# French Words In English

## Places (5)

* **Maison Blanche** – White House (A department store in New Orleans, Louisiana)
* **Baton Rouge** – Red stick (Capital of Louisiana)
* **Café De Monde** – Café of the World (An open-air coffee shop on Decatur Street in the French Quarter of New Orleans, Louisiana)
* **Mardi Gras** – Fat Tuesday (Annual festival in New Orleans, Louisiana celebrating the last day of eating meat before Lent)
* **Louisiana** – Related to Louis (Louisiana was named after [Louis XIV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis_XIV_of_France), King of France)

## Food (19)

* **à la carte** – On the card or menu (Refers to a restaurant menu items sold separately or individually usually in smaller portions)
* **à la mode** – Refers to serving a desert with ice cream (e.g., apple pie à la mode)
* **Crème brûlée** – Burnt cream (Refers to a desert with custard and caramelized sugar)
* **Soupe du jour** – Soup of the day
* **Hors d’œuvre** – Outside the [main] work (Refer to an appetizer)
* **Vinaigrette** – Vinegar (Refers to oil and vinegar salad dressing)
* **Café** – Coffee (A coffee shop)
* **Café au lait** – Coffee with milk
* **Chic** – Stylish or in fashion
* **Entrée** – Entrance (Refers to the first course of meal)
* **Éclair** – A cream and chocolate icing pastry
* **Mousse** – Foam (A whipped dessert or a hairstyling foam)
* **Omelette** – Omelet (Breakfast meal made with eggs)
* **Roux** - Cooked mixture of flour and fat used as a base in soups and gravies
* **Sauté** – Jumped (Quickly fry in a small amount of oil)
* **Crêpe** – A thin sweet pancake
* **Croissant** – A crescent-shaped bread made of flaky pastry
* **Escargot** – Snail (Often eaten as a food)
* **Plat du jour** – Dish of the day (a dish served in a restaurant on a particular day but which is not part of the regular menu)

## Greetings & Sayings (28)

* **Adieu** – to God (use to express Goodbye or farewell)
* **Au revoir** – Goodbye or see you later
* **Bon appétit** – Good appetite (Statement used to say “Enjoy your meal”)
* **Bon voyage** – Good voyage (Statement used to say “Enjoy your trip”)
* **Bonjour** – Good day (Statement you to wish a person a good day)
* **Cliché** – Negative (A saying that is used to refer to trite and overuse)
* **Clique** – A small exclusive group of friends
* **Déjà vu** – Already seen (Refers to situations that seem like they’ve happened before)
* **Décor** – Layout and furnishing of a room
* **En garde** – Take your guard (Said in the sport of fencing)
* **Comme ci, comme ça** – Like this, like that (Neither good nor bad)
* **C’est la vie!** – That’s life! (Refers to the fact that life can be harsh but must be accepted)
* **Je suis enchanté(e)** – I am enchanted (to meet you) (A formal greeting on receiving an introduction that is often shortened to simply "enchanté")
* **Excusez-moi** – Excuse me
* **Extraordinaire** – Extraordinary
* **Et toi? –** and you? (Je m'appelle (your name), Et toi ?)(my name is (your name) and yours?)
* **J’adore** – I adore (love to the full extent)
* **Je m’appelle** – **my name it**
* **Je ne sais pas** – I don't know
* **Je t'aime** – I love you
* **Je suis –** I am
* **Mademoiselle** – My noble young lady (a young unmarried lady, miss)
* **Monsieur** – A man, a gentleman, Mr. or Sir)
* **Mon Dieu!** – My God!
* **Oui** – Yes
* **Répondez s'il vous plaît. (RSVP)** – If you please or please reply
* **S'il vous plaît** – If it pleases you or if you please
* **Très beau** – Very beautiful

## Others (47)

* **Ballet** – A classical dance
* **Beaucoup** – Lots of
* **Belle** – A beautiful woman or girl (e.g., southern belle or beautiful woman from the Southern states of the US)
* **Brunette** – A female with brown hair
* **Chapeau** – A hat
* **Chopin** – Frédéric François Chopin was a Polish composer and pianist of the Romantic era who wrote primarily for the solo piano
* **Critique** – Critical analysis or evaluation of a work
* **Cul-de-sac** – Bottom (Buttocks) of the bag (Refer to a dead-end street)
* **Façade** – A fake persona or false impressions
* **Faux** – Fake (e.g. fake fur)
* **Fiancé/e** – A man or woman engaged to be married
* **Genre** – Type or kind
* **Laissez-faire** – Let do (Often used within the context of economic policy or political philosophy, meaning leaving alone, or non-interference)
* **Armoire** – Type of cabinet or wardrobe
* **Au contraire** – On the contrary
* **Bouquet** – A handful of flowers
* **Bureau** – Office or desk
* **Cache** – Collection of items of the same type stored in a hidden or inaccessible place
* **Carte blanche** – White card (refer to unlimited authority or a blank check)
* **Charlatan** – A con artist
* **Chauffeur** – Driver
* **Concierge** – Receptionist at a hotel or residence
* **En route** – On the way
* **Entrepreneur** – A person who operates a new enterprise
* **Façade** – The front view of an edifice (Refers sometimes to a fake persona)
* **Grand Prix** – Great Prize (A type of motor racing)
* **Liaison** – A close relationship or connection
* **Montage** – A blending of pictures, scenes, or sounds
* **Papier-mâché** – Chewed paper (A craft medium using paper and paste)
* **Protégé/e** – A man or woman who receives support from an influential mentor
* **Rapport** – Relationship (To be in someone’s good graces)
* **Renaissance** – Rebirth (A cultural movement in the 14-17th centuries in Europe)
* **Reservoir** – An artificial lake
* **Rôle**– A part or function of a person in a situation or an actor in a play
* **Sabotage** – Wooden shoes (Subversive destruction, from the practice of workers fearful of industrialization destroying machines by tossing their sabots (“wooden shoes”) into machinery)
* **Savoir-faire** – Know how to do (To respond appropriately to any situation)
* **Silhouette** – Image of a person, an object or scene consisting of the outline and a featureless interior, with the silhouetted object usually being black
* **Touché** – Touched or hit (Acknowledgment of an effective counterpoint)
* **Voilà!** – See there (It is generally restricted to a triumphant revelation)
* **Derrière** – Behind (Refers to the rear or buttocks)
* **Matériel** – Supplies and equipment
* **Le moment suprême** – The supreme moment (the climax in a series of events)
* **Orange** – Orange
* **Père** – Father (used after a man's surname to distinguish a father from a son)
* **Reconnaissance** – scouting
* **Sans** – Without (typically used in English with san serif fonts or fonts without serifs (decoration)
* **Petite** – Small or little
* **Unique** – One of a kind