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French Quick Reference

A quick reference

Greetings

Hello!	Bonjour !
Good morning	Bonjour
Good afternoon	Bon après-midi
Good evening	Bonsoir
How are you? (informal)	Comment ça va ?
How's it going?	Ça va ?
What's up?	Quoi de neuf ?
Blessing! (respectful greeting)	Bénédiction !
Stay alert / take care	Prends soin de toi
See you later	À plus tard
See you, my people	On se voit, les amis
Of course / sure	Bien sûr
Good day	Bonne journée

Pronunciation

u	A rounded front vowel made by saying 'ee' while rounding your lips like 'oo' — no English equivalent.
on / om	A nasal vowel — air passes through the nose; the 'n' itself is not pronounced as a consonant.
silent final consonants	Most final consonants (except c, r, f, l) are silent.
r	A guttural sound made in the back of the throat, unlike the English r.
é	Acute accent (accent aigu) — a closed 'ay' sound, as in café.
è	Grave accent (accent grave) — an open 'eh' sound, as in père.
ê	Circumflex (accent circonflexe) — often marks a historically lost 's', as in forêt (compare English 'forest').
ç	Cedilla (cédille) — makes 'c' a soft 's' sound before a, o, or u, as in français.
ë / ï / ü	Diaeresis (tréma) — signals two adjacent vowels are pronounced separately, not as one sound, as in Noël.

Essential Words

mom / mother	maman
dad / father	papa
brother	frère
sister	sœur
family	famille
water	eau
chicken	poulet
rice	riz
coffee	café
milk	lait
door	porte
table	table
chair	chaise
kitchen	cuisine
window	fenêtre
head	tête
hand	main
eyes	yeux
foot	pied
mouth	bouche

Numbers

zero	zéro
one	un
two	deux
three	trois
four	quatre
five	cinq
six	six
seven	sept
eight	huit
nine	neuf
ten	dix
eleven	onze
twelve	douze
thirteen	treize
fourteen	quatorze
fifteen	quinze
sixteen	seize
seventeen	dix-sept
eighteen	dix-huit
nineteen	dix-neuf
twenty	vingt
thirty	trente
forty	quarante
fifty	cinquante
sixty	soixante
seventy	soixante-dix
eighty	quatre-vingts
ninety	quatre-vingt-dix
one hundred	cent
one thousand	mille

Colors

red	rouge
orange	orange
yellow	jaune
green	vert
blue	bleu
purple	violet
pink	rose
brown	marron
black	noir
white	blanc
gray	gris
gold	doré
silver	argenté

Starter Phrases

Hello! How are you?	Bonjour ! Comment ça va ?
How are you? I'm fine, thanks.	Comment ça va ? Ça va bien, merci.
What's your name? My name is Ana.	Comment tu t'appelles ? Je m'appelle Ana.
I don't understand	Je ne comprends pas.
Can you speak slower?	Pouvez-vous parler plus lentement ?
How do you say...?	Comment dit-on... ?
I'm learning Spanish	J'apprends le français.
Where are you from?	D'où viens-tu ?
I'm from...	Je viens de...
See you around	À bientôt !

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