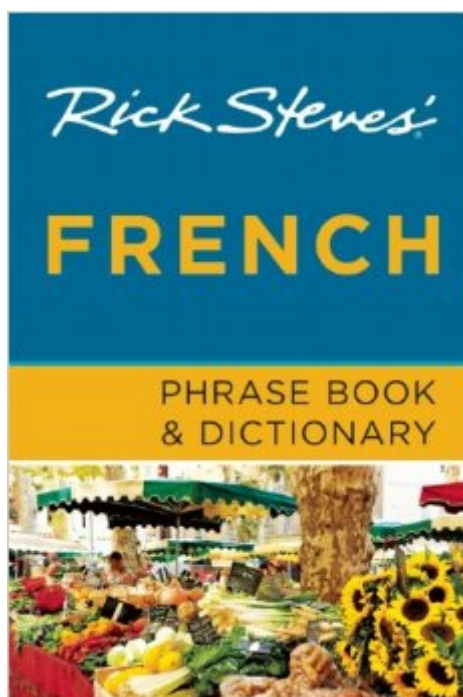


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# Rick Steves' French Phrase Book & Dictionary



## Synopsis

Bonjour! From ordering a café au lait in Paris to making new friends in the Loire Valley, it helps to speak some of the native tongue. Rick Steves, bestselling author of travel guides to Europe, offers well-tested phrases and key words to cover every situation a traveler is likely to encounter. This handy guide provides key phrases for use in everyday circumstances and comes complete with phonetic spelling, an English-French and French-English dictionary, the latest information on European currency and rail transportation, and even a tear-out cheat sheet for continued language practice as you wait in line at the Louvre. Informative, concise, and practical, Rick Steves' French Phrase Book and Dictionary is an essential item for any traveler's sac à dos.

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## Customer Reviews

My French is a little rusty so before I headed to Paris I purchased Rick Steves' phrase book. I was glad I had it along. It was useful in restaurants to decipher that one word that made all the difference in whether or not I wanted to order something. I like that it was small enough to fit in my pocket. This and Rick Steves' Paris 2014 are the only books you need for that Paris trip.

This little book covers everything I could want, including Steves' personable, practical tips for use of the book itself, and of course for the French language. Steves addresses both literal and social points of particular communications. This book provides the words one needs to navigate food (including markets) and dining, travel, medical, shopping, entertainment, sightseeing and much,

much more. An excellent application for anyone who is going to spend time in France. Very, useful. A "must-have" was perfectly met for me in that pronunciations are paired with every word or phrase - vital in that the French language is often not phonetic and because with this tool, after a while, one begins to form "patterns" that lead to memorization. Steves always includes some human interest to keep the reader, well, "interested." Steves understands that the most readers are not focused on becoming fluent French linguists, but rather wish to be able to combine enough French language with acceptable non-verbal cues to be polite, engaged, and comfortable guests in France. In every way a delightful purchase.

Since my college French has gotten very rusty, I decided to order Steves' French Phrase Book and Dictionary in preparation for a trip to France later this year. Since the book is divided into categories, it is easy to find the words or phrases one needs to handle whatever situation is at hand. Following each phrase is the pronunciation. He also deals with the colloquial way to say many things and that is a big help. While most people in France do speak English, they always appreciate it when we Americans struggle to use their language and I plan to study this book at length before my trip.

This is a very practical and helpful guide to all things French. Steve covers important cultural differences, such as the customary greeting. The guide aided me to ask basic questions at the airport, cafes, shops, etc.

Never used it once on my trip. I just memorized the first few pages of words and that did the trick. Stuck it in my suitcase but didn't need it. It covers everything but most of it was completely unnecessary. Still it's a nice book and if you get into trouble I'm sure it would be useful.

This is a great book. My only complaint is that it is almost too dense with information, but when was too much information such a bad thing? My kids enjoy learning how to speak basic French words and sentences. The pronunciation guide is quite helpful.

Rick Steves' books and advice are simply "the best" books. His pronunciation guide is great. We are using his book as a guide for our French group.

We just got back from an 11 day trip to France. Prior to the trip I paid for French lessons on Babbel; that was a mistake. I learned more useful phrases from Rick Steves' book than all of the lessons I

took from Babel. Babel seemed to focus on verbs and interactive communication but I don't need to know how to say "I am studying to be an architect". Rick Steves' book focuses on travel related expressions, which is what I really needed. The two other couples we were traveling with asked if I studied French in school. I told them no, I studied Spanish, but I bought Rick Steves' book two weeks before we flew to France. Buy this book and you will be able to navigate the French language in France. I also found the phonetic pronunciations in Rick Steves' book to be extremely helpful in trying to understand how to properly pronounce the words.

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