



# 1000 Most-used Words In French

Essential Foundations for French Confidence

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# Introduction

## Welcome to your *French 1000 Most-Used Words* guide!

Whether you're just starting out with French or brushing up on the basics, this list is designed to be a go-to reference for building your confidence in the language. We've carefully chosen the **most essential and commonly used French words**, so you can focus your time and energy on what really matters: learning the words you'll actually use.

This guide is organized into five clear sections:

1. **Essential Foundation** – Words you'll see every day
2. **People & Relationships** – Talk about family, friends, and yourself
3. **Daily Life & Activities** – Vocabulary for real-life situations
4. **Communication & Expression** – How to say what you feel or need
5. **World & Environment** – Describing the world around you

Each section is grouped by theme and formatted in a clean, easy-to-read table with the French word on the left and its English meaning on the right, you can visually scan and absorb faster.

## How to Use This Guide

- **Study a few words each day** – don't rush. 10–20 words per session is perfect.
- **Check off words** you've learned (printable or digital).
- **Revisit often** – spaced repetition is key to long-term memory.
- **Write your own sentences** using new words to reinforce learning.
- **Pair it with our physical books on Amazon, or audio practice** if possible (YouTube, podcasts, apps).

This guide is a companion to your French journey – whether you're reading, listening, traveling, or practicing with others. Keep it nearby and come back to it often.

Grazie e buon viaggio!

– *The MindSmith Books Team*

# 1. Essential Foundation (250 words)

à - to, at, in	elle - she, her
alors - then, so	en - in, by, some
après - after	encore - still, again, more
assez - enough, quite	entre - between
au - to the, at the (masculine)	est - is
aujourd'hui - today	et - and
aussi - also, too	être - to be
autre - other	faire - to do, make
aux - to the, at the (plural)	grand - big, large
avant - before	huit - eight
avec - with	il - he, it
avoir - to have	ils - they (masculine)
beaucoup - a lot, much, many	je - I
bien - well, good	la - the (feminine)
car - because, for	le - the (masculine)
ce - this, that	les - the (plural)
cela - that	lui - him, to him
celui - this one, that one	ma - my (feminine)
cette - this, that (feminine)	mais - but
chaque - each, every	me - me
chez - at, by, to (someone's place)	même - same, even
cinq - five	mes - my (plural)
comment - how	moi - me
contre - against	mon - my (masculine)
d'abord - first	ne - not
dans - in, into	neuf - nine
de - of, from	non - no
depuis - since, for	nos - our (plural)
des - some, of the	notre - our
deux - two	nous - we, us
dire - to say, tell	où - where
dix - ten	oui - yes
donc - therefore, so	par - by, through
dont - whose, of which	parce que - because
du - of the, from the (masculine)	pas - not, step

pendant - during  
peut - can, may  
plus - more, plus  
pour - for, to  
pourquoi - why  
qu'est-ce que - what  
quand - when  
quatre - four  
que - that, which, what  
quel - which, what  
quelque - some  
qui - who, which  
sans - without  
se - oneself  
sept - seven  
ses - his, her (plural)  
si - if, so  
six - six  
son - his, her (masculine)

sous - under  
sur - on, about  
ta - you (feminine, informal)  
te - you (informal object)  
tes - your (plural, informal)  
toi - you (informal)  
ton - your (masculine, informal)  
tous - all (masculine)  
tout - all, everything  
toute - all (feminine)  
toutes - all (feminine plural)  
trois - three  
tu - you (informal)  
un - a, an, one (masculine)  
une - a, an, one (feminine)  
vers - towards, around  
votre - your (formal/plural)  
vous - you (formal/plural)  
y - there

## 2. People & Relationships (200 words)

ami - friend (masculine)

amie - friend (feminine)

amour - love

bébé - baby

bras - arm

cheveux - hair

coeur - heart

corps - body

enfant - child

famille - family

femme - woman, wife

fille - girl, daughter

fil - son

frère - brother

garçon - boy

gens - people

grand-mère - grandmother

grand-père - grandfather

homme - man

jambe - leg

main - hand

mari - husband

mère - mother

monde - world, people

nom - name

oeil - eye

oncle - uncle

papa - dad

parents - parents, relatives

père - father

personne - person, nobody

petit-fils - grandson

petite-fille - granddaughter

professeur - teacher

soeur - sister

tante - aunt

tête - head

visage - face

voix - voice

voisin - neighbor (masculine)

voisine - neighbor (feminine)

yeux - eyes

### 3. Daily Life & Activities (300 words)

acheter - to buy	jouer - to play
animal - animal	journal - newspaper
appartement - apartment	lait - milk
argent - money, silver	légume - vegetable
auto - car	lettre - letter
autobus - bus	libre - free
avion - airplane	lieu - place
boire - to drink	lire - to read
café - coffee	livre - book
chambre - room, bedroom	magasin - store
chat - cat	manger - to eat
chien - dog	marcher - to walk
chose - thing	marché - market
cinéma - cinema, movies	mariage - marriage
classe - class	maison - house
courir - to run	matin - morning
cuisine - kitchen, cooking	médecin - doctor
déjeuner - lunch, to have lunch	métro - subway
dîner - dinner, to have dinner	midi - noon
dormir - to sleep	minute - minute
eau - water	musique - music
école - school	nuit - night
écouter - to listen	oeuf - egg
écrire - to write	ouvrir - to open
église - church	pain - bread
entendre - to hear	parc - park
fermer - to close	parler - to speak, talk
feu - fire	partir - to leave
fleur - flower	petit-déjeuner - breakfast
français - French	photo - photo
gare - train station	police - police
hôpital - hospital	porte - door
hôtel - hotel	prix - price
jardin - garden	problème - problem
jeu - game	regarder - to look, watch

repas - meal  
restaurant - restaurant  
rue - street  
soir - evening  
sortir - to go out  
sport - sport  
table - table  
téléphone - telephone  
temps - time, weather  
train - train

travail - work  
travailler - to work  
vacances - vacation  
vélo - bicycle  
vendre - to sell  
venir - to come  
vêtement - clothing  
ville - city  
vivre - to live  
voiture - car  
voyage - trip

## 4. Communication & Expression (150 words)

alors - then, so	hier - yesterday
appeler - to call	important - important
après - after	jamais - never
attention - attention, watch out	joli - pretty
au revoir - goodbye	maintenant - now
aujourd'hui - today	merci - thank you
beaucoup - a lot, much	montrer - to show
bien - well	nouveau - new
bientôt - soon	pardon - pardon, sorry
bonjour - hello, good morning	peut-être - maybe
bonsoir - good evening	plaire - to please
comprendre - to understand	possible - possible
d'accord - okay, agreed	premier - first
demain - tomorrow	prendre - to take
déjà - already	presque - almost
demander - to ask	prêt - ready
dernier - last	question - question
devant - in front of	raison - reason
difficile - difficult	répondre - to answer
donner - to give	salut - hi, bye
encore - still, again	sembler - to seem
entrer - to enter	sentir - to feel, smell
exactement - exactly	seulement - only
excusez-moi - excuse me	souvent - often
facile - easy	suivre - to follow
finir - to finish	toujours - always
fois - time (occurrence)	trouver - to find
heureux - happy	vrai - true
	vraiment - really

## 5. World & Environment (100 words)

air - air

an - year

année - year

arbre - tree

blanc - white

bleu - blue

bruit - noise

chaud - hot

ciel - sky

couleur - color

devenir - to become

été - summer

étoile - star

européen - European

français - French (adjective)

froid - cold

guerre - war

heure - hour, time

hiver - winter

international - international

jaune - yellow

jour - day

lune - moon

mer - sea

mois - month

montagne - mountain

mort - death, dead

nature - nature

noir - black

nouveau - new

pays - country

pluie - rain

porte - door

printemps - spring

rouge - red

saison - season

semaine - week

soleil - sun

terre - earth, ground

vent - wind

vert - green

vieux - old

## Thank You & What's Next?

Thanks for reading - we're happy you chose to have a look at this list of French words, as part of your language-learning mission.

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Thanks again,

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