

A LITTLE LANGUAGE, TODAY

Your first words. A small beginning.

French & German

Useful phrases. Short conversations. A little practice you can make your own.



A free introduction. No account, email or payment card required.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Start small. Stay curious.

This is an introduction, not a full course or a level test. Choose French or German and begin with one useful exchange.

01 Notice

Read a phrase and its meaning. Think of a real situation in which you could use it.

02 Say it

Say the phrase slowly, then try a short conversation. The website offers optional device pronunciation; written practice works without it.

03 Make it yours

Change one small detail: your name, a place or what you would like to order. Revisit the phrase another day.

My first useful situation

On the website: open Free practice to try the interactive questions. The guide works independently when saved or printed.

FRENCH / FIRST PHRASES

Bonjour. Let's begin.

Bonjour.

Hello / good day.

Bonsoir.

Good evening.

Je m'appelle Alex.

My name is Alex.

Comment vous appelez-vous ?

What is your name? (polite)

Enchanté / Enchantée.

Pleased to meet you. Written agreement depends on the speaker.

Un café, s'il vous plaît.

A coffee, please.

Merci beaucoup.

Thank you very much.

Pouvez-vous répéter, s'il vous plaît ?

Could you repeat that, please?

Je ne comprends pas.

I do not understand.

Au revoir.

Goodbye.

GERMAN / FIRST PHRASES

Hallo. Let's begin.

Hallo.

Hello.

Guten Morgen.

Good morning.

Ich heiße Alex.

My name is Alex.

Wie heißen Sie?

What is your name? (polite)

Freut mich.

Pleased to meet you.

Einen Kaffee, bitte.

A coffee, please.

Vielen Dank.

Thank you very much.

Können Sie das bitte wiederholen?

Could you repeat that, please?

Ich verstehe nicht.

I do not understand.

Auf Wiedersehen.

Goodbye.

FRENCH / SMALL CONVERSATIONS

A few words. An exchange.

Meet someone

A: Bonjour, je m'appelle Alex.

Hello, my name is Alex.

B: Bonjour, je m'appelle Marie.

Hello, my name is Marie.

A: Enchanté.

Pleased to meet you. (Alex uses the masculine written form.)

At a café

A: Bonjour. Un café, s'il vous plaît.

Hello. A coffee, please.

B: Voilà.

Here you are.

A: Merci beaucoup.

Thank you very much.

Bonjour works as a daytime greeting. With someone you do not know, the polite vous forms in this guide are a useful starting point.

A few words. An exchange.

Meet someone

A: Hallo, ich heiße Alex.

Hello, my name is Alex.

B: Hallo, ich heiße Anna.

Hello, my name is Anna.

A: Freut mich.

Pleased to meet you.

At a café

A: Guten Morgen. Einen Kaffee, bitte.

Good morning. A coffee, please.

B: Bitte schön.

Here you are.

A: Vielen Dank.

Thank you very much.

The capitalised Sie in Wie heißen Sie? is the polite form of you. Informal conversation uses different forms; this guide starts with polite examples.

Try it for yourself.

Use pages 3-6 if you need a reminder. Write or say an answer. Check page 8 when you are ready.

1. French: introduce yourself with your own name.

2. French: ask politely for a coffee.

3. French: ask someone to repeat.

4. French: how would you say goodbye?

5. German: introduce yourself with your own name.

6. German: ask politely for a coffee.

7. German: what does Vielen Dank mean?

8. German: ask someone to repeat.

ANSWERS & NEXT STEPS

Return. Repeat. Keep going.

1. Je m'appelle [your name].
2. Un café, s'il vous plaît.
3. Pouvez-vous répéter, s'il vous plaît ?
4. Au revoir.
5. Ich heiße [your name].
6. Einen Kaffee, bitte.
7. Thank you very much.
8. Können Sie das bitte wiederholen?

A small next step

Choose three phrases. Say them aloud, cover the translation, then try to recall the meaning. Add one situation where you would use each phrase. This is practice, not an assessment of your level.

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