



25 phrases for everyday conversation

Just arrived in the French-speaking part of Switzerland or in any other French speaking countries?

Here's your essential phrasebook to help you handle daily life – from shopping to commuting to making small talk.

Greetings & Basics

1. Bonjour ! – Hello / Good morning
2. Bonsoir – Good evening
3. Salut ! – Hi! (informal)
4. Merci beaucoup – Thank you very much
5. De rien / Service ! – You're welcome
6. Comment ça va ? – How are you?
7. Ça va bien, merci – I'm good, thank you
8. Je m'appelle... – My name is...
9. Enchanté(e) – Nice to meet you
10. À bientôt ! – See you soon!

Getting Around

16. Où est la gare ? – Where is the train station?
17. Je cherche l'arrêt de bus – I'm looking for the bus stop
18. À quelle heure part le train ? – What time does the train leave?
19. C'est loin ? – Is it far?
20. C'est par ici ? – Is it this way?

At the Shop / Bakery

11. Je voudrais... – I'd like...
12. Combien ça coûte ? – How much is it?
13. C'est tout, merci – That's all, thank you
14. Un sac, s'il vous plaît – A bag, please
15. Je paie par carte – I'm paying by card

At Work or in Public

21. Je travaille ici – I work here
22. Je ne parle pas bien français – I don't speak French well
23. Parlez-vous anglais ? – Do you speak English?
24. Pouvez-vous répéter ? – Could you repeat, please?
25. J'ai un rendez-vous – I have an appointment

Bonus Tips

- Use “vous” to be polite with strangers or in formal situations
- A smile + “Bonjour” goes a long way !
- Don't stress about making mistakes – just speak, people are kind and patient

Want to Go Further?

You don't need a big grammar book to start speaking.

I offer **online lessons** that are friendly, flexible, and focused on everyday conversation.

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