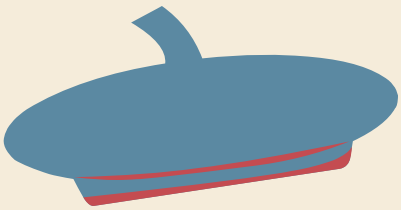
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50 ESSENTIAL VERBS FOR EVEYDAY FRENCH







Learn smarter, not harder !

In real life, you don't need to know every French verb to speak confidently and get by in everyday situations.
According to **the Pareto principle,** 20% of the verbs are used in 80% of daily conversations — and this guide gives you exactly those essential 20%.
These 50 verbs are **the most frequently used** in spoken French. Mastering them will allow you to express yourself in most real-life situations: at the bakery, at work, at the doctor's, with friends, on the phone...

✓ Clear examples
✓ English translations
✓ Real-life contexts

Start with the verbs that matter. Speak French smarter.

THE SUPER ESSENTIALS

1.ETRE

Je **suis** prof. / Tu **es** prêt ?

I am a teacher. / Are you ready?

2. AVOIR

Il **a** une voiture. / J'**ai** faim.

He has a car. / I'm hungry.

3. FAIRE

Je **fais** du sport. / Tu **fais** quoi ?

I do sports. / What are you doing?

4. ALLER

On **va** au marché ? / Je **vais** bien.

Are we going to the market? / I'm fine.

5. POUVOIR

Je **peux** t'aider ? / Tu **peux** venir ?

Can I help you ? / Can you come ?

MODAL VERBS AND COMMON ACTIONS

6. VOULOIR

Je **veux** un café. / Tu **veux** sortir ?

I want a coffee. / Do you want to go out?

7. DIRE
Il **dit** toujours la vérité. / **Dis**-moi !
He always tells the truth. / Tell me!

8. DEVOIR
Je **dois** partir. / Tu **dois** faire attention.
I have to leave. / You must be careful.

9. PRENDRE
Je **prends** le train. / Tu **prends** quoi ?
I take the train. / What are you having?

10. METTRE
Je **mets** mon manteau. / **Mets** la table, s'il te plaît.
I put on my coat. / Set the table, please.

UNDERSTANDING, MOVEMENT, COMMUNICATION

11. SAVOIR
Je ne **sais** pas. / Tu **sais** nager ?
I don't know. / Can you swim?

12.VOIR
Tu **vois** la différence ? / J'ai **vu** ça hier.
Do you see the difference? / I saw that yesterday.

13.VENIR
Tu **viens** ? / Elle est **venue** avec nous.
Are you coming? / She came with us.

14. FALLOIR

Il **faut** parler. / Il **faut** un visa ?
It is necessary to speak. / Do you need a visa?

15. DONNER

Donne-moi ça ! / Il m'a **donné** son numéro.
Give me that! / He gave me his number.

SPEAKING, LOVING, THINKING...

16. PARLER

Je **parle** français. / Tu **parles** de quoi ?
I speak French. / What are you talking about?

17. AIMER

J'**aime** le fromage. / Tu **aimes** voyager ?
I like cheese. / Do you like to travel?

18.PASSER

Je **passe** chez toi. / Le temps **passe** vite.
I'm coming by your place. / Time flies.

19.CROIRE

Je **crois** que oui. / Tu **crois** en toi ?
I think so. / Do you believe in yourself ?

20.TROUVER

Tu **trouves** ça normal ? / J'ai **trouvé** la solution.
Do you find that normal? / I found the solution.

ASKING, HOLDING, STAYING…

21. DEMANDER
Je **demande** l'addition. / Tu peux **demander** ?
I ask for the bill. / Can you ask?

22.TENIR
Tiens bien ! / Je **tiens** à toi.
Hold tight! / I care about you.

23. COMPRENDRE
Je ne **comprends** pas. / Tu **comprends** cette règle ?
I don't understand. / Do you understand this rule?

24. RESTER
Je **reste** à la maison. / **Reste** avec moi.
I'm staying at home. / Stay with me.

25. ENTENDRE
T'as **entendu** ça ? / J'**entends** rien.
Did you hear that? / I don't hear anything.

REACTIONS AND FEEDBACK

26. RÉPONDRE
Réponds à la question. / Elle m'a **répondu**.
Answer the question. / She answered me.

27. RENDRE
Rends-moi mes clés ! / Ça me **rend** heureux.
Give me back my keys! / That makes me happy.

28. CONNAÎTRE
Tu **connais** ce film ? / Je **connais** bien Paris.
Do you know this movie? / I know Paris well.

29.ARRIVER
Il **arrive** ! / Je suis **arrivé** en retard.
He is arriving! / I arrived late.

30. PENSER
Tu **penses** à quoi ? / Je **pense** que oui.
What are you thinking about? / I think so.

GOING OUT, READING, WRITING...

31. SORTIR
On **sort** ce soir ? / Il est **sorti** du bureau.
Are we going out tonight? / He left the office.

32. PARTIR
Je **pars** demain. / Tu **pars** déjà ?
I'm leaving tomorrow. / Are you leaving already?

33. LIRE
Je **lis** un roman. / Tu aimes **lire** ?
I'm reading a novel. / Do you like reading?

34. ÉCRIRE
Il **écrit** un email. / Tu m'**écris** ?
He is writing an email. / Are you writing to me?

35. TRAVAILLER

Je **travaille** demain. / Tu **travailles** dans quoi ?

WAITING, OPENING, CALLING……

36. ATTENDRE

Attends-moi ! / Je t'**attends** depuis 1h.
Wait for me! / I've been waiting for you for 1 hour.

37. OUVRIR

Ouvre la fenêtre. / C'est **ouvert** ?
Open the window. / Is it open?

38. APPELER

Appelle-moi ! / Je m'**appelle** Muriel.
Call me! / My name is Muriel.

39. VIVRE

Je **vis** à Lyon. / Tu **vis** bien ?
I live in Lyon. / Are you living well?

40. JOUER

Il **joue** au foot. / Tu **joues** d'un instrument ?
He plays soccer. / Do you play an instrument?

SHOWING, ENTERING, WALKING…

41. MONTRER
Montre-moi ! / Tu peux me **montrer** ?
Show me! / Can you show me?

42. COMPTER
Je **compte** sur toi. / Tu sais **compter** ?
I'm counting on you. / Can you count?

43. MARCHER
Je **marche** beaucoup. / Ça **marche** ?
I walk a lot. / Does it work?

44. ENTRER
Entre ! / Il est **entré**.
Come in! / He came in.

45. PORTER
Je **porte** une robe. / Tu **portes** ça souvent ?
I'm wearing a dress. / Do you wear that often?

EXPLAINING, TRYING, USING…

46. EXPLIQUER
Tu peux **expliquer** ? / Il a bien **expliqué**.
Can you explain? / He explained well.

47. REPRENDRE
On **reprend** ? / J'ai **repris** mon travail.
Shall we start again? / I resumed my work.

48. ESSAYER

Essaie encore ! / Je vais **essayer**.
Try again! / I will try.

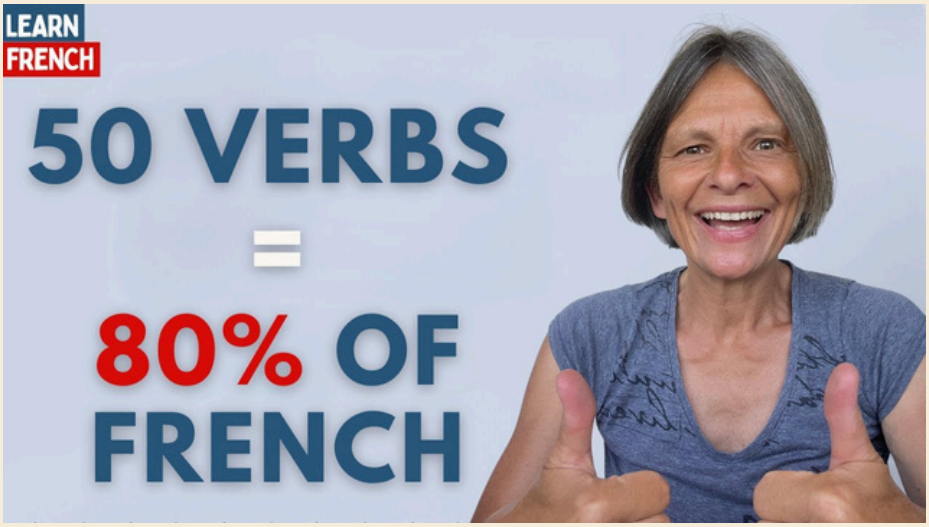
49. UTILISER

Tu sais **utiliser** ce truc ? / Je l'**utilise** tous les jours.
Do you know how to use this thing? / I use it every day.

50. GARDER

Garde le ticket. / Je **garde** ça pour toi.
Keep the ticket. / I keep this for you.

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