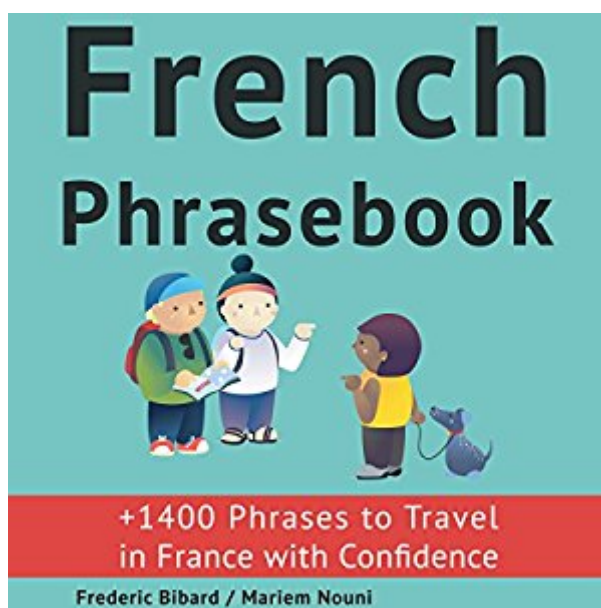


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French Phrasebook: +1400 French Phrases To Travel In France With Confidence!



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Cover all possible scenarios you may encounter in France from your arrival in the airport up to some unfortunate ones (sickness for example). +1400 words/expressions in French/ English and English pronunciation. Order the right food with the menu helper: A huge list (more than 600 words) of vocabulary/dishes translated to English and phonetics!

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Customer Reviews

I wasn't expecting much for the price, but I was more than pleasantly surprised. First, I like that the author started with pronunciation, because, as an upper level French minor, I still see several students who still cannot pronounce French AT ALL. It goes into pronunciation far better than any book I've bought. This book is like a far more affordable if a little more basic version of the \$200+ textbooks my professors make us buy. I like that it includes MP3s for free, which are pretty helpful.

I am a complete and total beginner to French, so I figured this book could give me a place to start. The author is a native French speaker. English appears to be his second language, and it shows as some paragraphs have minor grammatical errors. However, I'd rather have a native French speaker teach me French than a native English speaker with perfect English, and it never made the book harder to understand, so I didn't mind. The author first begins by going over different aspects of French pronunciation, with tables and audio files to help you understand how different letters are named and spoken. I found this part very useful! From there the author goes over 1500+ phrases in

French. He has a pronunciation guide underneath each phrase for how to say it in English. It was only semi-useful. I wish he had used the International Phonetic Alphabet instead of the English alphabet, as the English language varies wildly in how its vowels should be pronounced, so using the English-phonetics as a guide was difficult. However, you can easily understand how to speak it by referring to the pronunciation guide at the beginning of the book again, so it wasn't a problem. This book also covered a good many topics that don't usually occur to me when I think of studying a language, but are important, such as French for sickness or doctor's visits. Hopefully I'll never have to use it, but I bet it'll come in handy! The book ends with some articles from the author's website about French culture. They're very interesting and a good guide for those who don't know much about French culture. I also feel better getting this information from a native French man rather than someone who visited France and says he understands the culture well. Overall I think this book is great for beginners, especially beginners trying to expand their vocabulary or learn new phrases/how to start of sentences and can't really think of a place to start. I don't know how useful it would be for those who already know some French, but it's a nice complement to a beginner's French studies.

For me, the problem isn't understanding or comprehending French (though I am a complete novice there), but in actually speaking it. Pronunciation is a massive problem for me. My mouth is mushy when it needs to emphasize and too sharp when it's supposed to be round (and this is completely ignoring the fact that I've never understood certain letter combinations to begin with). And so when I scrolled through the first few pages of this book and immediately found a pronunciation guide much more in-depth than I've ever encountered, I thought finally I might actually get somewhere. The accompanying audio files were also a seriously great help, but the written descriptions are so simple and easy to understand that the audio isn't even a necessity. I especially like the comparisons to English words that actually make sense and are easily repeated. (Just repeating 'ong' as in song makes me feel like I'm speaking French already. ;D) As a complete beginner no matter how hard I try, this book was fantastic. In the first fifteen minutes of reading past the pronunciation chapter, I felt like a genius. Repeating sentences and actually feeling like I might be understood by a French speaker was wonderful, and not something I've ever really managed before. By the time I passed the essential phrases, I was starting to pronounce the words aloud by reading the actual French rather than the broken-down pronunciation, and that's a truly great feeling. I'm not sure if I'll be using this knowledge practically anytime soon, but from a lover of languages and learning in general, this book is an outstanding resource and one I know I'll be referring to for quite a while.

This book is short, easy to read, and packed full with great information and help. I have never been able to find time to take a French class and I never had a desire to spend \$300 on Rosetta Stone and hope it works but with this book my worries were gone. It doesn't cost too much and it has so much information and helpful charts. All beginners and even intermediate speakers would benefit greatly from this book because not only does it give the basic phrases you should know while travelling, it gives much more such as phrases for feeling sick, asking about the hotel, asking about the opera or theatre, etc. I like the tone the author sets in the book, too. It isn't a school book that feels like a lecture. I felt like my friend was trying to teach me French. It's nice because the author understands that it can get confusing and is constantly giving examples and really easy ways to remember the confusing things. To make this e-book better would be to add an MP3 download so you can hear the accents but wait, it's already in there! I shared this book with my brother who took French for 4 years and he was amazed at how simple yet helpful this book was. Definitely would recommend to anyone curious about the language or just wanting to brush up on it.

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