

Oh là là ! Vous parlez déjà le français, sans doute!
Oh my ! YOU most likely already speak French!

Even if you think you only speak English or maybe English and the language of your family, chances are that you already know and use many French words and phrases. So much of the English language is directly or indirectly derived from French. It is estimated that English speakers who have never studied French know about 15,000 French words.* That is A LOT of words!

Here is a list of French words culled from several sources that are used by *Anglophones* or English speakers. How many of these words do you actively use? How many others have you heard used?

WHEN TWO WORDS ARE THE SAME OR SIMILAR IN MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE, THEY ARE CALLED COGNATES.

Look through this list, and highlight or check off the words or expressions that you now realize you know in French after looking over this list! Don't worry if there are some you don't know. Look for the ones you do!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> actrice | <input type="checkbox"/> cent | <input type="checkbox"/> fiancé, fiancée | <input type="checkbox"/> quiche |
| <input type="checkbox"/> armoire | <input type="checkbox"/> C'est la vie. | <input type="checkbox"/> filet mignon | <input type="checkbox"/> régime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> au contraire | <input type="checkbox"/> chaise longue | <input type="checkbox"/> garage | <input type="checkbox"/> renaissance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> au pair | <input type="checkbox"/> champagne | <input type="checkbox"/> gourmet | <input type="checkbox"/> rendez-vous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> automobile | <input type="checkbox"/> charade | <input type="checkbox"/> guillotine | <input type="checkbox"/> restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> avenue | <input type="checkbox"/> château | <input type="checkbox"/> hors d'oeuvre | <input type="checkbox"/> rouge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ballet | <input type="checkbox"/> chic | <input type="checkbox"/> hôtel | <input type="checkbox"/> RSVP (Répondez, s'il vous plaît) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> beige | <input type="checkbox"/> clairvoyant | <input type="checkbox"/> loyal | <input type="checkbox"/> route |
| <input type="checkbox"/> biscuit | <input type="checkbox"/> collage | <input type="checkbox"/> mardi gras | <input type="checkbox"/> routine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bistro | <input type="checkbox"/> conférence | <input type="checkbox"/> matinée | <input type="checkbox"/> royal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bizarre | <input type="checkbox"/> costume | <input type="checkbox"/> mayonnaise | <input type="checkbox"/> sabotage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> blonde | <input type="checkbox"/> courage | <input type="checkbox"/> menu | <input type="checkbox"/> salon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bon appétit | <input type="checkbox"/> crème brûlée | <input type="checkbox"/> meringue | <input type="checkbox"/> soirée |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bonbon | <input type="checkbox"/> critique | <input type="checkbox"/> mousse | <input type="checkbox"/> soufflé |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bon voyage | <input type="checkbox"/> croissant | <input type="checkbox"/> muscle | <input type="checkbox"/> surface |
| <input type="checkbox"/> boulevard | <input type="checkbox"/> croûtons | <input type="checkbox"/> omelette | <input type="checkbox"/> souvenir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bouquet | <input type="checkbox"/> cuisine | <input type="checkbox"/> papier mâché | <input type="checkbox"/> tact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> boutique | <input type="checkbox"/> cul-de-sac | <input type="checkbox"/> passage | <input type="checkbox"/> touché |
| <input type="checkbox"/> brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> déjà vu | <input type="checkbox"/> pension | <input type="checkbox"/> tour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> buffet | <input type="checkbox"/> de luxe | <input type="checkbox"/> photo | <input type="checkbox"/> village |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bureau | <input type="checkbox"/> dessert | <input type="checkbox"/> petite | <input type="checkbox"/> violet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> café | <input type="checkbox"/> détail | <input type="checkbox"/> pirouette | <input type="checkbox"/> Voilà ! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> capable | <input type="checkbox"/> éclair | <input type="checkbox"/> plié | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> casserole | <input type="checkbox"/> employée | <input type="checkbox"/> pot-pourri | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cassette | <input type="checkbox"/> entrée | <input type="checkbox"/> praline | |

B. Fill in the blanks : Cognates are words that are _____ or the _____
 in more than one _____.

C. These are some French-English cognates. Guess what they mean in English. They may not be exactly the same but they are very similar.

éléphant	_____	mexicain	_____
guitare	_____	vanille	_____
téléphone	_____	chocolat	_____
bleu	_____	Tour Eiffel	_____
papier	_____	adresse	_____
serpent	_____	papa	_____
lettre	_____	photographe	_____
bébé	_____	populaire	_____
américain	_____	tomate	_____
riche	_____	hôpital	_____
délicieux	_____	université	_____
oncle	_____	grand-mère	_____
japonais	_____	indien	_____

D. Sooo....What is your French dream? If you could magically speak French fluently tomorrow, how would you use it? Would you help people? How? Would it benefit the career you want to pursue? How? Would you use it for travel? Where?

What is your French dream?

So what are you waiting for? Let's make it happen! Time to learn French!

E. What are some things that you really want to know how to say in French? You never know, they might come up in class!
