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Do you recognize these French words?

Forêt      éléphant      chèque      poème américain

île

hôtel

flûte

Noël

Haïti

zèbre

bleu

riche

théâtre

danser

# Bienvenue dans le monde francophone!

*Welcome to the French-speaking world!*

You know, of course, that French is spoken in France, but did you know that French is spoken by many people in North America? About one-third of Canadians speak French, mostly in Quebec province (**le Québec**). In the United States, about 400,000 people in New England (**la Nouvelle Angleterre**), whose ancestors immigrated from Canada, speak or understand French. French is also an official language in the state of Louisiana (**la Louisiane**).

French is the official language of France's overseas possessions. These include the islands of Martinique (**la Martinique**) and Guadeloupe (**la Guadeloupe**) in the Caribbean Sea, French Guiana (**la Guyane française**) in South America, the island of Réunion (**la Réunion**) in the Indian Ocean, and several islands in the Pacific Ocean. French is also spoken in Haiti (**Haïti**).

Did you know that French is also widely used in Africa? Over twenty African countries have retained French as an official language. Many people in West and Central African countries, such as Senegal (**le Sénégal**), the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (**la République de Côte d'Ivoire**), Mali (**le Mali**), Niger (**le Niger**), and Chad (**le Tchad**), speak French. In North Africa, French has played an important role in Algeria (**l'Algérie**), Tunisia (**la Tunisie**), and Morocco (**le Maroc**). Although Arabic is the official language of these North African countries, French is used in many schools across North Africa and in parts of the Middle East.

Take a minute to find France on the map. Several of the countries bordering France use French as an official language. It's the first or second language of many people in Belgium (**la Belgique**), Switzerland (**la Suisse**), Luxembourg (**le Luxembourg**), and Andorra (**l'Andorre**), as well as in the principality of Monaco (**Monaco**).

As you look at the map, what other places can you find where French is spoken? Can you imagine how French came to be spoken in these places?

parfum      chef      girafe      élégant  
cinéma      parc      Égypte      âge

hôpital  
canoe  
sévère  
ballet  
olive  
téléphone

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2. américain \_\_\_\_\_
3. ancêtre \_\_\_\_\_
4. appartement \_\_\_\_\_
5. armée \_\_\_\_\_
6. arriver \_\_\_\_\_
7. art \_\_\_\_\_
8. autobus \_\_\_\_\_
9. automobile \_\_\_\_\_
10. banane \_\_\_\_\_
11. bleu \_\_\_\_\_
12. carotte \_\_\_\_\_
13. centre \_\_\_\_\_
14. céréale \_\_\_\_\_
15. certainement \_\_\_\_\_
16. charmant \_\_\_\_\_
17. chocolat \_\_\_\_\_
18. classe \_\_\_\_\_
19. décembre \_\_\_\_\_
20. dîner \_\_\_\_\_
21. électricien \_\_\_\_\_
22. famille \_\_\_\_\_
23. géographie \_\_\_\_\_
24. histoire \_\_\_\_\_
25. hôpital \_\_\_\_\_

26. hôtel \_\_\_\_\_
27. idéal \_\_\_\_\_
28. imaginer \_\_\_\_\_
29. lion \_\_\_\_\_
30. liberté \_\_\_\_\_
31. mai \_\_\_\_\_
32. maman \_\_\_\_\_
33. moderne \_\_\_\_\_
34. modèle \_\_\_\_\_
35. musique \_\_\_\_\_
36. national \_\_\_\_\_
37. nationalité \_\_\_\_\_
38. oncle \_\_\_\_\_
39. personne \_\_\_\_\_
40. poème \_\_\_\_\_
41. poète \_\_\_\_\_
42. problème \_\_\_\_\_
43. réalité \_\_\_\_\_
44. salade \_\_\_\_\_
45. sandale \_\_\_\_\_
46. théâtre \_\_\_\_\_
47. tigre \_\_\_\_\_
48. timide \_\_\_\_\_
49. touriste \_\_\_\_\_
50. visite \_\_\_\_\_