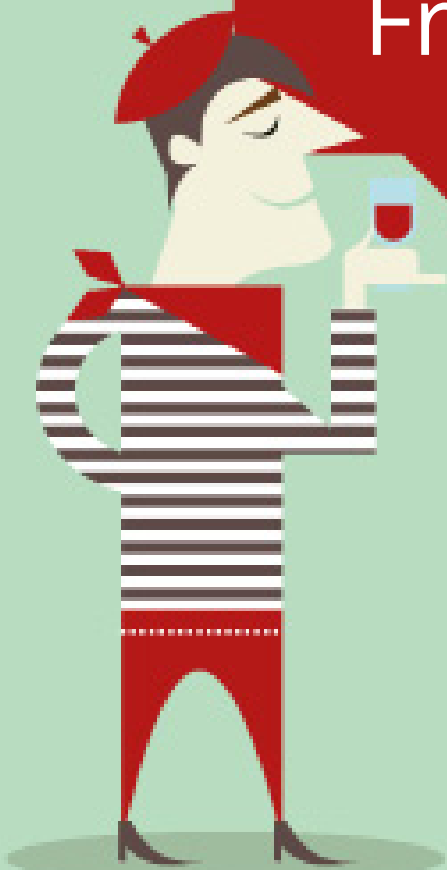


French SLANG

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French



INTRODUCTION

If you want to speak French like a regular French person from this century and understand the “real” French as it is currently spoken, a traditional textbook simply isn’t going to cut it.

You probably realize by now that most textbooks don’t dwell too much on slang. Perhaps because slang is ever-changing and constantly needs to be updated, but mostly because a lot of slang words can be considered rude and offensive and could never make it inside any classroom or in the pages of a conventional textbook.

Pretty understandable, if you ask me, but still quite a shame because slang is an important part of any language. If you want to fully grasp French, you have to learn all its quirks and shortcuts—offensive ones included.

This book aims to do just that. Think of this book as your cool younger French bro who is going to guide you through the most popular French slang and introduce you to the totally hip and up-to-date words and phrases. The even cooler part is that this book will also give you a heads-up on which ones you shouldn’t let slip around your French boss. Or even worse---your French in-laws!

The words and phrases are all grouped into categories for an easier browsing. This way, you’ll have just the exact thing to say for every casual situation including complaining, getting drunk, and yes—even getting laid. Now, can you imagine finding words for those in your textbook?

A few reminders before you use this book

1. Make sure your pronunciation sounds natural when you use your newly learned French slang. No worries though because there is a Pronunciation Guide in the first part of the book. Plus, you can always listen to the FREE MP3s to guide you through the tricky pronunciation.

2. Remember that the French tend to be more formal than other nationalities and what might get you a loud guffaw and a friendly slap on the back in other places might horrify your French companions. So to avoid potentially damaging (not to mention terribly awkward) scenarios, make sure you're comfortable enough with the French people you are going to use your slang words with. Otherwise, it's best to err on the side of caution and hang on to your French slang terms until you're with more familiar friends.

This doesn't mean though that you cannot have a few tricks up your sleeve for those times that really merit a NSFW French word. To help you with that, look out for the annotations in the listed slang terms.

If you find a (P) alongside a term, it's a green light to go ahead and use it because it's a popular and commonly used word or phrase.

- If it's marked with an (O), tread lightly because it can be offensive.
- If it has both (P) and (O), it's a common slang but still a bit rude so proceed with caution.

3. Some of the translations used in this book might seem a little old-fashioned to English speakers. But don't worry since that's not necessarily the case when spoken in French. Some of these expressions are being used by certain demographics (e.g. people in their 50s or older), but still currently being used. If you're unsure of which expression to use, always opt for the ones marked (P) and it's all good.

So, if you're ready to speak the REAL French, let's begin!

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CHAPTER 1: GREETINGS – LES SALUTATIONS

This section is full of useful phrases to use to spark up a conversation with the people around you (whether they're a potential drinking buddy or a prospective flirtation) and how to say goodbye when you part company. You'll also learn some common text-messaging abbreviations so you can text your new pals like a pro.

'Jour!	<i>Mornin'!</i>
'Soir!	<i>Evenin'!</i>
Allo?	<i>Hello?</i>
ben (= bien) (P)	<i>well</i>
faire la bise	<i>to kiss (on both cheeks)</i>
Bisous; bises	<i>"Kisses" (like on the phone or a postcard)</i>
bof (P)	<i>"not too well," "so-so"</i>
Bonjour, toi! (P)	<i>Hey, babe—good morning!</i>
bourre: être à la bourre	<i>to be late</i>
Ça va? (P)	<i>How are things? How are you doing?</i>
Comme ci, comme ça	<i>So-so.</i>
Comme d'hab' (P)	<i>Same shit, different day.</i>
Coucou (P)	<i>Hey, you/Hey, baby</i>
dis donc (P)	<i>tell me, say</i>
filer un rencard	<i>to make a date</i>
Ho!	<i>Hey!/Yo!</i>
J'ai la pêche!	<i>Just peachy.</i>
Je te fais la bise.	<i>I'll kiss "hello."</i>
Je me casse.	<i>I'm out of here.</i>
Je pète le feu	<i>I am great - Literally, "I'm fartin' fire"</i>
On se serre la main.	<i>Let's shake.</i>
On bouge; On y va.	<i>Let's roll.</i>
On s'appelle	<i>Call me.</i>
On s'embrasse?	<i>Should we hug?</i>
piger (P)	<i>to understand</i>
Qu'est-ce que tu fabriques?	<i>How's it hanging?</i>
Qu'est-ce que tu fous là? (P)	<i>What the hell are you doing here?</i>
Qu'est-ce que tu fous? (P)	<i>What the hell are you up to?</i>
Qu'est-ce que tu me racontes?	<i>Watcha up to?</i>
que dalle	<i>nothing at all (sod all)</i>
Salut	<i>Hi, hey</i>
se ramener	<i>to arrive unexpectedly</i>
se sauver	<i>to leave in a hurry</i>
se taper une sale tronche (O) (P)	<i>to look dreadful</i>
sympa (= sympathique) (P)	<i>nice, cool</i>
T'es en forme?	<i>You doin' good today? Are you well?</i>
tomber sur quelqu'un	<i>to bump into someone</i>
Toujours le même bordel	<i>Same old bullshit.</i>
Tu vas bien?	<i>How you doin'?</i>

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