 [aypol dan-yo farsee] stuffed
 shoulder of lamb
 éperlan [aypairlON] smelt (fish)
 épice [aypeess] spice
 épinards [aypeenar] spinach
 épinards à la crème spinach
 with cream
 épinards en branches [ON
 brONsh] leaf spinach
 escalope à la crème escalope
 in cream sauce
 escalope de dinde à la crème
 et aux champignons [duh
 dAND] turkey cutlet with
 cream and mushrooms
 escalope de veau milanaise
 [duh vo meelanez] veal
 escalope with tomato sauce
 escalope de veau normande
 [normOND] veal escalope in
 cream sauce
 escalope panée [panay]
 breaded veal escalope
 escargots [eskargo] snails
 escargots de Bourgogne à la
 douzaine dozen Burgundy
 snails
 espadon [espadON] swordfish
 estouffade de bœuf [estoofad
 duh burf] beef casserole
 estragon [estragON] tarragon

faisan [fezzON] pheasant
 fait maison [fay mezzON]
 homemade

farci [farsee] stuffed
 farine [fareen] flour
 faux filet sauce béarnaise [fo
 feelay] fillet/sirloin steak
 with béarnaise sauce
 fenouil [fenoo-yuh] fennel
 fèves [fev] broad beans
 ficelle [feessel] French stick
 thinner than a baguette
 figue [feeg] fig
 figue de barbarie prickly pear
 filet [feelay] fillet
 filet de bœuf Rossini [duh burf]
 fillet of beef with foie gras
 filet de canard au poivre vert
 [duh kanar o pwahvr vair] duck
 breast with green pepper
 sauce
 filet de perche [pairsh] perch
 fillet
 financière [feenONss-yair]
 rich sauce (served with
 sweetbread, dumplings etc)
 fines herbes [feen zairb] herbs
 flageolets [flajolay] flageolets,
 small green beans
 flambé [flONbay] flambé
 flan [flON] custard tart; crème
 caramel; egg custard
 flétan [flaytON] halibut
 foie [fwa] liver
 foie de veau [vo] calves' liver
 foie gras [gra] duck or goose
 liver preserve
 foies de volaille [vol-i] chicken
 livers
 fondant au chocolat [fondON o
 shokola] chocolate fondant;
 kind of brownie

fonds d'artichaut [fɔ̃n darteesho] artichoke hearts

fondue [fɔ̃du] Swiss dish of cheese melted in white wine

fondue bourguignonne [boor-geen-yon] meat fondue (cooked in oil)

fondue savoyarde [savvy-ard] cheese fondue

forêt noire [foray nwahr] Black Forest gâteau

fraise [frez] strawberry

fraise des bois [day bwa] wild strawberry

framboise [frɔ̃nbwahrz] raspberry

frangipane [frɔ̃njeepan] almond pastry

frisée [freezay] curly lettuce

frisée aux lardons [o lardɔ̃n] curly lettuce with bacon

frit [free] deep fried

frites [freet] chips, French fries

fromage [fromahj] cheese

fromage blanc [blɔ̃n] cream cheese

fromage de chèvre [duh shevr] goats' cheese

fruité [frweetay] fruity

fruits [frwee] fruit

fruits de mer [duh mair] seafood

fumé [foomay] smoked

galantine [galɔ̃nteen] cold meat in aspic

galette [galet] round flat cake; buckwheat pancake

garni [garnee] with French fries or rice and/or vegetables

gâteau au fromage [o fromahj] cheesecake

gaufre [gohfr] wafer; waffle

gaufrette [gohfret] wafer

gelée [juhlay] jelly
en gelée [ɔ̃n] in aspic

génisse [jayneess] heifer

génoise [jaynwahz] sponge cake

gésier [jayzee-ay] gizzard

gibelotte de lapin [jeeblot duh lapɔ̃n] rabbit stewed in white wine

gibier [jeeb-yay] game

gigot d'agneau [jeego dan-yo] leg of lamb

gigue de chevreuil [jeeg duh shuhvruh-ee] haunch of venison

girolle [jee-rol] chanterelle (mushroom)

glace [glass] ice cream; ice

goujon [goojɔ̃n] gudgeon (fish)

grand veneur [grɔ̃n vuhnurr] sauce for game

gras-double [gra-doobl] tripe

gratin [gratɔ̃n] baked cheese dish

au gratin [o] baked in a milk, cream and cheese sauce

gratin dauphinois [dofeen-wa] potato gratin with grated cheese

gratin de carottes [duh karot] carrots au gratin

gratin de langoustines

[lɒŋgoosteen] saltwater
 crayfish au gratin
 gratin de queues d'écrevisses
 [kuh daykruhveess] freshwater
 crayfish au gratin
 gratinée [grateenay] onion soup
 with cheese topping
 grenade [gruhnad]
 pomegranate
 grillade [gree-yad] grilled meat
 grillé [gree-yay] grilled
 grive [greev] thrush
 grondin [grONDAN] gurnard (fish)
 groseille blanche [grossay
 blonsh] white currant
 groseille rouge [rooj] red
 currant
 gruyère [grwee-yair] hard Swiss
 cheese

hachis parmentier [ashee
 parmONtee-ay] shepherd's pie
 hareng mariné [arON mareenay]
 marinated herring
 haricot de mouton [areeko duh
 mootON] mutton stew with
 beans
 haricots [areeko] green beans;
 beans
 haricots blancs [blON] haricot
 beans
 haricots verts [vair] green
 beans
 herbes [airb] herbs
 herbes de Provence [duh
 provONss] herbs from
 Provence
 homard [omar] lobster
 homard à l'américaine

[lammaireeken] lobster with
 tomato and white wine
 sauce
 huile de soja [weel duh soja]
 soya oil
 huile de tournesol [toornuhsol]
 sunflower oil
 huile d'olive [doleev] olive oil
 huître [weetr] oyster
 îles flottantes [eel flotONt]
 floating islands (poached
 whisked egg whites on top
 of custard)
 jambon [jONbON] ham
 jambon au madère [o madair]
 ham in Madeira wine
 jambon de Bayonne [duh ba-
 yon] smoked and cured ham
 jardinière (de légumes)
 [jardeen-yair (duh laygOom)] with
 mixed vegetables
 jarret de veau [jarray duh vo]
 shin of veal
 julienne (de légumes) [joollee-
 en (duh laygOom)] soup with
 chopped vegetables
 julienne type of white fish

kugelhof [kOOgelhof] cake from
 Alsace
 laitue [lettOO] lettuce
 langouste [lɒŋgoost] crayfish
 langoustine [lɒŋgoosteen]
 scampi
 langue de bœuf [lɒŋ-g duh burf]
 ox tongue

langue de chat [sha] kind of
finger biscuit (served with ice
cream etc)

lapereau [lapero] young rabbit

lapin [lapAN] rabbit

lapin à la Lorraine rabbit in
mushroom and cream sauce

lapin à la moutarde [mootard]
rabbit in mustard sauce

lapin chasseur [shassurr] rabbit
in white wine and herbs

lapin de garenne [garren] wild
rabbit

lard [lar] bacon

lardons [lardON] small cubes
of bacon

laurier [loree-ay] bay leaf

léger [layjay] light

légumes [laygoom] vegetables

lentilles [lONteel] lentils

lièvre [lee-evr] hare

limande [leemOND] dab, lemon
sole

livarot [leevaro] strong, soft
cheese from the north of
France

longe [lONj] loin

lotte [lot] burbot

loup au fenouil [loo o fuhnnoo-yuh]
bass with fennel

macaron [makarON] macaroon

macaroni au gratin [o gratAN]
macaroni cheese

macédoine de légumes
[massaydwan duh laygoom]
mixed vegetables with
mayonnaise

mâche [mash] lamb's lettuce

magret de canard [magray duh
kanar] duck breast

mangue [mON-g] mango

maquereau au vin blanc [makro
o VAN blON] mackerel in white
wine sauce

marcassin [marcassAN] young
wild boar

marchand de vin [marshON duh
van] in red wine sauce

mariné [mareenay] marinated

marrons [marrON] chestnuts

menthe [mONT] mint

menu [muhnOO] set menu

menu du jour [dOO joor] today's
menu

menu gastronomique
[gastronomeek] gourmet
menu

merlan au vin blanc [mairlON o
VAN blON] whiting in white
wine

mérou [mayroo] grouper

miel [mee-el] honey

millefeuille [meel-fuh-ee]
custard slice

mont-blanc [mON-blON]
chestnut sweet topped with
whipped cream

morilles [moree] morels
(mushroom)

morue [morOO] cod

mouclade [mooklad] mussels in
creamy sauce with saffron,
turmeric and white wine

moules [mool] mussels

moules à la poulette [poolet]
mussels in rich white wine
sauce

moules marinière [mareen-yair]
 mussels in white wine
 mousse au chocolat [o shokola]
 chocolate mousse
 mousse au jambon [jonbon]
 light ham pâté
 mousse de foie [duh fwa] light
 liver pâté
 moutarde [mootard] mustard
 mouton [mootON] mutton
 mullet [moolay] mullet
 munster [manstair] strong
 cheese from eastern France
 mûre [moor] blackberry
 muscade [mooskad] nutmeg
 myrtille [meertee] bilberry

nature [natoor] plain
 navarin [navarAN] mutton stew
 with vegetables
 navet [navay] turnip
 nèfle [nefl] medlar
 noixettes [nwazet] hazelnuts
 noixette d'agneau [dan-yo]
 small, round lamb steak
 noix [nwa] walnuts; nuts
 nouilles [noo-yuh] noodles

œuf [urf] egg
 œuf à la coque [kok] soft-
 boiled egg
 œuf cocotte à la tomate [kokot
 ala tomat] egg cooked with
 tomato in the oven
 œuf dur [door] hard-boiled egg
 œuf en gelée [ON juhlay] egg
 in aspic
 œuf mayonnaise egg
 mayonnaise

œuf mollet [molay] soft-boiled
 egg
 œuf poché [poshay] poached
 egg
 œufs à la neige [uh ala nej]
 floating islands (poached
 whisked egg whites on top
 of custard)
 œufs au lait [o lay] egg custard
 œufs au vin [VAN] eggs
 poached in red wine
 œufs brouillés [broo-yay]
 scrambled eggs
 œufs en meurette [ON murret]
 poached eggs in wine sauce
 œuf sur le plat [urf soor luh pla]
 fried egg
 oie [wa] goose
 oignon [onyON] onion
 olive [oleev] olive
 omelette au fromage [fromahj]
 cheese omelette
 omelette au jambon [jonbon]
 ham omelette
 omelette au naturel [natorel]
 plain omelette
 omelette aux champignons
 [o shONpeen-yON] mushroom
 omelette
 omelette aux fines herbes
 [feen zairb] omelette with
 herbs
 omelette nature [natoor] plain
 omelette
 omelette paysanne [pay-eezan]
 omelette with potatoes and
 bacon
 opéra [opayra] plain chocolate
 and coffee gateau

orange givrée [geevray] orange
sorbet served in a scooped-
out orange
oseille [ohzay] sorrel
oursin [oorsAN] sea urchin

pain [PAN] bread; loaf
pain au chocolat [o shokola]
type of pastry with
chocolate filling
pain au lait [lay] kind of sweet
bun
pain aux noix [nwa] walnut
bread
pain aux raisins [o rezzAN] kind
of brioche with custard and
sultanas
pain bagnat [ban-ya] tuna salad
sandwich in wholemeal
bread roll (from the French
Riviera)
pain blanc [blON] white bread
pain complet [konplay]
wholemeal bread
pain de campagne [konpañ]
farmhouse bread/loaf
pain de mie [mee] sliced white
bread
pain de seigle [segl] rye bread
pain de son [SON] bran bread
pain viennois [vee-enwa]
Vienna loaf
palette de porc [palet duh por]
pork shoulder
palourde [paloord] clam
pamplemousse [ponpl-mooss]
grapefruit
panaché ... [panashay]
mixed ...

panade [panad] bread soup
pané [panay] breaded
papillote: en papillote [ON
papee-yot] baked in foil or
paper
parfait glacé [parfay glassay]
frozen sweet
pastèque [pastek] water melon
pâte d'amandes [paht damOND]
marzipan
pâté de canard [duh kanar]
duck pâté
pâté de foie de volaille [fwa duh
vol] chicken liver pâté
pâte feuilletée [paht fuh-ee-etay]
puff pastry
pâtes [paht] pasta
pâtisserie [pateesree] cake;
cake shop
pâtisserie maison [mezzON]
home made gâteau
paupiettes de veau [pohp-yet
duh vo] rolled-up stuffed
slices of veal
pavé de rumsteak [pavay duh]
thick piece of steak
pêche [pesh] peach
pêche Melba peach melba
perdreau [païdro] young
partridge
perdrix [païdree] partridge
persil [pairsee] parsley
petit beurre [puhtee burr] biscuit/
cookie made with butter
petite friture [puhteeet fretoor]
whitebait
petit gâteau biscuit
petit pain [PAN] roll
petits pois [puhtee pwa] peas

petits fours [foor] decorated
small cakes and biscuits
petit suisse [sweess] light
cream cheese
pieds de cochon/porc [p-yay
duh koshON/por] pigs' trotters
pigeon [peejON] pigeon
pigeonneau [peejono] young
pigeon
pignatelle [peen-yatel] small
cheese fritter
pilaf rice dish with meat
pilaf de mouton [duh mootON]
rice dish with mutton
pintade [pANTad] guinea fowl
piperade [peepuhrad] scrambled
eggs with peppers and
tomatoes
pissaladière [peessaladee-yair]
Provençal dish similar to
pizza
pissenlit [peess-ON-lee]
dandelion
pistache [peestash] pistachio
pizza quatre saisons [katr
sezzON] four seasons pizza
plat de résistance [pla duh
rayseestONss] main course
plat du jour [pla doo joor] dish
of the day
plateau de fromages [plato duh
fromahj] cheese board
plateau de fruits de mer [duh
frwee duh mair] seafood platter
plat principal [pla pranseepal]
main course
pochouse [poshooz] fish
casserole with white wine
point: à point [pwan] medium

poire [pwahr] pear
poireau [pwahro] leek
poire belle-Hélène [bel aylen]
pear in chocolate sauce
pois chiches [pwa sheesh]
chickpeas
poisson [pwassON] fish
poivre [pwahvr] pepper
(seasoning)
poivron [pwahvrON] pepper
(vegetable)
poivron farci [farsee] stuffed
pepper
pomme [pom] apple
pomme au four [o foor] jacket
potato
pomme bonne femme [bon
fam] baked apple
pomme de terre [duh tair]
potato
pommes alumettes [pom
aloomet] French fries
pommes dauphine [dofeen]
potato fritters
pommes de terre à l'anglaise
[pom duh tair a lONglez] boiled
potatoes
pommes (de terre) en robe de
chambre [ON rob duh shONbr]
jacket potatoes
pommes (de terre) en robe
des champs [ON rob day shON]
jacket potatoes
pommes (de terre) sautées
[sotay] fried potatoes
pommes frites [freet] chips,
French fries
pommes paille [pi] finely cut
chips, French fries

pommes vapeur [vapurr] boiled
 potatoes
 porc [por] pork
 potage [potahj] soup
 potage bilibi [beeleebee] fish
 and oyster soup
 potage Crécy [kraysee] carrot
 and rice soup
 potage cressonnière
 [kressonee-yair] watercress
 soup
 potage parmentier [parmont-
 yay] leek and potato soup
 potage printanier [prAntan-yay]
 fine vegetable soup
 potage Saint-Germain [SAN
 jairMAN] split pea soup
 potage velouté [vuhlootay]
 creamy soup
 pot-au-feu [potofuh] beef and
 vegetable stew
 potée [potay] vegetable and
 meat hotpot
 potiron [poteeron] pumpkin
 poularde [poolard] fattened
 chicken
 poule [pool] chicken
 poule au pot [o po] chicken
 and vegetable stew
 poule au riz [o ree] chicken
 with rice
 poulet [poolay] chicken
 poulet à l'estragon [lestragon]
 chicken in tarragon sauce
 poulet basquaise [baskez]
 chicken with ham,
 tomatoes and peppers
 poulet chasseur [shassurr]
 chicken with mushrooms

and white wine
 poulet créole [kray-ol] chicken
 in white sauce served with
 rice
 poulet grillé [gree-yay] grilled
 chicken
 poulet rôti [ro-tee] roast
 chicken
 poulpe [poolp] octopus
 praire [prair] clam
 provençale [provONsal] with
 tomatoes, garlic and herbs
 prune [proon] plum
 pruneau [prOono] prune
 pudding plum pudding
 purée [pOOray] mashed
 potatoes
 purée de marrons [duh marrON]
 chestnut purée
 purée de pommes de terre
 [pom duh tair] mashed
 potatoes
 quatre-quarts [katr-kar] similar
 to Madeira cake
 quenelle [kuhnel] dumpling,
 generally made with
 chicken or pike
 queue de bœuf [kuh duh burf]
 oxtail
 quiche lorraine quiche with
 bacon
 râble de chevreuil [rabl duh
 shuhvrüh-ee] saddle of
 venison
 râble de lièvre [duh lee-evr]
 saddle of hare
 raclette [raklet] Swiss dish of

melted cheese with boiled
 potatoes and cold meat
 radis [radee] radish
 ragoût [ragoo] stew
 raie [ray] skate
 raie au beurre noir [o burr
 nwahr] skate fried in butter
 raifort [rayfor] horseradish
 raisin [rezzAN] grape(s)
 râpé [rapay] grated
 rascasse [raskass] scorpion
 fish
 ratatouille [ratatoo-yuh] dish of
 stewed peppers, courgettes/
 zucchinis, aubergines/
 eggplants and tomatoes
 ravigote [raveegot] dressing
 with herbs and shallots
 reblochon [ruhbloshON] strong
 cheese from Savoie
 reine-claude [ren-klohd]
 greengage
 religieuse au chocolat/au café
 [ruhleejurz o shokola/o kafay]
 cream puff with chocolate
 or coffee icing/frosting
 rémoulade [ray-moolad]
 mayonnaise dressing with
 mustard and herbs
 rigotte [reegot] small goat
 cheese from the Lyons area
 rillettes [ree-yet] potted pork
 and goose meat
 rillettes de saumon frais et
 fumé [duh somON fray ay foomay]
 fresh and smoked salmon
 paté
 ris de veau [ree duh vo] veal
 sweetbread

rissole [reessol] meat pie
 riz [ree] rice
 riz à l'impératrice [IANpayratrees]
 sweet rice dish
 riz pilaf spicy rice with meat
 or seafood
 rognon [RON-yON] kidney
 rognons au madère [RON-yON zo
 madair] kidneys in Madeira
 wine
 romarin [romarAN] rosemary
 roquefort [rokfor] blue ewes'
 milk cheese from the south
 of France
 rosette de Lyon [rozet duh lee-
 ON] dry salami-type sausage
 rôti de porc [rotee duh por] roast
 pork
 rouget [roo-jay] mullet
 rouille [roo-yuh] spicy sauce to
 go with bouillabaisse
 sabayon [saba-yON] dessert
 made from egg yolks and
 Marsala wine
 sablé [sablai] shortbread
 saignant [sen-yON] rare
 saint-honoré [SAINT-onoray] cake
 with cream and choux
 pastry decoration
 saint-marcellin [SAN-marsuh-IAN]
 goats' cheese
 salade [sa-lad] salad; lettuce
 salade aux noix [o nwa] green
 salad with walnuts
 salade composée [kompozay]
 mixed salad
 salade de gésiers [jayzee-ay]
 green salad with gizzards

salade de tomates [tomat]
tomato salad
salade niçoise [neess-wahz]
salad with olives, tomatoes,
anchovies and hard boiled
eggs
salade russe [rooss] diced
vegetables in mayonnaise
salade verte [vairt] green salad
salmis [salmee] game stew
salsifis [salseefee] oyster plant,
salsify
sandwich au fromage
[sONDweech o fromahj] cheese
sandwich
sandwich au jambon [jONBON]
ham sandwich
sandwich au saucisson
[soseeson] salami sandwich
sandwich aux rillettes [ree-yet]
pâté sandwich
sandwich crudités salad
sandwich
sandwich thon/mayonnaise
[tON] tuna/mayonnaise
sandwich
sanglier [SON-glee-yay] wild
boar
sauce aurore [o-ror] white
sauce with tomato purée
sauce aux câpres [o kapr]
white sauce with capers
sauce béarnaise [bay-ar-nez]
sauce made from egg yolks,
lemon juice or vinegar,
butter and herbs
sauce béchamel [bayshamel]
white sauce
sauce blanche [blONsh] white

sauce
sauce grand veneur [grON
vuhnurr] sauce for game
sauce gribiche [greebeesh]
dressing with hard boiled
eggs, capers and herbs
sauce hollandaise [olONdez]
rich sauce made with eggs,
butter and vinegar, served
with fish
sauce madère [madair]
Madeira sauce
sauce matelote [matlot] wine
sauce
sauce Mornay [mornay]
béchamel sauce with cheese
sauce mousseline [moossleen]
hollandaise sauce with
cream
sauce poulette [poolet] sauce
with mushrooms, egg yolks
and wine
sauce ravigote [raveegot]
dressing with shallots and
herbs
sauce rémoulade [ray-moolad]
dressing made from
mayonnaise, mustard and
herbs
sauce suprême [sooprem]
creamy sauce
sauce tartare mayonnaise
with herbs, gherkins and
capers
sauce veloutée [vuhlootay]
white sauce with egg yolks
and cream
sauce vinot [veeno] wine sauce
sausisse [sosseess] sausage

saucisse de Francfort [duh fronkfor] **frankfurter**
 saucisse de Strasbourg [strazboorg] **beef sausage**
 saucisson [sosseesson] **salami**
 saumon [somon] **salmon**
 saumon à l'oseille [lozay] **salmon with sorrel**
 saumon fumé [somon foomay] **smoked salmon**
 sauté de dindonneau [dANDonno] **sauté of turkey poult**
 savarin [savarAN] **crown-shaped rum baba**
 seiche [sesh] **cuttlefish**
 sel **salt**
 selle d'agneau [sel dan-yo] **saddle of lamb**
 selon arrivage **depending on availability**
 service (non) compris **service (not) included**
 sole bonne femme [bon fam] **sole in white wine and mushrooms**
 sole meunière [muhn-yair] **sole dipped in flour and fried in butter**
 soufflé au chocolat [o shokola] **chocolate soufflé**
 soufflé au fromage [fromahj] **cheese soufflé**
 soufflé au jambon [jonBON] **ham soufflé**
 soupe [soop] **thick soup**
 soupe à l'ail [li] **garlic soup**
 soupe à la tomate [tomat] **tomato soup**

soupe à l'oignon [lonyon] **onion soup**
 soupe à l'oseille [lozay] **sorrel soup**
 soupe au pistou [o peestoo] **thick vegetable soup with basil**
 soupe aux choux [shoo] **cabbage soup**
 soupe aux moules [o mool] **mussel soup**
 soupe aux poireaux et pommes de terre [pwaro ay pom duh tair] **leek and potato soup**
 soupe de légumes [laygoom] **vegetable soup**
 soupe de poisson [pwasson] **fish soup**
 steak au poivre [o pwahvr] **pepper steak**
 steak frites [freet] **steak and chips/French fries**
 steak haché [ashay] **minced meat**
 steak sauce au poivre [o pwahvr] **steak with pepper sauce**
 steak sauce au roquefort [rokfor] **steak with roquefort cheese sauce**
 steak tartare **raw minced beef with a raw egg**
 sucre [sookr] **sugar**
 suprême de volaille [sooprem duh vol] **chicken in cream sauce**
 surgelés [soorjuhlay] **frozen food**

surprise du chef [s00rpreez d00 shef] chef's surprise (gateau)

tajine [tajeen] North African stew of mutton or chicken, vegetables and prunes cooked in an earthenware dish

tanche [t0Nsh] tench (fish)

tartare tartar(e); raw

tarte [tart] tart; pie

tarte au citron meringuée [0 seetRON muhrANGay] lemon meringue pie

tarte aux fraises [0 frez] strawberry tart/pie

tarte aux myrtilles [meertee] bilberry tart

tarte aux poireaux [pwahro] leek flan

tarte aux pommes [pom] apple tart/pie

tarte frangipane [fr0Njeepan] almond cream tart/pie

tartelette [tartuh-let] small tart/pie

tarte Tatin [tatAN] baked apple dish

tartine [tarteen] buttered slice of bread

tendrons de veau [t0Ndr0N duh vo] veal breast

terrinerie [terreen] rougher type of pâté

terrinerie du chef [d00 shef] pâté maison, chef's special pâté

tête de veau [tet duh vo] calf's head

thon [t0N] tuna fish

thon Mirabeau [meerabo] tuna cooked in eggs and milk

thym [tAN] thyme

tomate [tomat] tomato

tomme de Savoie [tom duh savwa] white cheese from Savoie

tourte [toort] pie

tourteau [toorto] kind of crab

tous nos plats sont garnis all our dishes are served with vegetables

tripes [treep] tripe

tripes à la mode de Caen [duh KON] tripe in spicy vegetable sauce

truffe [troof] truffle

truite au bleu [trweet 0 bluh] poached trout

truite meunière [muhn-yair] trout coated in flour and fried in butter

vacherin [vashrAN] strong, soft cheese from the Jura area

vacherin glacé [glassay] ice cream meringue

veau [vo] veal

velouté d'asperges [vuhlootay daspairj] cream of asparagus soup

velouté de tomates [tomat] cream of tomato soup

velouté de volaille [voli] cream of chicken soup

velouté d'huîtres [dweetr] cream of oyster soup

vermicelle [vairmeesel] very fine pasta used in soups

viande [vee-OND] meat

viande hachée [ashay] minced
meat

vichyssoise [veesheeswahz] cold
vegetable soup

vinaigre [veenegr] vinegar

volaille [volī] poultry

yaourt [ya-oorē] yogurt

Menu Reader: Drink

Essential Terms

beer	la bière	[bee-air]
bottle	la bouteille	[bootay]
brandy	le cognac	
coffee	le café	
cup	la tasse	[tass]
a cup of ...	une tasse de ...	
gin	le gin	[djeen]
gin and tonic	un gin-tonic	
glass	le verre	[vair]
a glass of ...	un verre de ...	
milk	le lait	[lay]
mineral water	l'eau minérale	f [o meenayral]
orange juice	le jus d'orange	[joo dorONj]
port	le porto	
red wine	le vin rouge	[VAN rooj]
rosé	le rosé	[rozzay]
soda (water)	le soda	
soft drink	la boisson non-alcoolisée	[bwassON non-alkoleezay]
sugar	le sucre	[sookr]
tea	le thé	[tay]
tonic (water)	le schweppes®	
vodka	la vodka	
water	l'eau	f [o]
whisky	le whisky	
white wine	le vin blanc	[VAN blON]
wine	le vin	[VAN]
wine list	la carte des vins	[kart day VAN]
another ..., please	encore ..., s'il vous plaît	[ONkor ..., seel voo play]

alcool [alkool] alcohol

AOC (Appellation d'Origine
Contrôlée) guarantee of the
quality of a wine

Banyuls® [banyoolss] a sweet
apéritif wine

bière [bee-air] beer

bière (à la) pression [press-yON]
draught beer

bière (blonde) lager

bière brune [brON] bitter; dark
beer

bière rousse [rooss] relatively
sweet, fairly dark beer

blanc [blON] white wine;
white

blanc de blancs [duh blON]
white wine from white
grapes

blanquette de Limoux [blONket
duh leemoo] sparkling white
wine from Languedoc

boisson [bwassON] drink

Bourgogne [boor-goñ] wine
from the Burgundy area

Brouilly [broo-ye] red wine
from the Beaujolais area

brut [broot] very dry

café [kafay] espresso, very
strong black coffee

café au lait [o lay] white coffee

café crème [krem] white
coffee

café glacé [glassay] iced coffee

café soluble [solOObI] instant
coffee

café viennois [vee-enwa] coffee

with whipped cream
calvados apple brandy from
Normandy

camomille [kamomee]
camomile tea

capiteux [kapeetuh] heady

carte des vins [kart day vAN]
wine list

Chablis [shablee] dry white
wine from Burgundy

chambré [shONbray] at room
temperature

champagne [shONpañ]
champagne

champagnisé [shONpan-yeeyay]
sparkling

chartreuse [shartruz] herb
liqueur

Château-Margaux [shato
margo] red wine from the
Bordeaux area

Châteauneuf-du-Pape
[shatonurf doo pap] red wine
from the Rhône valley

chocolat chaud [shokola sho]
hot chocolate

chocolat glacé [glassay] iced
chocolate drink

cidre [seedr] cider

cidre bouché [booshay] cider in
bottle with a cork

cidre doux [doo] sweet cider

51® (cinquante-et-un)
[sankONTay-AN] a brand of
pastis

citron pressé [seetRON pressay]
fresh lemon juice

cognac [kONyak] brandy

crème [krem] white coffee

crème de cassis [duh kasseess]
blackcurrant liqueur
cru [kr00] vintage
cru classé high quality wine

décaféiné [daykafay-eenay]
decaffeinated
délimité de qualité supérieure
superior quality wine
demi [duhme] small draught
beer; quarter of a litre of
beer

demi-sec [duhme-sek]
medium dry
diabolo menthe/fraise etc
[d-yabolo mont/frez] mint/
strawberry etc cordial with
lemonade
digestif [deejesteef] liqueur

eau [0] water
eau de vie [duh vee] spirit
made from fruit
eau minérale [meenayral]
mineral water
eau minérale gazeuse [gazurz]
sparkling mineral water

Fendant [fondON] Swiss dry
white wine
fine [feen] fine brandy, liqueur
brandy
Fleurie [flurree] red wine from
Beaujolais
frappé [frapay] well chilled, on
ice; iced

gazeux [gazurz] fizzy
Gewurztraminer [guh-

woorztrameenair] dry white
wine from Alsace
gin-tonic gin and tonic
Gini® a kind of bitter lemon
glaçon [glassON] ice cube
grand crème [grON krem] large
white coffee
grand cru [kr00] fine vintage
Graves [grahv] red wine from
the Bordeaux area

infusion [anf00z-yON] herb tea

jus [j00] juice
jus de pommes [duh pom]
apple juice
jus d'orange [dorONj] orange
juice

kir white wine with
blackcurrant liqueur
kir royal champagne with
blackcurrant liqueur
kirsch cherry brandy

lait [lay] milk
lait fraise/grenadine [frez/
gruhnadeen] milk with
strawberry/grenadine
cordial
limonade [leemonad]
lemonade

Mâcon [makON] wine from
Burgundy
marc [mar] clear spirit
distilled from grape pulp
Médoc [maydok] red wine
from the Bordeaux area

menthe à l'eau [mONT a lo] mint
cordial

méthode champenoise
made in the same way as
champagne

Meursault [murrso] wine from
Burgundy

millésime [meelay-zeem]
vintage

mousseux [moossuh] sparkling

Muscadet [mooskaday] dry
white wine from the
Nantes area

muscat [mooska] sweet white
wine

Noilly-Prat® [nwa-yee pra] an
apéritif wine similar to Dry
Martini

Nuits-Saint-Georges [nwee
SAN jorj] red wine from
Burgundy

orange pressée [oronj pressay]
fresh orange juice

panaché [panashay] shandy
Passe-Tout-Grain [pass too grAN]
red wine from Burgundy

pastis [pasteess] aniseed-
flavoured alcoholic drink

Pernod® [pairno] a brand of
pastis

pétillant [paytee-ON] sparkling
porto port

Pouilly-Fuissé [poo-yee-
fweessay] dry white wine
from Burgundy

premier cru [pruhm-yay croo]

vintage wine
pression [press-yON] draught
beer, draught

rum [rom] rum

Ricard® [reekar] a brand of
pastis

Rivesaltes® [reevsalt] a sweet
apéritif wine

rosé [rozzay] rosé wine

rouge [rooj] red

Saint-Amour [SANTamoor] red
wine from Beaujolais

Saint-Emilion [SAN-taymeelee-
yON] red wine from the
Bordeaux area

Sauternes [sotairn] fruity
white wine from the
Bordeaux area

Schweppes® tonic water
scotch scotch whisky

sec [sek] dry; neat

servir frais serve cool

sirop [seero] cordial

thé [tay] tea

thé à la menthe [mONT] mint
tea

thé au lait [o lay] tea with milk

thé citron [seetron] lemon tea

thé nature [natoor] tea without
milk

tilleul [tee-yurl] lime-flower tea

VDQS (Vin D'limité de Qualité
Supérieure) a category of
wine between vin de table
and AOC

verveine [vairven] verbená tea

vin [VAN] wine

vin blanc [blON] white wine

vin de pays [duh payee]

regional wine

vin de table [duh tahbl] table

wine

vin rosé [rozzay] rosé wine

vin rouge [rooj] red wine

Yvorne [eevorn] Swiss dry

white wine

How the Language Works

Pronunciation

In this phrasebook, the French has been written in a system of imitated pronunciation so that it can be read as though it were English. Bear in mind the notes on pronunciation given below:

AN	a French nasal sound; say the English word 'tan' clipping off the final 'n' and you are close
ay	as in may
e	as in get
g	always hard as in goat
ī	as the 'i' sound in might
j	like the 's' sound in pleasure
ñ	like the final sound in 'lasagne'
ON	a French nasal sound; say the English word 'on' through your nose and cutting off the final 'n'
oo	like the 'ew' in few but without any 'y' sound
r	comes from the back of the throat
uh	like the 'e' in butter but a little longer
y	as in yes

The French often run together or elide a word ending with a consonant and a following word that starts with a vowel. This has been shown in the pronunciation as, for example:

'do you have ...?' **est-ce que vous avez ...?** [eskuh voo zavay].

The 'z' at the beginning of 'zavay' has been run on from the preceding word.

Abbreviations

adj	adjective	m	masculine
f	feminine	mpl	masculine plural
fpl	feminine plural	sing	singular

Notes

In the English-French section, when two forms of the verb are given in phrases such as ‘**can you ...?**’ **est-ce que tu peux/vous pouvez ... ?**, the first is the familiar form and the second the polite form (see entry for **you**).

An asterisk (*) next to a word means that you should refer to the **How the Language Works** section for further information.

Nouns

All French nouns have one of two genders – masculine (un / le) or feminine (une / la).

Plural Nouns

The most common way of forming the plural of a noun – of saying, for example, ‘the passports’ instead of ‘the passport’ – is by adding an **-s** to the singular:

le passeport	les passeports
luh pass-por	lay pass-por
the passport	the passports
le magasin	les magasins
luh magazAN	lay magazAN
the shop	the shops

This **-s** is not normally pronounced in French.

To make the plural of words ending in **-au** or **-eu** you add an **-x**:

un bureau	leurs bureaux
AN booro	lurr booro
an office	their offices
le lieu	les lieux
luh l-yuh	lay l-yuh
the place	the places

This **-x** is not normally pronounced in French.

To make the plural of words ending in **-al** change **-al** to **-aux**:

un cheval	deux chevaux
AN shuhval	duh shuhvo
a horse	two horses

One important irregular plural:

mon œil

mon uh-ee

my eye

mes yeux

may z-yuh

my eyes

Articles

The words for articles ('the' and 'a') in French vary according to three elements:

the gender of the noun

the first letter of the noun

whether the noun is singular or plural

Singular Articles

The equivalents for saying 'the' are:

le luh

for masculine singular nouns

la

for feminine singular nouns

In front of a noun beginning with a vowel (or an 'h' that is not pronounced) **le** and **la** change to **l'**.

le marché

luh marshay

the market

la gare

la gar

the station

l'homme

lom

the man

l'actrice

laktreess

the actress

The equivalents for saying 'a' are:

un AN

for all masculine nouns

une 00n

for all feminine nouns

un marché

AN marshay

a market

une gare

00n gar

a station

Plural Articles

les lay for both masculine and feminine nouns

les marchés

lay marshay

the markets

les hommes

lay zom

the men

les gares

lay gar

the stations

les actrices

lay zaktreess

the actresses

The plural form of the indefinite article, translated in English as 'some', or often omitted, is **des** day:

des marchés

day marshay

(some) markets

des gares

day gar

(some) stations

Prepositions

When used with the prepositions **de** and **à**, the definite article may change its form:

If you are using **le / les** with **de** (of; from) make the following changes:

de + le = du doo

de + les = des day

With **à** (to; at) make these changes:

à + le = au o

à + les = aux o

le nom du supermarché

luh NON doo soopairmarshay

the name of the supermarket

il vient des Etats-Unis

eel v-YAN day zaytazoonnee

he comes from the United States



au supermarché
o soopairmarshay
at the supermarket

aux Etats-Unis
o zaytazoonnee
to the United States

If you are using **la** or **l'** the preposition does not change.

à la plage
a la plahj
at the beach

à l'hôtel
a lotel
at the hotel

Adjectives and Adverbs

In French, adjectives have to 'agree' with the noun they are used with. This means that if a noun is feminine, then an adjective used with it must be in the feminine form too. If a noun is plural, then an adjective used with it must be in the plural form too, masculine or feminine. In the English into French section of this book, all adjectives are translated by the masculine form – the form used with nouns preceded by **un** or **le**.

For most adjectives, the feminine form is made by adding **-e**. The plural is formed in two ways: for those with masculine nouns, by adding **-s**; and for those with feminine nouns, by adding **-es**. Plurals for adjectives ending in **-au** are usually formed by adding **-x**, although the **-s** or **-x** is not pronounced.

Important exceptions are shown in the English into French section.

un journal allemand
AN joornal almon
a German newspaper

une famille allemande
oon famee almond
a German family

des journaux américains
day joorno zamaayreeKAN
American newspapers

deux familles écossaises
duh famee zaykossez
two Scottish families

Most adjectives in French, as in these examples, are placed after the noun, not in front of it as in English.

Some common adjectives, however, are put in front of nouns:

beau	bo	beautiful	nouveau	noovo	new
long	lon	long	grand	gron	big
bon	bon	good	petit	puhtee	little
joli	jolee	pretty	jeune	jurn	young
mauvais	movay	bad	vieux	vyuh	old
gentil	jontee	nice			

Comparatives

To say that something is, for example, more expensive or faster than something else, you use the comparative form of the adjective (or adverb). In French these are all formed by using the word *plus* in front of the adjective or adverb:

grand	plus grand
gron	ploo gron
big	bigger
intéressant	plus intéressant
ANTayresson	ploo ZANTayresson
interesting	more interesting

je voudrais une plus grande chambre

juh voodray zoon ploo grond shonbr

I'd like a bigger room

c'est plus intéressant que le château

say ploo ZANTayresson kuh luh shato

it's more interesting than the castle

cette plage est plus calme que l'autre

set plahj ay ploo kalm kuh lohtr

this beach is quieter than the other one



pouvez-vous parler plus clairement, s'il vous plaît?

poovay-voo parlay ploo klairmon seel voo play

could you speak more clearly please?

'As ... as' is translated as follows:

ce restaurant est aussi cher que l'autre

suh restorON ay tohsee shair kuh lohr

this restaurant is as expensive as the other one

ce n'était pas aussi cher que je croyais

suh naytay pa zohsee shair kuh juh krwy-ay

it wasn't as expensive as I thought

aussi lentement que possible

ohsee lONTuhmon kuh posseebl

as slowly as possible

Superlatives

To say that something is, for example, the most expensive or the fastest, you use the superlative form of the adjective (or adverb). This is formed by using the words **le plus** in front of the adjective for a masculine singular noun; **la plus** for a feminine singular noun; and **les plus** for a plural noun (see Adjectives):

grand

grON

big

le plus grand

luh ploo grON

biggest

intéressant

ANTayressON

interesting

le plus intéressant

luh ploo ZANTayressON

most interesting

le plus grand hôtel de la ville

luh ploo grON otel duh la veel

the biggest hotel in town

où est la poste la plus proche?

oo ay la posst la ploo prosh

where is the nearest post office?

le barman parle le plus clairement

luh barman parl luh pluu klairmON

the barman speaks the most clearly

Some forms are irregular:

bon	bon	good
meilleur	may-yurr	better
le meilleur	luh may-yurr	best
mauvais	mo-vay	bad
pire	peer	worse
le pire	luh peer	worst

Adverbs

Adverbs are formed by adding **-ment** to the feminine form of the adjective if it ends in a consonant, and to the masc-uline form if it ends in a vowel:

vrai / vraie	vraiment	final / finale	finalement
vray	vraymON	feenal	feenalmon
real	really	final	finally

Adjectives which end in **-ent** and **-ant** change to **-emment** and **-amment**:

évident	évidemment	constant	constamment
ayveedON	ayveedamON	kONston	kONstamon
obvious	obviously	constant	constantly

But not:

lent	lentement
lON	lONTuhmON
slow	slowly

Some forms are irregular:

bon	bien	mauvais	mal	meilleur	mieux
bON	b-yAN	movay	mal	may-yurr	m-yuh
good	well	bad	badly	better	better



Possessive Adjectives

If you want to say that something is ‘your car’ or ‘his car’ or ‘her car’ etc, then you use the following words in French. Notice that there are three forms: one for masculine words (given with **le** in the phrase book); one for feminine words (given with **la**); and one for plural words.

	masculine		feminine		plural	
my	mon	mon	ma	ma	mes	may
your	ton	ton	ta	ta	tes	tay
his / its	son	son	sa	sa	ses	say
her / its	son	son	sa	sa	ses	say
our	notre	notr	notre	notr	nos	no
your	votre	votr	votre	votr	vos	vo
their	leur	lurr	leur	lurr	leurs	lurr

Some points to note:

The forms **ton / ta / tes** are used for people you are speaking to as **tu**. The forms **votre / vos** are used for people you are speaking to as **vous** (see **Pronouns**).

Whether you use **son / sa** or **mon / ma** depends on the gender of the thing / person ‘possessed’. So for example:

ma chambre

ma shONbr

my room

can be said by both a man and a woman. Likewise:

sa chambre

sa shONbr

can mean either ‘his room’ or ‘her room’.

If this is confusing you can say:

sa chambre à lui

sa shONbr a lwee

his room

sa chambre à elle

sa shONbr a el

her room

Ma / ta / sa change to mon / ton / son in front of a vowel:

mon épouse

mON aypooz

my wife

Pronouns

Subject Pronouns

If you are using a pronoun as the subject of a verb, saying 'he is' or 'we are' or 'can you?' etc, the words are:

je	juh	I	nous	noo	we
tu	too	you	vous	voo	you
il	eel	he / it	ils	eel	they
elle	el	she / it	elles	el	they

Points to note:

YOU: **tu** is used when speaking to someone who is a friend, or to someone of your own general age group with whom you want to establish a friendly atmosphere. **Vous** is used when speaking to several friends (ie it is the plural of **tu**) or when speaking to someone you don't know. In the vast majority of cases, as a foreigner in France you will use the **vous** form. Certainly, if you are in any doubt as to which form to use, choose the **vous** form.

IT: if you are using 'it' to refer to something like 'the car', 'the train' etc (as opposed to saying 'it is cold today' etc), you should use either **il** or **elle** depending on the gender of the thing you are talking about (see **Articles**). For example, **la voiture** (the car) is **elle** (it) and **le train** (the train) is **il** (it).

Direct Object Pronouns

If you are using the pronoun as an object, saying 'Peter knows him' or 'Mary saw them' etc, you must use the following object pronouns, which will normally precede the verb:

me	muh	me	nous	noo	us
te	tuh	you	vous	voo	you
le	luh	him / it	les	lay	them
la	la	her / it			
je le vois		il les a achetés			
juh luh vwa		eel lay za ashtay			
I see him		he bought them			
vous me comprenez?					
voo muh KONpruhnay					
do you understand me?					

Indirect Object Pronouns

If you are using a pronoun to say, for example, you sent something to her or that you spoke to him, then you must use the following indirect object pronouns:

me	muh	to me	nous	noo	to us
te	tuh	to you	vous	voo	to you
lui	lwee	to him / her / it	leur	lurr	to them
je lui ai écrit		je le lui ai expliqué			
juh lwee ay aykree		juh luh lwee ay expleekay			
I wrote to him		I explained it to him			

Emphatic Pronouns

If you are using a pronoun to say 'it's me', 'with her', 'for them' etc, then you must use the following emphatic pronouns:

moi	mwa	me	nous	noo	us
toi	twa	you	vous	voo	you
lui	lwee	him	eux	uh	them
elle	el	her	elles	el	them

c'est eux

set uh

it's them

venez avec moi

vuhnay avek mwa

come with me

ces cafés sont pour nous

say kafay sɔ̃n puʁ noo

those coffees are for us

A useful word for 'it' or 'that' to refer to a specific thing, or a more general situation, is **ça** sa:

donne-moi ça!

don mwa sa

give it / that to me!

tu as vu ça?

tɔ̃ a vu sa

did you see that?

Reflexive Pronouns

These are used with reflexive verbs like **se laver** (to get washed, to wash oneself), where the subject and the object are the same.

me	muh	myself
te	tuh	yourself
se	suh	himself / herself / itself
nous	noo	ourselves
vous	voo	yourself / yourselves
se	suh	themselves

There are many more verbs used reflexively in French than in English. Some examples are:

je m'appelle Anna

juh mapel anna

I am called Anna

nous nous levons toujours de bonne heure

noo noo luhvON toojoor duh bon urr

we always get up early

ils se sont bien amusés

eel suh sON b-YAN am00zay

they enjoyed themselves very much

Possessive Pronouns

If you want to say that something is yours or his or hers etc, then you use the following possessive pronouns. Notice that there are four forms: masculine singular and plural, and feminine singular and plural:

	m sing	mpl	
mine	le mien	les miens	luh / lay m-yAN
yours	le tien	les tiens	luh / lay t-yAN
his / its	le sien	les siens	luh / lay s-yAN
hers / its	le sien	les siens	luh / lay s-yAN
ours	le nôtre	les nôtres	luh / lay nohtr
yours	le vôtre	les vôtres	luh / lay vohttr
theirs	le leur	les leurs	luh / lay lurr
	f sing	fpl	
mine	la mienne	les miennes	luh / lay m-yen
yours	la tienne	les tiennes	luh / lay t-yen
his / its	la sienne	les siennes	luh / lay s-yen
hers / its	la sienne	les siennes	luh / lay s-yen
ours	la nôtre	les nôtres	luh / lay nohtr
yours	la vôtre	les vôtres	luh / lay vohttr
theirs	la leur	les leurs	luh / lay lurr

Again, the use of 'le sien / la sienne' and 'le mien / la mienne' etc will depend on the gender of the thing(s) possessed:

cette voiture n'est pas la nôtre

set vvat00r nay pa la nohtr

this car isn't ours

cette valise est la mienne, la tienne est là-bas
 set valeez ay la m-yen, la t-yen ay la-ba
 this suitcase is mine, yours is over there

After the verb **être** (to be), the possessive pronouns can be replaced by **à** + the appropriate emphatic pronoun (see Pronouns).

ce sac est à moi
 suh sak ay ta mwa
 this bag is mine

est-ce que cet appareil photo est à vous?
 eskuh set aparay foto ay ta voo
 is this camera yours?

Verbs

There are three main verb types, recognizable by their endings: **-er**, **-ir**, and **-re**.

Present Tense

The present tense of a verb corresponds to ‘you are doing’ or ‘you do’ or ‘something happens’ etc. To form the present tense for the three main types of verb, remove the endings and conjugate as follows:

donner (to give)

je donne [juh don]

tu donnes [too don]

il / elle donne [eel / el don]

nous donnons [noo donON]

vous donnez [voo donay]

ils / elles donnent [eel / el don]

I give

you give

he / she gives

we give

you give

they give

**finir (to finish)**

je finis [juh feenee]

I finish

tu finis [too feenee]

you finish

il / elle finit [eel / el feenee]

he / she finishes

nous finissons [noo feeneesson]

we finish

vous finissez [voo feeneessay]

you finish

ils / elles finissent [eel / el feeneess]

they finish

attendre (to wait)

j'attends [jatON]

I wait

tu attends [too atON] you wait

he / she waits

il / elle attend [eel / el atON]

we wait

nous attendons [noo zatONdon]

you wait

vous attendez [voo zatONday]

they wait

ils / elles attendent [eel / el zatONd]

Remember that this tense also covers English forms like 'I am doing':

je lui parle

juh lwee parl

I talk to him OR I'm talking to him

Some common verbs have irregular forms in the present tense:

aller (to go)

je vais

juh vay

tu vas

too va

il / elle va

eel / el va

nous allons

noo zalON

vous allez

voo zalay

ils / elles vont

eel / el vON

boire (to drink)

je bois

bwa

tu bois

bwa

il / elle boit

bwa

nous buvons

bOOvON

vous buvez

bOOvay

ils / elles boivent

bwav

devoir (to have to, must)

je dois	dwa
tu dois	dwa
il / elle doit	dwa
nous devons	duhvON
vous devez	duhvay
ils / elles doivent	dwav

faire (to do, to make)

je fais	fay
tu fais	fay
il / elle fait	fay
nous faisons	fuhzON
vous faites	fet
ils / elles font	fON

pouvoir (to be able to)

je peux	juh puh
tu peux	too puh
il / elle peut	eel / el puh
nous pouvons	noo poovON
vous pouvez	voo poovay
ils / elles peuvent	eel / el puhv

sortir (to go out)

je sors	sor
tu sors	sor
il / elle sort	sor
nous sortons	sortON
vous sortez	sortay
ils / elles sortent	sort

dire (to say)

je dis	dee
tu dis	dee
il / elle dit	dee
nous disons	deezON
vous dites	deet
ils / elles disent	deez

partir (to leave, to go away)

je pars	par
tu pars	par
il / elle part	par
nous partons	partON
vous partez	partay
ils / elles partent	part

savoir (to know)

je sais	say
tu sais	say
il / elle sait	say
nous savons	savON
vous savez	savay
ils / elles savent	sav

venir (to come)

je viens	juh v-YAN
tu viens	too v-YAN
il / elle vient	eel / el v-YAN
nous venons	noo vuhnON
vous venez	voo vuhnay
ils / elles viennent	eel / el v-yen

vouloir (to want)

je veux	juh vuh
tu veux	too vuh
il / elle veut	eel / el vuh
nous voulons	noo voolON
vous voulez	voo voolay
ils / elles veulent	eel / el vurl

See also **Past Tenses** for **avoir** (to have) and **être** (to be).

Past Tenses:**Perfect Tense**

To put something into the perfect tense – to say that ‘you have done’ or ‘did do’ something – you use the present tense of the verb **avoir** plus the past participle of the verb:

avoir (to have)

j’ai	jay
tu as	too a
il / elle a	eel / el a
nous avons	noo zavON
vous avez	voo zavay
ils / elles ont	eel / el zON

A basic rule for forming the past participle is: for verbs ending in **-er**, change **-er** to **-é** (pronunciation the same: ay); for verbs ending in **-ir**, change **-ir** to **-i**; for verbs ending in **-re**, change **-re** to **-u**.

où est-ce que vous avez mangé hier soir?

oo eskuh voo zavay mONjay yair swahr

where did you eat last night?

nous avons visité la cathédrale cet après-midi

noo zavON veezeetay la kataydral set apray-meedee

we visited the cathedral this afternoon

vous avez fini de manger?	je l'ai attendu toute la journée
voo zavay feeneeh duh monjay	juh lay atondoo toot la joornay
have you finished eating?	I waited for him all day

For some verbs the perfect tense is formed using **être** instead of **avoir**.

être (literal sense: to be)

je suis	juh swee
tu es	too ay
il / elle est	eel / el ay
nous sommes	noo som
vous êtes	voo zet
ils / elles sont	eel / el son

The most common and useful of these are:

aller	to go	je suis allé	juh swee alay
arriver	to arrive	arrivé	areevay
descendre	to go / come down	descendu	duhsondoo
entrer	to go / come in	entré	ontray
monter	to go / come up	monté	montay
naître	to be born	né	nay
partir	to leave / go away	parti	partee
passer	to pass	passé	passay
rentrer	to go / come back	rentré	rontray
rester	to stay	resté	restay
retourner	to return	retourné	ruhtoonray
revenir	to come back	revenu	ruhvuhn00
sortir	to go / come out	sorti	sortee
tomber	to fall	tombé	tonbay
venir	to come	venu	vuhn00

il est parti	nous sommes revenus samedi dernier
eel ay partee	noo som ruhvuhn00 samdee dairn-yay
he has left	we came back last Saturday

elle est restée deux semaines

el ay restay duh suhmen

she stayed for two weeks

je suis rentré très tard hier soir

juh swee rontray tray tar yair swahr

I got home very late last night

The following verbs have irregular past participles:

avoir	to have	eu	oo
comprendre	to understand	compris	konpre
connaître	to know (person, place)	connu	konoo
croire	to believe	cru	krOO
devoir	to have to	dû	doo
dire	to say	dit	dee
disparaître	to disappear	disparu	deesparoo
être	to be	été	aytay
mourir*	to die	mort	mor
naître*	to be born	né	nay
offrir	to offer	offert	ofair
ouvrir	to open	ouvert	oovair
permettre	to allow	permis	pairmee
plaire	to please	plu	plOO
pouvoir	to be able to	pu	pOO
prendre	to take	pris	pree
recevoir	to receive	reçu	ruhsOO
s'asseoir*	to sit down	assis	assee
savoir	to know	su	sOO
venir*	to come	venu	vuhnOO
voir	to see	vu	vOO
vouloir	to want	voulu	voolOO

* conjugated with être

Imperfect Tense

This is used to describe an action in the past which was repeated, habitual, or often taking place over a period of time. To put something into the imperfect tense – to say that you ‘were doing’, ‘used to do’, or ‘did do’ something – change the verb endings as follows:

donner (to give)

I was giving, I used to give, I gave etc

je donnais	juh donay
tu donnais	too donay
il / elle donnait	eel / el donay
nous donnions	noo donee-ON
vous donniez	voo donee-ay
ils / elles donnaient	eel / el donay

finir (to finish)

I was finishing, I used to finish, I finished etc

je finissais	juh feeneessay
tu finissais	too feeneessay
il / elle finissait	eel / el feeneessay
nous finissions	noo feeneessee-ON
vous finissiez	voo feeneessee-ay
ils / elles finissaient	eel / el feeneessay

attendre (to wait)

I was waiting, I used to wait, I waited etc

j’attendais	jatONday
tu attendais	too atONday
il / elle attendait	eel / el atONday
nous attendions	noo zatONdee-ON
vous attendiez	voo zatONdee-ay
ils / elles attendaient	eel / el zatONday

Three common verbs have irregular imperfect tenses:

être (to be)

j'étais	jaytay	I was
tu étais	too aytay	you were
il / elle était	eel / el aytay	he / she / it was
nous étions	noo zaytee-ON	we were
vous étiez	voo zaytee-ay	you were
ils / elles étaient	eel / el zaytay	they were

avoir (to have)

j'avais	javay	I had
tu avais	too avay	you had
il / elle avait	eel / el avay	he / she / it had
nous avions	noo zavee-ON	we had
vous aviez	voo zavee-ay	you had
ils / elles avaient	eel / el zavay	they had

faire (to do, to make)

je faisais	juh fuhzay	I did
tu faisais	too fuhzay	you did
il / elle faisait	eel / el fuhzay	he / she / it / did
nous faisions	noo fuhzee-ON	we did
vous faisiez	voo fuhzee-ay	you did
ils / elles faisaient	eel / el fuhzay	they did

Future Tense

To talk about what is going to happen in the future both French and English very often use the present tense (see **Present**), for example:

nous allons à la plage demain

noo zalON a la plahj duhMAN

we're going to the beach tomorrow

il rentre bientôt à Londres

eel rONtr b-YANto a lONdr

he's going back to London soon

French often uses the present tense where English uses the future:

j'arrive dans une minute

jareev dON zON meenoot

I'll be there in a minute

The actual future tense in French, used to say 'I will, you will' etc, is formed by making the following changes:

donner (to give) - I etc will give

je donnerai	donuhray	nous donnerons	donuhron
tu donneras	donuhra	vous donnerez	donuhray
il / elle donnera	donuhra	ils / elles donneront	donuhron

finir (to finish) - I etc will finish

je finirai	feeneeray	nous finirons	feeneeron
tu finiras	feeneera	vous finirez	feeneeray
il / elle finira	feeneera	ils / elles finiront	feeneeron

attendre (to wait) - I etc will wait

j'attendrai	atondray	nous attendrons	atondron
tu attendras	atondra	vous attendrez	atondray
il / elle attendra	atondra	ils / elles attendront	atondron

Some common irregular verbs:

être (to be) - I etc will be

je serai	suhray	nous serons	suhron
tu seras	suhra	vous serez	suhray
il / elle sera	suhra	ils / elles seront	suhron

avoir (to have) - I etc will have

j'aurai	joray	nous aurons	oron
tu auras	ora	vous aurez	oray
il / elle aura	ora	ils / elles auront	oron

aller (to go) - I etc will go

j'irai	jeeray	nous irons	eeron
tu iras	eera	vous irez	eeray
il / elle ira	eera	ils / elles iront	eeron

venir (to come) - I etc will come

je viendrai	v-yAndray	nous viendrons	v-yANDRON
tu viendras	v-yANDra	vous viendrez	v-yANDray
il / elle viendra	v-yANDra	ils / elles viendront	v-yANDRON

Some examples:

mes enfants arriveront demain

may zONfon areevuhRON duhMAN

my children will be arriving tomorrow

j'espère qu'il fera beau demain

jespair keel fuhra bo duhMAN

I hope it'll be fine tomorrow

Negatives

To express a negative in French – to say 'I don't know', 'it's not here' etc – you use the words *ne ... pas* placed around the verb:

j'ai faim

jay fAN

I'm hungry

il aime la glace

eel em la glass

he likes ice cream

elle a une voiture

el a oon vvat00r

she has a car

je n'ai pas faim

juh nay pa fAN

I'm not hungry

il n'aime pas la glace

eel nem pa la glass

he doesn't like ice cream

elle n'a pas de voiture

el na pa duh vvat00r

she doesn't have a car

If the verb is in the past tense (see Perfect Tense) the *ne ... pas* is used as follows:

je l'ai vu
juh lay voo
I saw him

je ne l'ai pas vu
juh nuh lay pa voo
I didn't see him

The following negatives work in the same way as ne ... pas:

ne ... jamais
nuh ... jamay
never

ne ... plus
nuh ... ploo
no more

ne ... rien
nuh ... ree-AN
nothing

je n'y suis jamais allé
juh nee swee jamay alay
I've never been there

il ne boit plus de bière
eel nuh bwa ploo duh bee-air
he doesn't drink beer any more

nous n'avons rien acheté
noo navON ree-AN ashtay
we didn't buy anything

If there is no verb, just use pas:

pas toi!
pa twa
not you!

comment vas-tu? – pas mal
komON va-too – pa mal
how are you? – not bad

In spoken French, the ne is often left out:

c'est pas possible!
say pa posseebl
impossible!

To say 'no' with nouns (no sugar, no cigarettes) use pas de:

pas de vin pour moi, merci
pa duh vAN poor mwa mairsee
no wine for me thanks

il n'y a pas d'eau chaude
eel nya pa do shohd
there is no (isn't any) hot water

Imperative

To express commands in French, remove the endings **-er**, **-ir** or **-re** and then add the following endings.

	tu	vous
donner (to give)	donne don give	donnez donay
finir (to finish)	finis feenee finish	finissez feeneessay
attendre (to wait)	attends atON wait	attendez atONday

Some examples:

regardez! ruhgarday look!	allez-vous-en! alay-voo zON go away!
dites-moi! deet-mwa tell me!	apporte-moi ça! aport-mwa sa bring me that!

To tell someone not to do something, to give a negative command, put the words **ne ... pas** around the forms as given above, for example:

n'attends pas natON pa don't wait	n'attendez pas natONday pa
ne parlez pas si vite! nuh parlay pa see veet don't speak so quickly!	ne me regarde pas comme ça! nuh muh ruhgard pa kom sa don't look at me like that!

Some irregular forms:

ne sois / soyez pas en colère

nuh swa / swy-yay pa ON kolair

don't be angry

viens / venez avec moi!

v-YAN / vuhnay avek mwa

come with me!

On signs you might see the form:

ne pas toucher

nuh pa tooshay

do not touch

Questions

Often word order remains the same in a question, but the intonation changes – the voice should be raised at the end of the question.

vous parlez anglais?

voo parlay ONglay

do you speak English?

The word order can also be inverted to form a question. If the subject is a pronoun, subject and verb are inverted, and linked with a hyphen:

parlez-vous anglais?

parlay-voo ONglay

do you speak English?

If the subject is a noun, the verb is placed with the relevant pronoun after the subject, inserting -t- between verb and pronoun where the verb ends in a vowel:

le directeur parle-t-il anglais?

luh deerekturr pariteel ONglay

does the manager speak English?

Both the above types of question may be introduced by **est-ce que?** The word order then remains the same as that of a statement:

est-ce que vous parlez anglais?

eskuh voo parlay ONglay

do you speak English?

Dates

Use the numbers on pages 264–265 to express the date, except for the first, when **le premier** should be used:

le premier septembre

luh pruhm-yay septONbr

the first of September

le deux décembre

luh duh daySONbr

the second of December

le trois mars

luh trwa marss

the third of March

le vingt mai

luh VAN may

the twentieth of May

le vingt-et-un juin

luh VANTay-AN jWAN

the twenty-first of June

Days

Monday

lundi [lANdee]

Tuesday

mardi [mardee]

Wednesday

mercredi [mairkruhdee]

Thursday

jeudi [juhdee]

Friday

vendredi [vONdruhdee]

Saturday

samedi [samdee]

Sunday

dimanche [deemonsh]

Months

January	janvier [jɔ̃vɛe-ay]
February	février [fayvree-ay]
March	mars [marss]
April	april [apreel]
May	mai [may]
June	juin [jwAN]
July	juillet [jwee-yay]
August	août [oo]
September	septembre [septɔ̃br]
October	octobre [oktobr]
November	novembre [novɔ̃br]
December	décembre [daysɔ̃br]

Time

a.m.	du matin	doo matAN
p.m.	(afternoon) de l'après-midi	duh lapray-meedee
	(evening) du soir	doo swahr

what time is it? quelle heure est-il? [kel urr eteel]

one o'clock une heure [ɔ̃n urr]

two o'clock deux heures [duh zur]

it's one o'clock il est une heure [eel ay ɔ̃n urr]

it's two o'clock il est deux heures [eel ay duh zurr]

it's ten o'clock il est dix heures [eel ay dee zurr]

five past one une heure cinq [ɔ̃n urr SANK]

ten past two deux heures dix [duh zurr deess]

quarter past one une heure et quart [ɔ̃n urr ay kar]

quarter past two deux heures et quart [duh zurr ay kar]

half past ten dix heures et demie [dee zurr ay duhmee]

twenty to ten dix heures moins vingt [dee zurr mwan van]

quarter to two deux heures moins le quart [duh zurr mwan luh kar]

at half past four à quatre heures et demie [a katr urr ay duhmee]

- at eight o'clock à huit heures [a weet urr]
 14.00 quatorze heures [katorz urr]
 17.30 dix-sept heures trente [deesset urr tront]
 2 a.m. deux heures du matin [duh zurr doo matAN]
 2 p.m. deux heures de l'après-midi [duh zurr duh lapray-meedee]
 6 a.m. six heures du matin [seez urr doo matAN]
 6 p.m. six heures du soir [seez urr doo swahr]
 noon midi [meedee]
 midnight minuit [meenwee]
 an hour une heure [oon urr]
 a minute une minute [oon meenoot]
 two minutes deux minutes [duh meenoot]
 a second une seconde [oon suhgOND]
 a quarter of an hour un quart d'heure [AN kar durr]
 half an hour une demi-heure [oon duhme urr]
 three quarters of an hour trois quarts d'heure [trwa kar durr]

Numbers

- | | |
|----|-------------------|
| 0 | zéro [zayro] |
| 1 | un [AN] |
| 2 | deux [duh] |
| 3 | trois [trwa] |
| 4 | quatre [katr] |
| 5 | cinq [sANK] |
| 6 | six [seess] |
| 7 | sept [set] |
| 8 | huit [weet] |
| 9 | neuf [nuhf] |
| 10 | dix [deess] |
| 11 | onze [ONz] |
| 12 | douze [dooz] |
| 13 | treize [trez] |
| 14 | quatorze [katorz] |

15	quinze [KANZ]
16	seize [sez]
17	dix-sept [deesset]
18	dix-huit [deez-weet]
19	dix-neuf [deez-nuhf]
20	vingt [vAN]
21	vingt-et-un [vANtay-AN]
22	vingt-deux [vAN-duh]
23	vingt-trois [vAN-trwa]
30	trente [trONt]
31	trente-et-un [trONtay-an]
40	quarante [karONt]
50	cinquante [sANKONt]
60	soixante [swassONt]
70	soixante-dix [swassONt-deess]
80	quatre-vingts [katr-vAN]
90	quatre-vingt-dix [katr-vAN-deess]
100	cent [sON]
110	cent dix [sON deess]
200	deux cents [duh sON]
1,000	mille [meel]
2,000	deux mille [duh meel]
5,000	cinq mille [sANK meel]
1,000,000	un million [AN meel-yON]

In French, millions are written with spaces instead of commas, e.g. 1 500 000. Thousands are written without spaces or commas, e.g. 2700. Decimals are written with a comma, e.g. 3.5 would be 3,5 in French.

**Ordinals**

1st	premier [pruhm-yay]
2nd	deuxième [duhz-yem]
3rd	troisième [trwaz-yem]
4th	quatrième [katree-yem]
5th	cinquième [SANK-yem]
6th	sixième [seez-yem]
7th	septième [set-yem]
8th	huitième [weet-yem]
9th	neuvième [nuhv-yem]
10th	dixième [deez-yem]

Conversion Tables

1 centimetre = 0.39 inches

1 inch = 2.54 cm

1 metre = 39.37 inches = 1.09 yards

1 foot = 30.48 cm

1 kilometre = 0.62 miles = 5/8 mile

1 yard = 0.91 m

1 mile = 1.61 km

km	1	2	3	4	5	10	20	30	40	50	100
miles	0.6	1.2	1.9	2.5	3.1	6.2	12.4	18.6	24.8	31.0	62.1

miles	1	2	3	4	5	10	20	30	40	50	100
km	1.6	3.2	4.8	6.4	8.0	16.1	32.2	48.3	64.4	80.5	161

1 gram = 0.035 ounces	1 kilo = 1000 g = 2.2 pounds
g 100 250 500	1 oz = 28.35 g
oz 3.5 8.75 17.5	1 lb = 0.45 kg

kg	0.5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
lb	1.1	2.2	4.4	6.6	8.8	11.0	13.2	15.4	17.6	19.8	22.0

kg	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
lb	44	66	88	110	132	154	176	198	220

lb	0.5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20
kg	0.2	0.5	0.9	1.4	1.8	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.6	4.1	4.5	9.0

1 litre = 1.75 UK pints / 2.13 US pints

1 UK pint = 0.57 l

1 UK gallon = 4.55 l

1 US pint = 0.47 l

1 US gallon = 3.79 l

centigrade / Celsius

$^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 5/9$

$^{\circ}\text{C}$	-5	0	5	10	15	18	20	25	30	36.8	38
$^{\circ}\text{F}$	23	32	41	50	59	64	68	77	86	98.4	100.4

Fahrenheit

$^{\circ}\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} \times 9/5) + 32$

$^{\circ}\text{F}$	23	32	40	50	60	65	70	80	85	98.4	101
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	-5	0	4	10	16	18	21	27	29	36.8	38.3

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