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“pre-face”

Let's face it: A face is worth a thousand words. It can reveal our character and signal our emotions and moods—even when we attempt to hide our feelings. You sometimes expect people to know how you feel just by looking at your face, which is convenient when, as often happens in France, your mouth is full! The messages that faces express are an essential ingredient of human interaction, but when we communicate in another language, this critical dimension is usually missing. In our effort to speak correctly and avoid mistakes, we adopt the self-conscious mentality of a dunce student, and we fail to notice and understand the facial expressions of the native speaker we are talking to.

French in Your Face! is designed to open up your receptivity to the other person's face! The French people are very emotional and sensitive: For them a wrong word is worth a thousand swords. But—and here's where this book comes in—they love to laugh! This book is your passport to communicating with these wonderful people; it links French terms, common expressions, idioms, colloquialisms, and even insults to the character, personality, mood, facial appearance, and gestures behind them. Enriching your knowledge of a language should be a rewarding source of pleasure. We hope you find this book and its illustrations to be funny, loud, opinionated, and, as the title suggests, *in your face!*

using this book

Just have fun! You can browse through the book, pausing where an illustration grabs your attention, or you can look up specific emotions or moods in the index or the detailed contents at the beginning of each unit, or you can take the lighthearted quizzes in each unit to pinpoint areas to focus on. Whichever way you use this book, enjoy it. It will enrich your French!

French in Your Face! has many unique features:

- Each of the 110 key terms in the first two units is accompanied by an illustration designed to provide context, reinforce meaning, and aid memorization.
- Captions provide English translations for the speech bubbles in the first unit and in the *gestures* section.



- Words that are synonymous or similar to each headword are listed, including adjectives, nouns, and verbs. Many of these are cognates or near-cognates of the English words, making them easier to learn.
- Related terms and expressions are listed to provide additional everyday vocabulary and commonly used phrases.
- Opposites are listed for some headwords. Note that in the sections *polar opposites* and *mood swings*, contrasting character types and emotions appear on facing pages.
- The symbol  indicates colloquial terms or slang expressions that should be used only in appropriate situations. The French appreciate the risk you are taking in using slang, since it demonstrates your interest in their culture.
- Feminine forms and endings are indicated in parentheses.

abbreviations used in this book

<i>adj</i>	adjective
<i>f</i>	feminine
<i>fpl</i>	feminine plural
<i>lit.</i>	literally
<i>m</i>	masculine
<i>m/f</i>	masculine or feminine
<i>mpl</i>	masculine plural

character and personality

polar opposites

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decisive décidé(e)

Here
we are!

No more
Mr. Nice
Guy!

I've made
my decision.

That's it!

Let's go!

There'll be
hell to pay!



synonyms and similar words

assuré(e) assured

buté(e) headstrong

certain(e) certain

confiant(e) confident

déterminé(e) determined

entêté(e) stubborn

ferme firm, assured

obstiné(e) pigheaded

opiniâtre persistent

résolu(e) resolute

tenace tenacious

volontaire determined

related terms and expressions

C'est un jusqu'au-boutiste.

He's not a quitter.

Je n'en démords pas.

I won't change my mind.

Je vais mener ce projet à bien,
coûte que coûte.

I'll do whatever it takes.

Ma décision est prise
et je m'y tiens!

That's my decision,
and I'm sticking to it!

faire un choix to make a choice

prendre le taureau par les cornes to grab the bull by the horns

prendre une résolution to take a stand

arrêté(e) fixed, settled

prêt(e) ready

convenu(e) agreed

réglé(e) settled

fixé(e) agreed

signé(e) signed

un arrêté a decree, statute

*I'm not sure.
I'm of two minds.*



I can't decide.

I don't know what to think ... (lit., if it's lard or bacon).

I'm thinking about it.

I'm undecided.

synonyms and similar words

ambigu(ë) ambivalent
 brouillon(ne) disorganized,
 confused
 confus(e) confused
 désorienté(e) disoriented
 dubitatif(-ive) dubious
 embarrassé(e) confused,
 at a loss

flou(e) fuzzy
 fuyant(e) fickle
 hésitant(e) hesitant
 incertain(e) unsure
 perplexe bewildered, baffled
 vague vague

related terms and expressions

Dans le doute, abstiens-toi.
 Je suis dans l'expectative.
 Je tourne en rond.
 Jean qui rit, Jean qui pleure.
 Quelle girouette!

When in doubt, don't do it.
 I'll wait and see.
 I'm going around in circles.
 He who laughs will soon cry.
 What a weathervane!

balancer to vacillate, waver
 ballotter to flounder
 flotter to fluctuate
 peser le pour et le contre to weigh the pros and cons
 une réponse de Normand a noncommittal reply

enthusiastic

enthousiaste

Wonderful!

Super!

C'est le délire,
c'est l'éclate!

I love it!

J'adore!

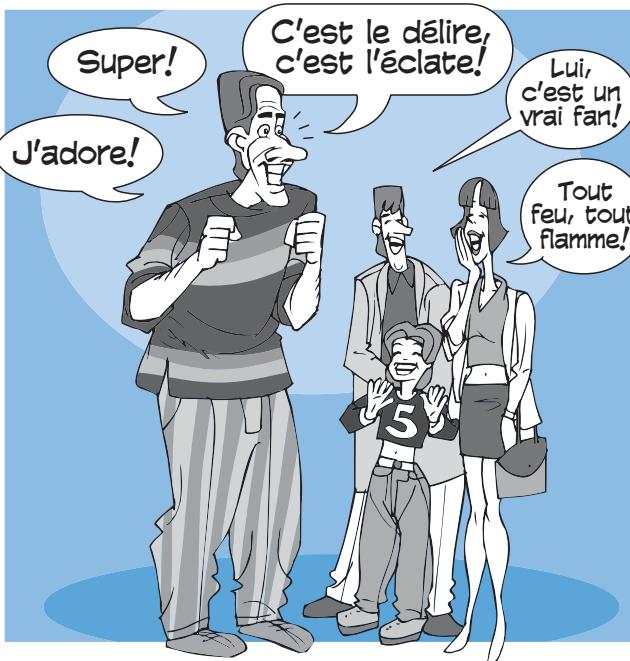
Lui,
c'est un
vrai fan!

Tout
feu, tout
flamme!

*It's terrific!
It's a blast!*

*The guy's a
real fan!*

*On fire, real
enthusiastic!*



synonyms and similar words

dynamique dynamic
 enflammé(e) inflamed, passionate
 exalté(e) thrilled
 fanatique fanatical
 fervent(e) devoted
 fou de crazy about
 fougueux(-euse) enthusiastic

frénétique in a frenzy
 impétueux(-euse) impetuous
 lyrique lyrical
 mystique mystical
 passionné(e) passionate
 ravi(e) overjoyed
 surexcité(e) overexcited

related terms and expressions

avoir le feu sacré to burn with zeal
 ne pas tarir d'éloges to be full of praise

- **accro** hooked (on)
- **dithyrambique** ecstatic
- **emballé(e)** excited
- **admirateur(-trice)** *m/f* admirer
- **aficionado** *m/f* devotee
- **disciple** *m/f* disciple, follower
- **enragé(e)** *m/f* fanatic;
adj fanatical
- **envolée** *f* **lyrique** lyrical flight
of fancy

- **inconditionnel(le)** wholehearted
- **partant(e)** eager
- **possédé(e)** possessed
- **fan/fana** *m/f* fan; **fana de** crazy
about
- **fanatique** *m/f* fanatic; *adj* fanatical
- **fondu(e)** *m/f* fanatic, freak
- **groupie** *f* groupie
- **mordu(e)** *m/f* fan, buff

Another party where people are having so much fun!

It's so depressing ...

I don't want to go!



But, Josie, it's YOUR birthday party!

You can't put everything down!

synonyms and similar words

critique critical
détracteur(-trice) disparaging
dévalorisant(e) belittling

malheureux(-euse) unhappy
péjoratif(-ive) pejorative
pessimiste pessimistic

related terms and expressions

Tout de suite les mots qui blessent! Hurtful words, right off the bat!

avoir mauvais esprit to be mean-spirited

casser la baraque to destroy someone's plans

censurer to censor

critiquer to criticize

dénigrer to denigrate

désapprouver to disapprove

juger to judge

lancer des piques to make cutting remarks

réfuter to refute

blessant(e) hurtful

cruel(le) cruel

cynique cynical

gâte-sauce *f* party pooper

trouble-fête *m/f* killjoy, spoilsport

déourageant(e) discouraging

désabusé(e) disillusioned

A computer doesn't make you clever or erudite.

It's curiosity, the desire to know ...



We wanna know everything, Grandma.

First things first: where's the chocolate mousse?

synonyms and similar words

civilisé(e) civilized

cultivé(e) cultured, erudite

expert(e) expert

instruit(e) educated

lettré(e) well-read, learned

sage wise

savant(e) knowledgeable

related terms and expressions

C'est une encyclopédie vivante.

She's a walking encyclopedia.

❶ Elle en connaît un rayon!

She sure knows her stuff!

Elle en sait des choses.

She knows a lot.

❶ Elle est vachement rancardée!

She's wicked smart!

❶ super calé(e) supersmart

un cerveau a brain

❶ une grosse tronche a big brain

un puits de science a fount of knowledge

connaissance *f* understanding

conscience *f* awareness

culture *f* culture

érudition *f* erudition

génie *m* genius

sagesse *f* wisdom

le savoir knowledge



Ignoramus!

*What a
dumb-ass!*

Idiot!

*How could
I marry such
an ape!*

synonyms and similar words

analphabète illiterate
 bétotien(ne) uneducated
d'une ignorance crasse
 completely ignorant
élémentaire elementary, basic
 fruste uncouth, unsophisticated
 grossier(-ière) crude, coarse
 ignare ignorant

illettré(e) illiterate
 inculte uneducated
 primaire crude
 primitif(-ive) primitive
 rudimentaire rudimentary
 sans aucune culture uneducated
 stérile void

related terms and expressions

- **andouille** *f* dumb-ass
- âne *m* dunce
- barbare *m/f* barbarian;
 adj barbaric
- bête *f* fool; *adj* dumb
- **con(ne)** *m/f* stupid jerk;
 adj stupid
- **connard** *m* stupid bastard
- **connasse** *f* silly bitch
- **couillon(ne)** *m/f* asshole
- **crétin(e)** *m/f* moron; *adj* moronic
- **débile** *m/f* schmuck; *adj* dumb
- **enflé(e)** *m/f* numbskull
- **enflure** *f* numbskull
- nul(le) *m/f* idiot
- un vrai cancre a real dunce
- **zozo** *m* nincompoop

By meditating like that, he actually came up with the winning lottery number.



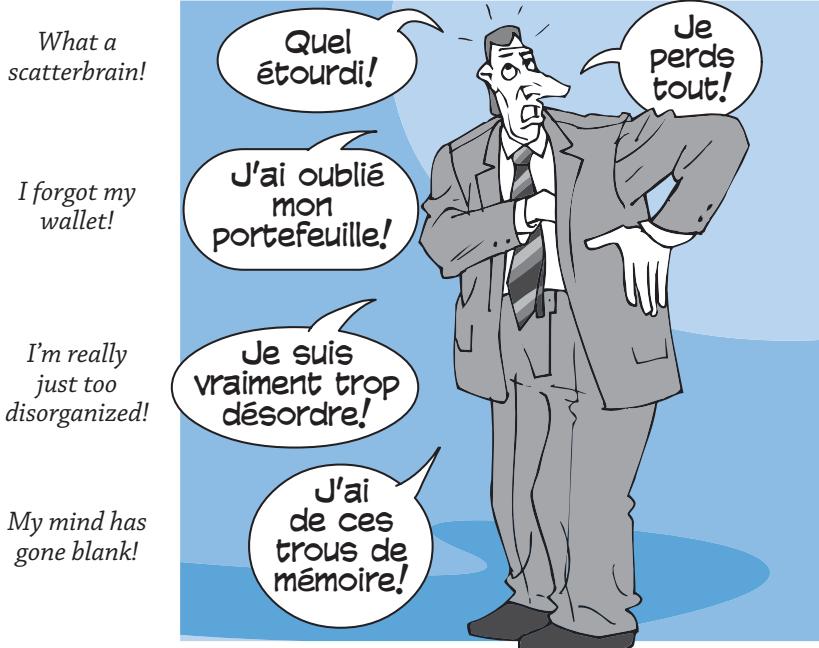
It makes you think.

synonyms and similar words

- absorbé(e) absorbed
- accaparé(e) preoccupied
- attentif(-ive) attentive
- méditatif(-ive) meditative
- préoccupé(e) preoccupied
- réfléchi(e) focused

related terms and expressions

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|--|------------------------------|
| Je suis accaparé(e) par ma profession. | I'm preoccupied with my job. |
| Je suis plongé(e) dans un abîme de réflexions. | I'm deep in thought. |
| abîmé(e)/perdu(e) dans ses pensées | lost in one's thoughts |



I keep losing everything!

synonyms and similar words

absent(e) absent-minded

brouillon(ne) messy

désordonné(e) disorganized

dissipé(e) wasted

écervelé(e) brain-dead

étourdi(e) thoughtless

inattentif(-ive) inattentive

lointain(e) faraway

négligent(e) negligent

rêveur(-euse) spaced-out, dreamy

related terms and expressions

Ça rentre d'une oreille et ça ressort de l'autre.

It goes in one ear and out the other.

Elle est perdue dans ses pensées.

She's lost in her thoughts.

Il est dans la lune.

He has his head in the clouds.

Il n'a pas les pieds sur terre.

He doesn't have his feet firmly planted on the ground.

J'ai l'esprit ailleurs.

My mind is somewhere else.

J'ai la mémoire qui flanche.

My memory is failing me.

avoir des absences to draw a blank

écouter d'une oreille distraite to half-listen

➊ **cervelle f d'oiseau** birdbrain

mémoire f sélective selective memory

➋ **passoire f** memory sieve

➌ **tête f de linotte** scatterbrain

trou m de mémoire memory lapse

She has a heart of gold, she doesn't even count the money.

Elle est bonne comme le pain, elle donne sans compter.

Elle a le cœur sur la main.

She has a big heart.



synonyms and similar words

altruiste altruistic

bienfaisant(e) benevolent

bon(ne) good

charitable charitable

humain(e) humane, understanding

large generous

magnanime magnanimous

prodigue extravagant

royal(e) regal, princely

related terms and expressions

Elle a bon cœur.

She's good-hearted.

Elle donne aux pauvres.

She gives to the poor.

Elle fait l'aumône.

She gives to the poor.

Elle fait profiter de ses largesses.

She gives of her wealth.

Elle partage le gâteau.

She shares her assets.

Elle paye de sa personne.

She is personally committed.

Il donnerait sa chemise.

He would give the shirt off his back.

Qui donne aux pauvres, prête à Dieu.

Give to the poor, and you lay up a reward in heaven.

Un cœur grand comme ça!

A huge heart!

Une sainte, une bienfaitrice!

A saint, a benefactress!

mécène *m* sponsor, patron

philanthrope *m/f* philanthropist

Two euros!

*This skinflint
only tipped
me two
euros!*

*The quiche
wasn't done.*



*Some
customers
are real
rats!*

*Boy, can
you be
stingy!
The tip is
15% of
the check.*

synonyms and similar words

- âpre au gain greedy
- avariceux(-euse) miserly
- chiche niggardly
- chien(ne) mean, stingy
- pingre m/f tightwad
- radin(e) m/f cheapskate
- rapiat m/f stingy person
- économiste miserly, thrifty
- écossais(e) Scotch
- mesquin(e) petty, mean
- parcimonieux(-euse) parsimonious

related terms and expressions

- avoir un oursin dans le porte-monnaie to keep one's wallet closed
(lit., to have a sea urchin in one's wallet)
- être constipé du morlingue to be stingy (lit., to have a constipated wallet)
- être dur à la détente to be slow to pay
être près de ses sous to be greedy
- faire des économies de bouts de chandelle to save one's nickels and dimes
- les lâcher avec un élastique to be tight-fisted
lésiner to be cheap
- mégoter to be cheap
- regarder à la dépense to hate to pay
- grigou m cheapskate
- grippe-sou m codger, penny-pincher
- harpagon m Scrooge

helpful serviable

You need
a hand,
ma'am?

I like
to help.

Un p'tit
coup de
main,
madame
Pujol?

J'aime
bien
rendre
service.

C'est pas de
refus, mon petit
Marc.

I won't say
no, sweetie!

Tu es
adorable!

You are so
nice!

synonyms and similar words

altruiste altruistic

attentionné(e) attentive

bénévole benevolent

charitable charitable

empressé(e) overzealous

gentil(le) affectionate

obligeant(e) obliging

prévenant(e) considerate

secourable helpful

utile useful

related terms and expressions

Il faut s'entr'aider.

We should help each other.

Qui cherche à se rendre utile.

Always trying to be helpful.

Toujours prêt(e) à rendre service.

Always ready to help out.

dépanner to help out in a pinch

épauler to back up

prêter main forte to lend a strong hand

se serrer les coudes to close ranks in the face of adversity

sortir de la merde/mouise to get someone out of trouble

tendre une main secourable to reach out a helping hand

tirer d'affaire/d'embarres to save the day

tirer une épine du pied to get someone out of trouble

venir à la rescousse to come to the rescue

venir en aide to offer help

copinage *m* help between friends

coup *m* de pouce a little extra help

*I couldn't care less!
(lit., I'll whitewash my bellybutton with the brush of casualness!)*

I don't give a damn.

I don't give a rat's ass.



How selfish!

What a lout!

synonyms and similar words

apathique apathetic

blasé(e) blasé

cruel(le) cruel

désengagé(e) withdrawn

désinvolte casual

détaché(e) detached

dur(e) mean

égoïste selfish

fermé(e) totally uninterested

impassible impassive

imperturbable imperturbable

insensible insensitive

sans cœur heartless

stoïque stoic

related terms and expressions

Ça me laisse froid.

It leaves me cold.

Ça ne me fait ni chaud ni froid.

I could take it or leave it.

➊ Je m'en bats l'œil.

I don't give a rat's ass.

➋ Je m'en fous.

I don't give a damn.

Je m'en lave les mains.

I wash my hands of it.

Je m'en soucie comme de l'an 40.

I care as much as the year 40.

➌ Je m'en tamponne le coquillard.

I don't give a rat's ass.

➍ Je m'en tape.

I don't give a damn.

➎ J'en ai rien à branler.

I don't give a damn.

➏ J'en ai rien à cirer.

I don't give a rat's ass.

➐ J'en ai rien à foutre.

I don't give a damn.

➑ je-m'en-foutiste m/f person with a couldn't-care-less attitude

kind gentil(le)

Hi,
everybody!

Kisses,
everybody!

N'hésitez
pas à faire
signe si vous
avez besoin
de moi!

Call if you
need me!



synonyms and similar words

agréable agreeable
aimable likeable
attentionné(e) attentive
charmant(e) charming
délicat(e) thoughtful
doux (douce) sweet
gentillet(te) rather nice
gracieux(-euse) gracious
plaisant(e) pleasant
prévenant(e) considerate
sympathique nice
tranquille quiet

related terms and expressions

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| • C'est un brave mec. | He's a good guy. |
| C'est un chic type. | He's a nice guy. |
| C'est une chic fille. | She's a nice girl. |
| C'est une chouette nana. | She's a nice gal. |
| Oui, il est bien gentil. | Yes, he's very nice. |
| Vraiment adorable! | Just adorable! |

*What
a shame!
How cruel!*

Thug!

Swine!

*Si c'est pas
malheureux de
voir ça! Quelle
cruauté!*

Brute!

*Sale
type!*

*Il y a des
gens qui
prennent
plaisir à
faire le
mal!*

*Pauvre
petite
bête!*

*Some
people are
sadistic.
Poor little
thing!*



synonyms and similar words

blessant(e) hurtful

cruel(le) cruel

dur(e) coldhearted

haineux(-euse) spiteful

inhumain(e) inhumane

malveillant(e) malicious

mauvais(e) bad

pervers(e) perverted

sadique sadistic

sans cœur heartless

teigneux(-euse) cantankerous

● vache mean, nasty

vilain(e) nasty, wicked

related terms and expressions

Il fait le mal pour le mal.

He's being mean for the heck of it.

● Il m'a chié dans les bottes.

He did me dirty.

Il m'en a fait voir de toutes les couleurs.

He really gave me a hard time.

Méchanceté gratuite.

Being mean for the fun of it.

bête et méchant(e) mean and dumb

● dégueu/dégueulasse dirty, mean

● vicieux(-euse)/vicelard(e) vicious

coup *m* fourré / crasse *f* / sale coup *m* / saleté *f* / saloperie *f* / tour *m* pendable / vacherie *f* dirty trick

● chameau *m* / chipie *f* / vipère *f* hard ass

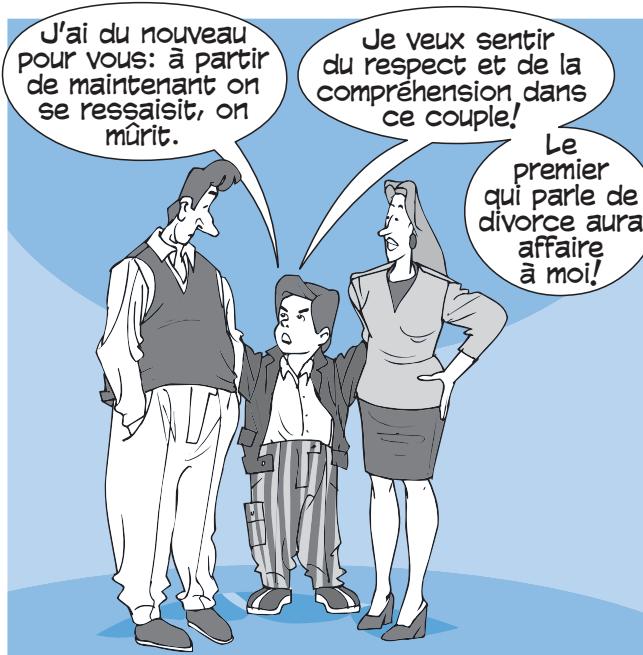
mégère *f* shrew

● chienne *f* / garce *f* / peau *f de* vache / peste *f* / salope *f* bitch

● salaud/saligaud/salopard *m* bastard

● vachard(e) *m/f* mean person

I've got news for you: From now on we regroup, we grow up.



I want to see you show respect and understanding for one another!

The first one who brings up divorce will have to go through me!

synonyms and similar words

adulte adult
en avance advanced
posé(e) composed
précoce precocious
raisonnable reasonable

réfléchi(e) thoughtful
responsable responsible
sage wise
sérieux(-euse) serious

related terms and expressions

«Aux âmes bien nées, la valeur n'attend pas le nombre des années!»
(*Le Cid* de Pierre Corneille)

“To those well born, bravery is not a matter of years.”

C'est un(e) enfant prodige.

He's a child prodigy.

en avance sur son âge mature for his age

attention f attentiveness

circonspection f circumspection

discernement m judgment

intelligence f intelligence

maturité f maturity

prudence f caution

raison f reason

réflexion f thoughtfulness

sagesse f wisdom

Skip the
math class!
Bambi's
playing in
the Latin
Quarter!

Shall
we go?



Grow up,
dude!

Does your
mother
know
you're
here?

You're so
immature!

synonyms and similar words

- adolescent(e) teenage
- enfantin(e) babyish
- futile superficial, shallow
- immature immature
- infantile infantile
- irresponsable irresponsible
- naïf(-ive) naïve
- galopin *m* good-for-nothing
- gamin(e) *m/f* kid
- garnement *m* brat
- morveux(-euse) *m/f* snotty little kid; *adj* snotty-nosed

related terms and expressions

- Qui c'est qui va changer tes langes? Who's going to change your diapers?

modest

modeste

*I know
my place.*

*I keep
a low
profile.*

*I hate
showing
off.*

*I hate
to brag.*

*I'm like
my income:
modest.*



synonyms and similar words

décent(e) decent
discret(-ète) discreet
effacé(e) self-effacing
humble humble
modéré(e) reasonable, moderate
pudique prudish
réservé(e) reserved
retenu(e) restrained
simple plain, simple
sobre serious, without excess

related terms and expressions

Chez elle c'est sans prétention.	Her place is unpretentious.
Elle n'est pas frimeuse.	She's not a show-off.
Elle ne fait pas de vagues.	She doesn't make waves.
à la bonne franquette with a nice homey feeling	
sans cérémonie without fanfare	

*I just
bought two
new villas
in Cannes ...*



*This guy,
with his big
real estate
mogul act,
what a
show-off!*

*What a
show-off!*

synonyms and similar words

bluffeur(-euse) *m/f* bluffer

cabotin(e) *m/f* ham

crâneur(-euse) *m/f* show-off

extraverti(e) *m/f* extrovert

fanfaron(ne) *m/f* braggart

m'as-tu-vu(e) *m/f* camera hog

poseur(-euse) *m/f* show-off

prétentieux(-euse) *m/f*

conceited person

vantard(e) *m/f* boaster

related terms and expressions

C'est de la poudre aux yeux.

It's all smoke and mirrors.

Il fait l'important.

He is playing the VIP.

Il fait la roue.

He's like a peacock.

Il joue les grands seigneurs.

He's got a big-shot attitude.

Il la ramène sans arrêt.

He sure brags a lot.

• Son truc c'est l'esbroufe.

He's good at showing off.

à faire son show

to put on a show

avec ses grands airs

with his big-shot attitude

en roulant des mécaniques

trying to look big

pour épater la galerie

to impress the crowd

toujours à faire le malin ou le mariole

to always play the smart-ass or big shot

toujours en représentation

always putting on a show

• l'épate *f*

smoke and mirrors

le tralala

all fluff

• ses bobards

his lies/crap

optimistic

optimiste

She always looks on the bright side!



Of course, we're gonna make it!

She says she has already won!

She has no fear of the future.

It's as good as done!

synonyms and similar words

comblé(e) overcome with joy

euphorisant(e) uplifting

confiant(e) confident

lénifiant(e) soothing

content(e) glad

positif(-ive) positive

dynamique dynamic

rassurant(e) reassuring

encourageant(e) encouraging

sécurisant(e) comforting

euphorique euphoric

apaiser to appease

calmer to calm someone down

rasséréner to calm someone down

rassurer to reassure

tranquilliser to put at ease

related terms and expressions

«Tout va pour le mieux dans le meilleur des mondes.»
(*Candide* de Voltaire)

“Everything is for the best in the best of all worlds.”

croire en sa bonne étoile to believe in one's lucky star

voir la vie en rose to see life through rose-colored glasses

*I'm just
being
realistic.*

Forget it!

*It will
never
work!*

*This project
is doomed
to failure!*



*What a
bad omen!*

*Always
looking
at the dark
side!*

synonyms and similar words

aigri(e) bitter

alarmiste alarmist

bilieux(-euse) irritable

cynique cynical

défaitiste defeatist

démoralisant(e) demoralizing

déprimé(e) depressed

inquiet(-ète) worried

maussade sullen

négatif(-ive) negative

râleur(-euse) crabby

sombre depressing

related terms and expressions

Ça laisse augurer le pire.

It's a bad omen.

Ce verre est à moitié vide, pas
à moitié plein!

This glass is half empty, not half full!

Il craint le pire.

He fears the worst.

Il dramatise.

He's being dramatic.

Il se fait de la bile.

He's a worrier.

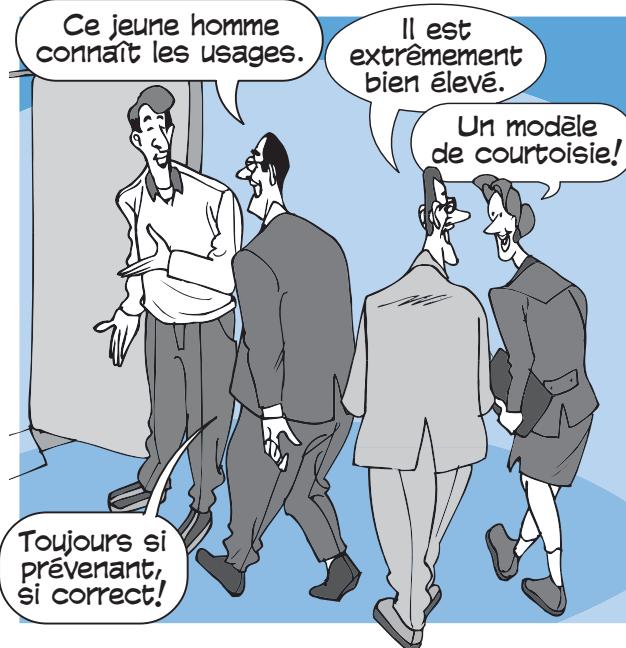
avoir le cafard to be down in the dumps

à-quoi-bonisme *m* what's-the-use attitude

sinistre *f* grim attitude

polite poli(e)

This young man has manners.



He's very well behaved!

A model of courtesy!

synonyms and similar words

affable good-natured
aimable likeable
attentionné(e) attentive
bien éduqué(e) well-educated
civil(e)/civilisé(e) civil

correct(e) appropriate
courtois(e) courteous
délicat(e) refined
distingué(e) sophisticated
empressé(e) courteous

related terms and expressions

attention *f* attentiveness
bienséance *f* etiquette
bonne éducation *f* good education
civilité *f* civility
correction *f* perfect manners
courtoisie *f* courtesy
distinction *f* refinement
égards *mpl* consideration, respect
galanterie *f* gallantry
politesse *f* politeness
protocole *m* protocol, formalities
savoir-vivre *m* manners, class

How rude!

He would walk all over you!



He wouldn't even apologize!

What a gross person!

Were you raised by wolves?

They think they're the only ones on earth!

Tell me if I'm in your way!

synonyms and similar words

effronté(e) shameless

grossier(-ère) crude

impertinent(e) impertinent

inconvenant(e) inappropriate

incorrect(e) improper

indélicat(e) unrefined

inélégant(e) inelegant

insolent(e) insolent

insultant(e) insulting

mal élevé(e) rude

malappris(e) loutish

malhonnête unseemly

malpoli(e) impolite

ordurier(-ère) filthy

rustre boorish

goujat *m* cad

related terms and expressions

gros mot *m* bad word

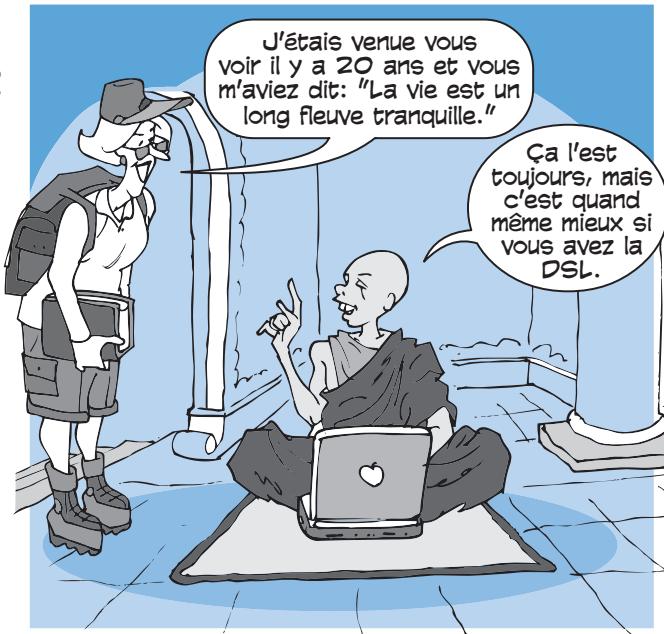
grossièreté *f* vulgarity

insulte *f* insult

mot *m* **grossier** swear word

profound profound(e)

I came to
see you
20 years ago
and you told
me, "Life
is a long,
tranquil
river."



That's still
true, but it's
even better
if you have
DSL.

synonyms and similar words

absolu(e) absolute
aigu(ë) sharp
avisé(e) wise
fin(e) clever
fort(e) strong
grand(e) great
grave serious
insondable deep
intense intense
lourd(e) heavy

métaphysique metaphysical
pénétrant(e) penetrating
perspicace perceptive
poussé(e) advanced
puissant(e) powerful
sagace shrewd
savant(e) knowledgeable
subtil(e) subtle
viscéral(e) visceral

related terms and expressions

C'est trop profond pour moi!
«Paraître profond quand on
n'est que vide et creux.»
(Beaumarchais)

Too deep for me!
"To appear profound when one is
empty and shallow."

un esprit profond a sharp mind
le fruit de profondes réflexions the result of deep thinking
qui va au fond des choses that goes to the heart of things

*Off to the hairdresser?
Again! But you went there this morning.*



synonyms and similar words

creux(-euse)	shallow	léger(-ère)	thoughtless
foufou (fofolle)	goofy	oiseux(-euse)	idle
frivole	frivolous	stérile	unproductive
futile	superficial	superflu(e)	superfluous
illusoire	unreal	vain(e)	vain
immature	immature	versatile	unpredictable
irréfléchi(e)	thoughtless	vide	empty
● cucul <i>m/f</i>	nitwit		
sot(te) <i>m/f</i>	idiot		
trompeur(-euse) <i>m/f</i>	cheater, phony		

related terms and expressions

dire des lieux communs	to speak in clichés
emprunter les sentiers battus	to walk the traveled path
jeter de la poudre aux yeux	to create smoke and mirrors
peigner la girafe	to do busy work
tenir des propos en l'air	to speak empty words
des balivernes <i>fpl</i>	fiddle-faddle, nonsense
● esbroufe <i>f</i>	showing off
façade <i>f</i>	façade, appearance
● frime <i>f</i>	showing off
lifting <i>m</i>	face-lift
silicone <i>f</i>	silicon
vernis <i>m</i>	veneer

*Relax,
my old man.
There are
cold drinks
and
hammocks
under the
palm trees*

...



*le FISC = France's counterpart of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service

synonyms and similar words

à l'aise at ease, comfortable
 calme calm
 cool cool
 décontract laid-back
 décontracté(e) relaxed
 détendu(e) loose
 doux (douce) sweet
 flegmatique easy-going

indifférent(e) detached
 paisible peaceful
 peinard(e) laid-back
 pépère comfy, at ease
 placide placid
 serein(e) serene
 souple flexible
 tranquille untroubled

related terms and expressions

- Ça baigne. I'm on cloud nine.
- On garde son sang-froid. Stay cool.
- On se calme. Calm down.
- être d'humeur égale to be even-tempered
- rester Zen to stay Zen
- d'un calme olympien calm like on Mount Olympus
- jamais un mot plus haut que l'autre never upset
- tranquille comme Baptiste quiet as a mouse (*lit.*, like Baptiste (the name commonly given to the simpleton in 18th-century farcical comedies))

She swallowed a clothes hanger.

That's her old-fashioned side showing.



*I agree,
she does
look a little
uptight.*

synonyms and similar words

affecté(e)	affected	prude	prudish
bloqué(e)	blocked up	raide	stiff
constipé(e)	constipated	rigide	rigid
empesé(e)	rigid	sévère	strict
engoncé(e)	unbending	strict(e)	strict
guindé(e)	stuffy	tendu(e)	tense
pincé(e)	hard-nosed		
blocage <i>m</i>	hang-up		
défense <i>f</i>	defense		
résistance <i>f</i>	resistance		

related terms and expressions

- Elle est amidonnée. She is really uptight.
- rester sur son quant-à-soi to have a wait-and-see attitude
- mal-baisée needing it (sex) bad
- raide comme un passe-lacet straight as a ramrod
- sérieuse comme un pape serious as a priest
- la bouche en cul de poule lips like a chicken's ass
- bégueule *f* prude
- un manche à balai a broomstick
- pète-sec *m/f* / rabat-joie *m/f* killjoy

*Your friend
isn't very
talkative.*



*She doesn't
just yak
away like
some people
I know ...*

synonyms and similar words

effacé(e) self-effacing

peu loquace quiet

réservé(e) reserved

silencieux(-euse) silent

taciturne taciturn

related terms and expressions

C'est à peine si on la remarque.

You barely notice her.

● Elle la met en veilleuse.

She puts a lid on it.

● Elle n'est pas du genre causant!

She's quiet—not the talkative kind!

Elle n'ouvre pas la bouche.

She keeps her mouth shut.

On ne l'entend pas.

We can't hear her.

Pas bavarde, dans son coin,
à l'écart, elle s'exclue.

She's not talkative, staying over there,
off by herself, keeping to herself.

*I speak for everyone:
SHUT YOUR MOUTH!*

He can rattle on for hours!

You can't turn off his jabber!



He was vaccinated with a needle from a record player!

You're hogging the phone!

synonyms and similar words

causant(e) chatty
loquace loquacious

verbeux(-euse) verbose
volubile talkative

related terms and expressions

Et cancanier(-ère) avec ça!

What a gossip!

Il a un bagout!

He has the gift of gab!

➊ On ne peut pas en placer une!

You can't get a word in edgewise!

➋ Quel baratinier(-euse)!

What a smooth talker!

Quelle commère!

What a gossip!

Une commère/concierge/pipelette!

A gossip!

avoir de la répartie / du tac au tac to have a snappy reply

avoir la parole facile to have the gift of gab

➊ faire un brin de causette to have a little chat

➋ tailler une bavette to have a good chat

un phraseur / une phraseuse
a wordsmith

un vrai moulin à paroles
a real chatterbox

bavardage *m* yakking, gossip

discussion *f animée* lively debate

➊ bla-bla *m* hogwash

➊ parlote *f* chit-chat

conversation *f à bâtons rompus*
banter

*In life
you have
to push
your way
around!*

*Auntie's
not afraid
of
anything!*



synonyms and similar words

- assuré(e) assured, confident
- audacieux(-euse) bold, audacious
- certain(e) certain
- confiant(e) self-confident
- convaincu(e) convinced
- fonceur(-euse) *m/f* go-getter; *adj* dynamic

related terms and expressions

- Elle en installe. She makes an impression.
- Elle fonce. She goes for it.

- avoir _____ to have _____
- de l'aplomb confidence
- de l'assurance self-assurance
- de la confiance en soi self-confidence
- du cran nerve
- du culot gumption
- culotté(e) smart-alecky
- gonflé(e) cheeky, gutsy

I hate to be a bother.



Don't mind me.

synonyms and similar words

complexé(e) insecure
 confus(e) confused
 craintif(-ive) fearful
 discret(-ète) discreet
 gauche clumsy
 gêné(e) embarrassed
 godiche gauche
 hésitant(e) hesitant
 humble humble
 indécis(e) indecisive

inhibé(e) inhibited
 intimidé(e) intimidated
 mal à l'aise awkward, ill at ease
 modeste modest
 peureux(-euse) bashful
 renfermé(e) withdrawn
 réservé(e) reserved
 rougissant(e) blushing
 timoré(e) frightened

related terms and expressions

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Elle est dans ses petits souliers. | She feels uncomfortable. |
| Elle monte dans le cerisier. | She blushes. (<i>lit.</i> , She climbs a cherry tree.) |
| Elle ne sait pas où se mettre. | She doesn't know where to hide. |
| Elle roule des yeux de merlan frit. | She rolls her eyes (in fear) like a fish in the frying pan. |
| manquer de confiance en soi | to lack self-confidence |
| frileux(-euse) | insecure |
| pas tranquille | tense |
| • péteux(-euse) | ashamed, cowardly |

sociable

*I love people,
what can
I say?*

*As soon as
I'm with
company,
I feel like
they're
family!*

So friendly!



synonyms and similar words

agréable(e) agreeable

aimable likeable

convivial(e) friendly

drôle funny

facile easygoing

savoir-vivre *m* good manners

liant(e) gregarious

ouvert(e) open

poli(e) polite

sympathique nice

related terms and expressions

● **On est potes.** We're buddies.

avoir le bras long / des relations / de l'entregent to have connections
(in society)

avoir une vie sociale to have a social life

être connecté to be in the loop

être dans le coup to be with the in-crowd

grimper les échelons de la société to climb the social ladder

savoir vivre en société to live in high society

branché(e) plugged in, trendy

super sympa very nice, fun

bonne pâte *f* nice person

● **brave mec *m*** decent fellow

● **un super mec** a cool dude

● **une super nana** a cool gal

I don't like crowds.



*At a party,
I always
keep to
myself.*

*It's not like
I'm shy or
anything*

...

*It's just
that people
scare me.*

synonyms and similar words

antisocial(e) antisocial

asocial(e) antisocial;

m/f social misfit

boudeur(-euse) sulky

circonspect(e) cautious

cautious(-ive) fearful

discret(-ète) discreet

froid(e) cold

glacial(e) icy

introverti(e) introverted

lointain(e) distant

marginal(e) marginal

misanthrope misanthropic

réservé(e) reserved

sauvage unsociable

secret(-ète) secretive

sévere harsh, severe

related terms and expressions

qui fait bande à part not joining in

qui s'exclue counting himself out

bernard-l'ermite *m* hermit crab

ermite *m* hermit

individualiste *m/f* individualist; *adj* individualistic

loup *m* solitaire lone wolf

non-conformiste *m/f* non-conformist; *adj* nonconformist

ours *m* grump

paria *m* outcast

❶ pisse-froid *m* killjoy

well-organized organisé(e)

Let's see:
vegetables,
canned
food, bread,
kids,
husband,
car.

Récapitulons: légumes,
conserves, baguette,
enfants, mari, voiture.

Le
compte
y est.

Check.



synonyms and similar words

attentif(-ive) attentive

concentré(e) focused

méthodique methodical

ordonné(e) orderly, tidy

prêt(e) ready

prévoyant(e) farsighted

prudent(e) cautious

réfléchi(e) thoughtful

structuré(e) structured

agencer to direct

arranger to arrange

gérer to manage

préparer to prepare

prévoir to plan ahead

ranger to put away

related terms and expressions

garder la tête froide to keep a cool head

tout bien planifier to have a plan

qui ne laisse rien au hasard not leaving anything to chance

qui pense à tout thinking of everything

*My mess,
what mess?*

*I know
perfectly
well where
everything
is!*

*Mon futoir,
quel futoir? Je
sais parfaitement
où je range les
choses!*

*Elles sont
quelque part
dans mon
bazar...*

*It's
somewhere
in this
clutter!*



synonyms and similar words

- bouleversé(e) jumbled
- chambardé(e) turned upside down
- déplacé(e) misplaced
- dérangé(e) disordered
- détriqué(e) unsettled
- embrouillé(e) tangled up
- mélangé(e) mixed up
- renversé(e) turned upside down

related terms and expressions

- ➊ **foutre le bordel** to make a mess
- ➋ **bordélique** messy
- ➋ **pêle-mêle** topsy-turvy
- bazar** *m* mess, clutter
- capharnaüm** *m* pandemonium, shambles
- ➌ **futoir** *m* dump, chaos
- ➌ **merdier** *m* shitty mess
- pagaille** *f* mess, mayhem

I don't have time to fool around.

I've got a ton of stuff to do!

I've got a lot on my plate!

I'm not stopping!



synonyms and similar words

actif(-ive) active

courageux(-euse) diligent

assidu(e) hardworking

productif(-ive) productive

consciencieux(-euse) conscientious

travailleur(-euse) hardworking

bûcheur(-euse) m/f drudge; adj industrious

related terms and expressions

Au boulot!

Let's go to work!

C'est un bourreau de travail.

She's/He's a workaholic.

Elle abat de l'ouvrage.

She's an eager beaver.

● **Elle bosse.**

She slaves away.

● **Elle gagne sa croûte / sa pitance.**

She earns her bread/chow.

● **Elle galère.**

She slaves away.

● **Elle rame.**

She works like a dog.

Elle s'investit.

She really puts herself into her job.

● **Elle se casse le cul/tronc.**

She works her ass off.

● **Elle se crève à la tâche.**

She works herself to death.

Elle se donne de la peine.

She is full of goodwill.

● **Elle se tue au boulot.**

She kills herself working.

● **Elle sue sang et eau.**

She sweats blood and tears.

Elle travaille d'arrache-pied.

She works like a demon.

● **Elle va au charbon / à la mine.**

She goes to work.

une vraie fourmi a real workhorse

*Working is
the way to
health ...*



*Doing
nothing is
the way to
stay that
way.*

*French singer Henri Salvador

synonyms and similar words

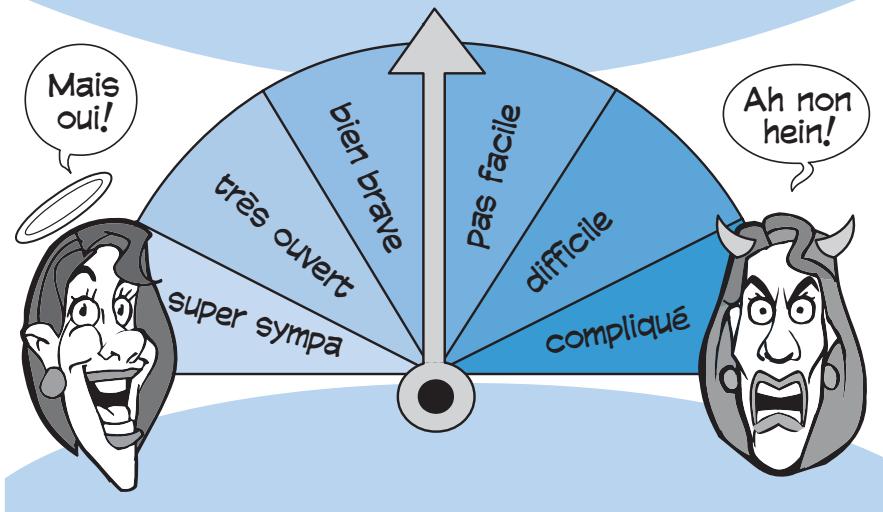
bon(ne) à rien good-for-nothing
inactif(-ive) inactive

oisif(-ive) idle
paresseux(-euse) lazy

related terms and expressions

- C'est un glandeur/branleur. He's a bum.
- C'est une feignasse. He's a lazybones.
- Il a un poil dans la main. He's bone-lazy. (*lit.*, He has a hair growing in his hand.)
- Il bulle, ce flemmard! He bums around, the lazybones!
- Il coince la bulle. He just bums around.
- Il n'en fout pas une rame. He's a freaking bum.
- Il ne fout rien de la journée. He just farts around all day.
- Il ne se tue pas au boulot. He doesn't kill himself working.
- Il se les roule. He plays with his boogers.
- Il se tourne les pouces. He twiddles his thumbs.
- La paresse est mère de tous les vices. Laziness is the mother of all vices.
- Partisan du moindre effort. Welcome to the Lazy Club.
- faire la grasse matinée to sleep late
- **cossard(e)** *m/f* lazybones;
adj bone-lazy
- **cul-de-plomb** *m* lead-ass
- **traîne-lattes** *mpl* lead shoes

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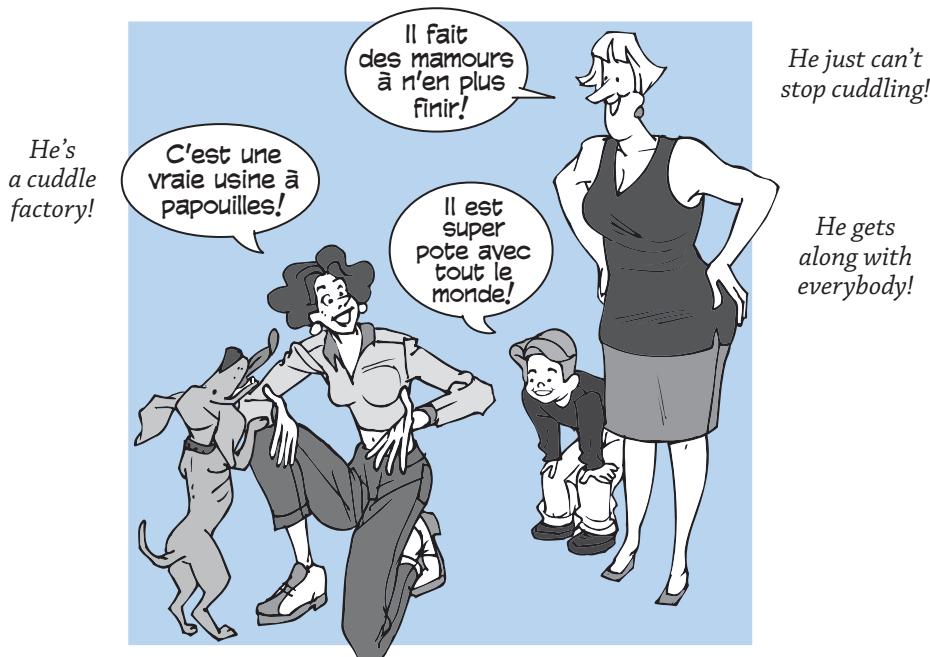


What type of person are you? Depending on your answer to each of the following questions, you earn one or two points. Answer the questions and add up your score. If you need help, follow the cross-reference to the page(s) indicated.

- 1 • Vous voyez tout en noir (2) ou c'est gagné d'avance (1)? ↗ 20–21
- 2 • Êtes-vous très habile de vos dix doigts (1) ou pas dégourdi(e) pour deux sous? (2)? ↗ 46
- 3 • Votre ami gagne le loto! Vous êtes surexcité(e) (1) ou vous n'êtes qu'un sale rabat-joie (2)? ↗ 4–5
- 4 • Une copine à vous a des ennuis. Vous faites tout pour lui retirer une épine du pied (1) ou vous vous en tamponnez le coquillard (2)? ↗ 12–13
- 5 • Quelqu'un vous bouscule dans le métro. Vous vous mettez à râler tout de suite? Oui (2) ou non (1)? ↗ 41
- 6 • Il vous faut ouvrir le bureau demain matin, très tôt. On peut compter sur vous? Oui (1) ou non (2)? ↗ 67
- 7 • Un problème dans la cuisine juste avant la soirée! Vous réagissez de manière normale (1) ou pour vous c'est une vraie cata (2)? ↗ 62
- 8 • Êtes-vous bordélique (2) ou méthodique (1)? ↗ 34–35
- 9 • Dans un sauna, vous vous sentez un peu concon (2) ou parfaitement à l'aise (1)? ↗ 42
- 10 • Vous foncez dans le tas (1) ou vous manquez généralement de culot (2)? ↗ 30

- 11 • Un SDF (Sans Domicile Fixe) vous demande un peu de monnaie. Vous êtes constipé(e) du morlingue (2) ou vous vous montrez charitable (1)? ↗ 10-11
- 12 • Il faut se décider. Vous prenez le taureau par les cornes (1) ou vous tergiversez à n'en plus finir (2)? ↗ 2-3
- 13 • Êtes-vous du genre nul (2) ou êtes-vous un vrai puits de science (1)? ↗ 6-7
- 14 • Vous avez gagné un prix à un jeu télé. Vous ne vous sentez plus pisser (2) ou vous restez modeste (1)? ↗ 65
- 15 • Au bureau ou à l'école, vous êtes un bourreau de travail (1) ou vous n'en foutez pas une rame (2)? ↗ 36-37
- 16 • Dans une fête, êtes-vous plutôt du genre frimeur? Oui (2) ou non (1)? ↗ 19
- 17 • Êtes-vous très à cheval sur le protocole (1) ou êtes-vous plutôt sans-gêne (2)? ↗ 22-23
- 18 • Dans une soirée, êtes-vous du type liant (1) ou plutôt du genre qui fait bande à part? (2)? ↗ 32-33
- 19 • Acceptez-vous facilement de changer d'avis? Oui (1) ou non (2)? ↗ 45
- 20 • Un scandale a éclaté dans votre immeuble! Êtes-vous du genre discret (1) ou du genre concierge (2)? ↗ 28-29

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synonyms and similar words

aimant(e) loving

câlin(e) cuddly

caressant(e) caressing

chaleureux(-euse) warm, friendly

ami(e) intime *m/f* close friend

copain (copine) *m/f* pal

meilleur(e) ami(e) *m/f* best friend

petit(e) ami(e) *m/f* boyfriend (girlfriend)

câlin *m* cuddle

débordement *m* overflow, flood

effusion *f* effusion

élan *m* outpouring, surge

épanchement *m* display of affection

gros câlin lots of kisses

mamours *mpl* display of affection

tendresse *f* tenderness

doux (douce) sweet

expansif(-ive) effusive

● pote palsy-walsy, buddy-buddy
tendre tender

related terms and expressions

Baiser de chien donne des puces.

(PROVERBE)

Don't trust someone who kisses you

too much. (*lit.*, A dog's kisses bring fleas.)

*Am I getting
this glass
of water
today or
tomorrow?*



*Incredible!
I could die
of thirst
here—
they don't
give a
damn!*

*Bunch of
retards!*

synonyms and similar words

acariâtre grumpy

acerbe caustic

chamaillieur(-euse) quarrelsome

grincheux(-euse) grouchy

hargneux(-euse) churlish

bagarreur(-euse) m/f quarreler

agresser verbalement to attack verbally

chercher la bagarre / le rapport de force to go looking for a fight

râleur(-euse) crabby

revêche cranky

ronchon(ne) grumpy; m/f grouchy

teigneux(-euse) cantankerous

querelleur(-euse) m/f squabbler

related terms and expressions

C'est une écorchée vive.

She has thin skin.

Elle aboie comme un roquet.

She barks like a yappy little dog.

Elle démarre au quart de tour.

Anything will set her off.

Elle est mordante.

She bites.

Elle monte sur ses ergots.

She is fast on the defensive.

Elle n'est pas à prendre avec des pincettes.

Don't even try to grab her with tongs (because of her foul mood).

Elle prend la mouche.

She flies off the handle easily.

aimable comme une porte de prison sweet like a jailhouse door

blessant(e) hurtful

mauvais poil m bad mood
(lit., bad hair)

mauvaise humeur f foul mood

awkward**mal à l'aise**

Say, your mom looks a little constipated.

Dis donc, ta mère a l'air un peu constipé.

Elle bloque un peu quand je lui présente un jules.

She goes blank when I introduce a new boyfriend.



synonyms and similar words

emprunté(e) / endimanché(e)

clumsy, ill at ease

• **concon** *m/f* dum dum

• **cucu** *m/f* dope

empoté(e) *m/f* clumsy lout

• **godiche** *f* noodlehead

• **manche** *m* numskull

• **nunuche** *m/f* chump

related terms and expressions

avoir l'air d'une poule qui a trouvé un couteau to look like you're lost

(lit., a chicken who found a knife)

avoir un blocage to blank out on something

être dans ses petits souliers to feel uncomfortable

(lit., to be in small shoes)

ne pas savoir à quel saint se vouer to not know which way to turn

(lit., which saint to pray to)

ne pas savoir sur quel pied danser to not know what to do

(lit., which foot to dance on)

opposites

à l'aise comfortable

assuré(e) confident

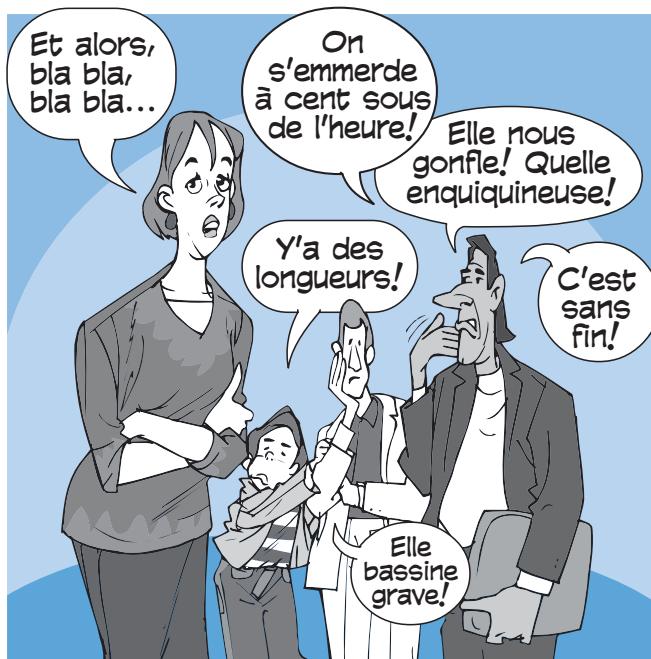
décidé(e) decisive

libre free and easy

naturel(le) natural

relax relaxed

And then,
blah blah
blah ...



It's like
watching
paint dry!

She's
a pain!
What
a bore!

It just goes
on and on!

There's
just
no end
to it!

She's a
real pain
in the ass!

synonyms and similar words

contrariant(e) frustrating
déplaisant(e) unpleasant
désagréable disagreeable
embêtant(e) irritating
fâcheux(-euse) annoying
fastidieux(-euse) dull
fatigant(e) tiring

gênant(e) annoying
laborieux(-euse) laborious
lancinant(e) throbbing
lassant(e) tedious
monotone boring
pesant(e) heavy, dull

related terms and expressions

- C'est casse-couilles!
- Emmerdant comme la pluie!
On finit par se lasser.
- On se fait chier/tartir comme des rats morts!
- Quel raseur!
- assommant(e) incredibly boring
- barbant(e) boring
- bassinant(e) real boring
- casse-pieds boring; m/f pest
- chiant(e) freaking annoying
- emmerdant(e) deathly boring
- emmerdeur(-euse) pesky

It's a real pain in the ass!
Boring as rain!
Boring as hell.
We're bored stiff!

What a drag!

- enquiquinant(e) boring
- gonflant(e) mind-numbing
- mortel(le) dull
- rasant(e) boring
- rasoir boring
- soporifique sleep-inducing
- soûlant(e) tiresome

clumsy

maladroite

*I'm all
butter-
fingers
today!*



*Clumsy oaf!
You break
everything
you touch!*

*What a
clodhopper!*

related terms and expressions

Tu es comme un éléphant dans un magasin de porcelaine! You're like a bull in a china shop!

être gaffeur(-euse) to always put one's foot in it

gauche gawky

pataud(e) clumsy

balourd(e) m/f dolt

gaffeur(-euse) m/f bungler

❶ godiche m/f noodlehead; adj dumb

❷ gourde f blockhead; adj stupid

lourdaud(e) m/f oaf; adj clumsy

opposites

être adroit(e) de ses mains to be dexterous

être habile to be handy

Let's make do with what we've got.
(lit., *Let's put the little dishes on the big ones.*)

We'll come to an agreement.

I don't care either way.



It doesn't matter to me: six of one and half a dozen of the other.

I'm not all that difficult.

Live and let live.

synonyms and similar words

accommodant(e) accommodating

arrangeant(e) accommodating

bienveillant(e) benevolent

commode convenient

complaisant(e) compliant

compréhensif(-ive) understanding

coulant(e) cool, easygoing

débonnaire good-natured

doux (douce) sweet

facile easygoing

flexible flexible

indulgent(e) indulgent

modéré(e) moderate

souple pliable

related terms and expressions

Coupons la poire en deux.

Let's meet halfway. (lit., Let's cut the pear in half.)

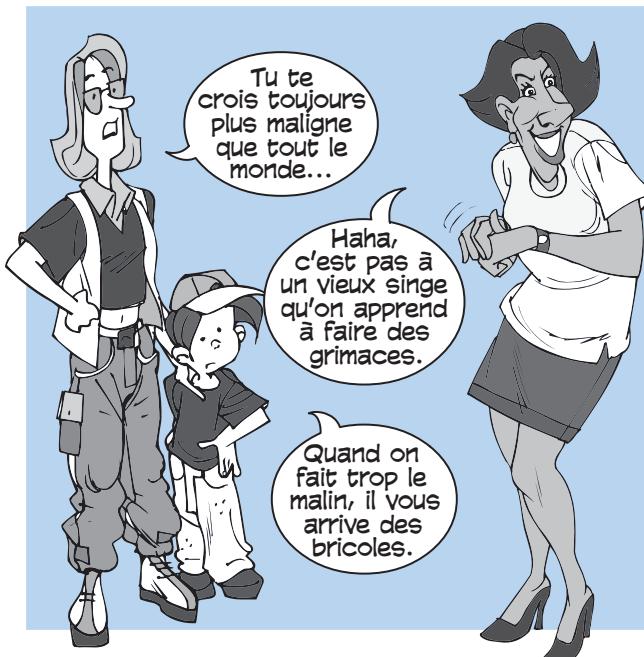
Facile à vivre, pas la grosse tronche.

Easy to live with, not a big ego.

crafty malin (maligne)

You think
you're
smarter
than
everybody
else ...

Too clever
for her
own good.



Ha ha,
don't try
to con
a con artist.

synonyms and similar words

astucieux(-euse) astute
débrouillard(e) resourceful
dégourdi(e) smart
déloré(e) quick-witted
éveillé(e) alert
fin(e) clever
futé(e) crafty
habile skillful

- **combinard(e)** *m/f* wheeler-dealer
- **démerdard(e)** *m/f* smart cookie
- filou *m* rascal, crook
- fin renard *m* sly customer

À malin, malin et demi.

Rira bien qui rira le dernier.

ingénieux(-euse) ingenious
intelligent(e) intelligent
malicieux(-euse) malicious
retors(e) twisted
roué(e) cunning
rusé(e) artful
sournois(e) sly

- fine mouche *f* sly customer
- **mariolle** *m* wise guy
- **roublard(e)** *m/f* crafty devil;
adj cunning

I'll outsmart you!

I'll get the last laugh!

opposites

- | | |
|---|---|
| Elle est noeud-nœud. | She's dumb. |
| Elle n'est très fute-fute. | She's not the sharpest knife in the drawer. |
| ● bête(sse) dopey; <i>m/f</i> numskull | innocent(e) naive |
| candide naive | nigaud(e) simple; <i>m/f</i> simpleton |
| niais(e) <i>m/f</i> fool | |



*Insane,
isn't he?*

*I think this
patient is
nuts!*

synonyms and similar words

aliéné(e) insane
 anormal(e) abnormal
 dément(e) demented
 dérangé(e) deranged
 déséquilibré(e) unbalanced

C'est fou. It's crazy.

détraqué(e) off one's rocker
 insensé(e) insane
 irrationnel(le) irrational
 malade mental(e) m/f
 mentally ill person

related terms and expressions

- ❶ The following slang words mean "nuts": allumé(e), atteint(e), barjo, branque, braque, brindezingue, cinglé(e), déjanté(e), dingue, fada, félé(e), fondu(e), frappadingue, frappé(e), givré(e), jeté(e), loufoque, maboul(e), marteau, pété(e), sinoque, siphonné(e), sonné(e), timbré(e), zinzin
- ❷ avoir des papillons sous l'abat-jour to lose one's marbles (*lit.*, to have butterflies in the lampshade)
- ❸ avoir une araignée dans le plafond to have bats in the belfry
- perdre la boule ❶ / la raison / la tête / le Nord / l'esprit to lose one's mind
- ❹ péter les plombs to lose it (*lit.*, to blow a fuse)

opposites

calme / équilibré(e) / judicieux(-euse) / normal(e) / raisonnable / rationnel(le) / sage / sensé(e) normal, balanced, rational, wise

distrustful méfiant

You can
tell your
boyfriend
I'm
watching
him.

There's
something
going on!

Something's
fishy!

There's a
lizard!

I'm on
my guard.

I smell
a rat!

I sleep
with one
eye open.



You see evil
everywhere!

You don't
trust
anybody.

You're pretty
paranoid!

synonyms and similar words

circonspect(e) circumspect

dubitatif(-ive) skeptical

inquiet(-ète) worried; m/f worrier

réservé(e) reserved

sceptique skeptical; m/f skeptic

soupçonneux(-euse) suspicious

suspicieux(-euse) suspicious

related terms and expressions

Chat échaudé craint l'eau froide. Once bitten, twice shy.

Méfiance est mère de sûreté. Caution is the mother of safety.

Méfiez-vous de l'eau qui dort. Quiet waters run deep.

avoir des sentiments mitigés à son égard to have mixed feelings
about him/her

No argument!

Period!

The results
are clear!
(lit., No
photo
required!)

It's so
obvious!

I won't let go!

You bet your
life! (lit., My
hand to cut!)



I'm 100
percent in
favor!

I'm positive!

I'll fight
to the death!

synonyms and similar words

absolu(e) absolute

autoritaire bossy

carré(e) straightforward

clair(e) clear

déterminé(e) determined

direct(e) direct

droit(e) straight

entêté(e) stubborn;

m/f obstinate person

explicite explicit

ferme firm

formel(le) formal

impératif(-ive) imperative

impérieux(-euse) imperious

indiscutable indisputable

inébranlable unshakeable

inflexible inflexible

intractable intractable

intransigeant(e) uncompromising

irréductible implacable

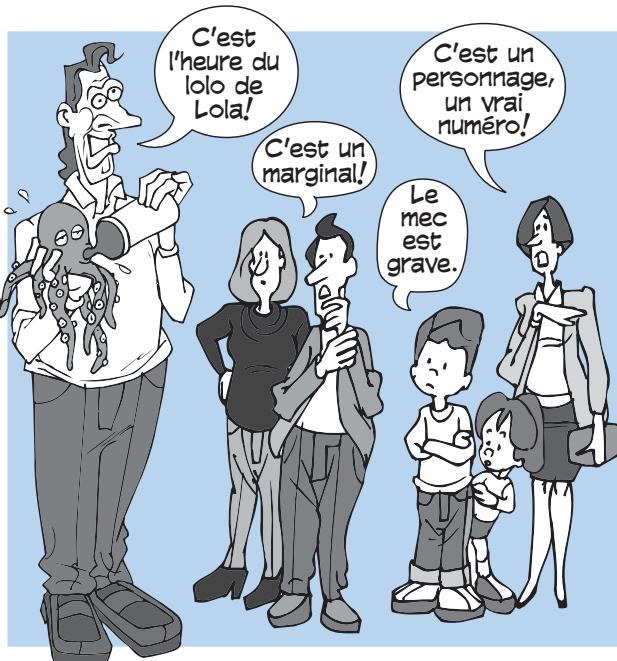
net(te) clear-cut, distinct

péremptoire peremptory

précis(e) accurate

tranchant(e) forthright, cutting

*It's time for
the mi-milk
of Mimi!
(lolo = milk)*



*He's a
character,
a real piece
of work!*

*This guy's
wacko.*

*What an
oddball!*

synonyms and similar words

- anticonformiste nonconformist
- ❶ **bargeot** bonkers
- bizarre bizarre
- ❶ **braque** crazy
- ❶ **dingue** nuts; *m/f* nutcase
- extravagant(e) eccentric
- fantaisiste odd, eccentric
- ❶ **farfelu(e)** scatterbrained
- insolite strange
- loufoque far-fetched; *m/f* screwball
- original(e) eccentric; *m/f* oddball
- singulier(-ère) weird
- spécial(e) odd
- ❶ **louftingue** *m* fruitcake

opposites

- banal(e) banal
- classique ordinary
- ❶ **coincé(e)** uptight
- commun(e) common
- conformiste conformist

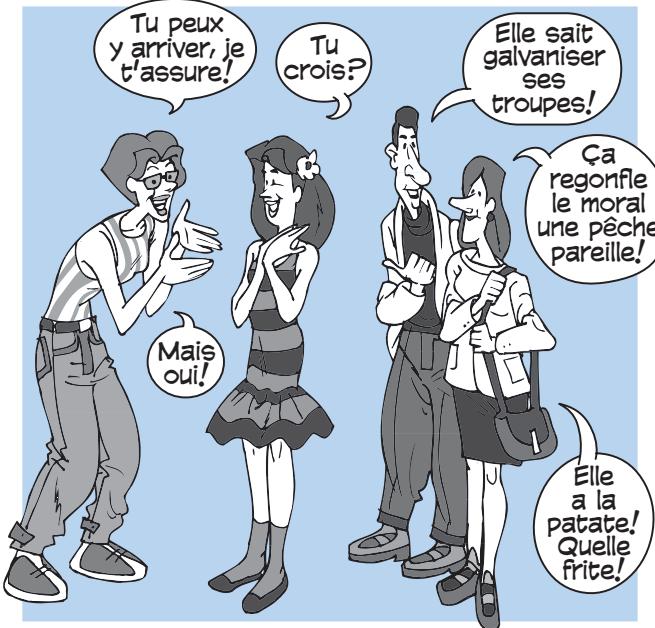
- mesuré(e) moderate
- ordinaire ordinary
- raisonnable reasonable
- sobre austere, low-key

encourageant(e) encouraging

You can do it,
trust me!

Think so?

Sure!



She knows
how to
motivate
her troops!

What a
morale
booster!

She's
driven!
What
a boost!

synonyms and similar words

stimulant(e) stimulating

tonifiant(e) invigorating

valorisant(e) validating

déclic *m* trigger

related terms and expressions

dynamiser to energize

exhorter to exhort

inciter to incite

inspirer to inspire

motiver to motivate

remonter le moral à quelqu'un to boost someone's morale

opposites

démobilisateur(-trice) discouraging

démoralisant(e) demoralizing

démotivant(e) discouraging

déprimant(e) depressing

désespérant(e) despairing, hopeless

*Psst ...
psst ...
psst.*



*What a
rumormonger!
Always
spreading
rumors!*

*He's the
local gossip
columnist!*

*We should
sue him for
slander.*

synonyms and similar words

calomnier to slander
dénigrer to denigrate
diffamer to slander
dire du mal to malign
discréder to discredit
jaser to blah, gossip
médire to bad-mouth

bavardage *m* gossip
cancan *m* gossip
commérage *m* gossip
méchanceté *f* meanness
raconter *m* gossip
ragot *m* malicious gossip
rumeur *f* rumor

opposites

louer to praise
valoriser to validate
vanter to praise, vaunt

*See here,
the job
was done
according to
regulations.*



*You can
trust him:
he's an
honest man.
Almost too
good to be
true!*

*But I see
that he looks
like a nice
guy, straight,
direct,
upright,
trustworthy,
responsible,
and
scrupulous.*

related terms and expressions

La décence, la droiture,
la franchise et la fidélité sont
des vertus rares de nos jours.
Y'a plus de moralité.

Decency, honesty, directness, and
loyalty are scarce virtues nowadays.

There's no decency anymore.

opposites

déloyal(e) disloyal
faux (fausse) fake
félon(ne) felonious
fourbe untrustworthy
fumiste phony
malhonnête dishonest
perfide treacherous
canaille f scoundrel
crapule f scum
escroc m crook
fripouille f hoodlum
gangster m gangster
traître(sse) m/f traitor; adj treacherous
tricheur(-euse) m/f cheater
trompeur(-euse) m/f trickster
truand(e) m/f rascal, crook

hypocritical

hypocrite

I can't figure this guy out!

He's a puzzle.



He looks like he's hiding something.

synonyms and similar words

ambigu(ë) ambiguous, enigmatic
dissimulateur(-trice) secretive
équivoque slippery
faux (fausse) phony
fourbe untrustworthy

hypocrite hypocritical;
m/f hypocrite
menteur(-euse) lying; *m/f* liar
perfide sneaky
sournois(e) cagey

related terms and expressions

Avec ses airs de sainte nitouche
on lui donnerait le Bon Dieu
sans confession.

With her goody-goody looks,
you could give her communion
without confession.

avoir le regard fuyant to have darting eyes (insincere)
donner le change à quelqu'un to pull the wool over someone's eyes
faire semblant to make believe
jouer un double jeu to pull a double-cross
en cachette / en douce incognito, on the sly
duplicité *f* duplicity

opposites

direct(e) direct
droit(e) straight
franc(he) frank

intègre upright
loyal(e) loyal
sincère sincere

What
a gross
character!
You're
never
presentable!

Slovenly
creep!

You
depraved
clod!

Fat
disgusting
jerk!

The look
of this
lazy bum
kills me!



You're not
gonna lay
a hormonal
fit on me,
are you?

Bring the
kid at a
decent hour!

Dad, your
homeless
look rules!

*SDF = sans domicile fixe = homeless

synonyms and similar words

- choquant(e) shocking
- contraire à la morale immoral
- déplacé(e) inappropriate
- impudique indecent, obscene
- inconvenant(e) improper
- incorrect(e) improper
- obscène obscene

related terms and expressions

- Quel manque de décence! What a lack of decency!
- Quelle vulgarité! What vulgarity!
- Sans vergogne! Shameless person!
- mauvaises manières bad manners

opposites

- approprié(e) appropriate
- convenable proper
- correct(e) proper, courteous
- de bon goût in good taste

- décent(e) decent
- digne dignified
- honnête moral
- honorable honorable

There's nothing exciting about me.

Il n'y a rien d'intéressant à dire sur moi.

Passez plutôt à la page suivante.

Just turn the page.



synonyms and similar words

- amorphe dull
- banal(e) banal
- commun(e) common
- courant(e) common, ordinary
- coutumier(-ère) average
- ❶ fadasse drab
- fade plain
- fafot(e) insignificant
- inconsistant(e) characterless
- insignifiant(e) unremarkable

- insipide insipid
- médiocre mediocre
- modéré(e) average
- moyen(ne) average
- obscur(e) unknown
- ordinaire ordinary
- quelconque nondescript
- terne dull
- vague vague

related terms and expressions

- être quelconque to be a dime a dozen
- a petit budget low-budget
- de second plan second-tier
- gris(e) drab
- incolore colorless
- inodore et sans saveur odorless and tasteless
- morne sullen
- triste gloomy, dreary
- bas *m* de gamme last of the lot, floor sample

*Allow me to introduce myself:
my name is Paul Marin.*



I'll let you gentlemen get acquainted.

*My pleasure.
I'm Christopher Brown.*

synonyms and similar words

charnière *f* go-between (*lit.*, hinge) entremetteur(-euse) *m/f* go-between
 connexion *f* connection lien *m* link
 contact *m* contact, connection

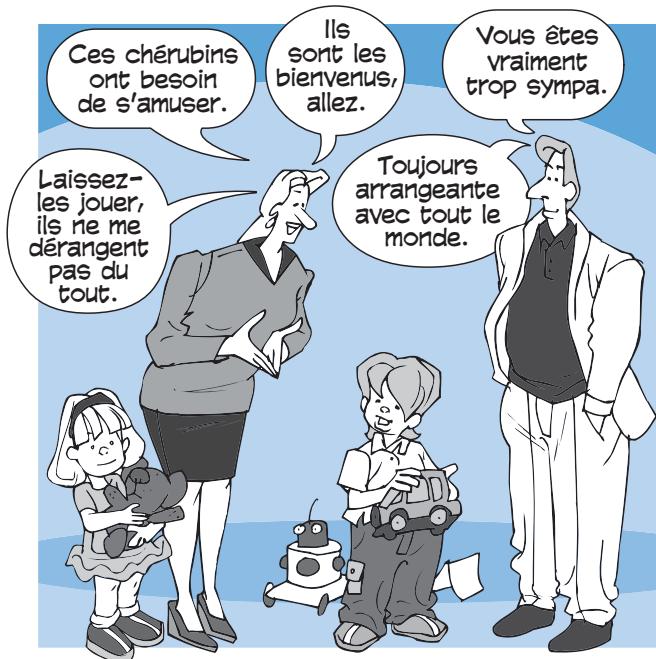
related terms and expressions

- Je vais te brancher avec cette nana! I'll set you up with this gal!
- casser la baraque à/de quelqu'un to ruin someone's reputation
 faire l'entremetteur(-euse) pour quelqu'un to act as the go-between for someone
- fusionner to merge
- grouper to group
- introduire quelqu'un dans l'affaire to bring someone into the picture
- marier to marry
- mettre quelqu'un en contact/rapport/relation to put someone in touch (with)
- présenter to introduce
- rassembler to bring together
- relier to link up
- rester en contact to keep in touch
- par l'intermédiaire de / par l'entremise de through

These little darlings need to play.

They are most welcome.

Let them play—they don't bother me at all.



You are so nice.

Always so easygoing with everyone.

synonyms and similar words

- à la bonne franquette informal, casual
- affectueux(-euse) loving
- aimable amiable
- amical(e) friendly
- chaleureux(-euse) warm
- compréhensif(-ive) understanding
- cool cool, easygoing
- cordial(e) cordial, warm
- coulant(e) permissive
- doux (douce) sweet
- facile easygoing
- indulgent(e) indulgent
- pacifique peaceful
- paisible gentle, easygoing
- patient(e) patient
- posé(e) calm
- relax easygoing, laid-back
- serein(e) serene
- sympa pleasant
- sympathique nice
- tranquille quiet

A leader,
a real chief.
He's the
boss.

He sure has
charisma!



He's a
natural
leader,
a rallying
point.

He's
a beacon,
an icon.

synonyms and similar words

gouvernant(e) governing

premier(-ère) de cordée first in line

responsable in charge

animateur(-trice) *m/f* leader,
coordinator

- **le/la big boss** the bossman
- **le Big Chief** the head honcho
- **le/la boss** the boss
- **le cerveau** the brain, the boss
- **commandant(e)** *m/f* commander
- **dirigeant(e)** *m/f* leader
- **le/la dirlo** the big guy / big gal
- **employeur(-euse)** *m/f* employer

entraîneur(-euse) *m/f* coach
guide *f* guide, spiritual guide

maître(sse) *m/f* chief, boss,
teacher

patron(ne) *m/f* boss

supérieur(e) *m/f* superior

superviseur *m* supervisor

tête *f* head

- **la tronche** the brains

related terms and expressions

«Ralliez-vous à mon panache
blanc!» (le roi Henri IV)

“Follow the white feather on my
helmet!”

*Wait, then
the shrink
says ...*



*He's a joke
machine!*

*This guy's
so funny!*

*He knows
how to tell
a joke.*

*He's
killing me!*

*What a wild
and crazy
guy!*

synonyms and similar words

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| amuseur(-euse) <i>m/f</i> | kidder,
entertainer | farceur(-euse) <i>m/f</i> | trickster |
| animateur(-trice) <i>m/f</i> | life of the party | fêtard(e) <i>m/f</i> | party animal |
| blagueur(-euse) <i>m/f</i> | jokester | gai luron <i>m/f</i> | a barrel of laughs |
| ● charlot <i>m</i> | clown | gugusse <i>m</i> | clown |
| comique <i>m/f</i> | comedian | joyeux drille <i>m</i> | funny guy |
| ● déconneur(-euse) <i>m/f</i> | joker,
wacky person | oiseau <i>m de nuit</i> | night owl |
| | | pantin <i>m</i> | puppet |
| | | plaisantin <i>m</i> | practical joker |
| | | ● rigolo(te) <i>m/f</i> | funny guy (gal) |

related terms and expressions

- | | |
|---|--|
| C'est rigolo! | It's funny! |
| L'histoire se corse! | The plot thickens! |
| Tu connais la dernière? | Have you heard the latest joke? |
| ● déconner | to kid around |
| ● faire le clown | to act the clown |
| ● faire le con | to act up |
| ● faire le guignol | to clown around |
| blague <i>f / boutade f / farce f / gag m</i> | histoire <i>f drôle</i> funny story |
| trick, practical joke, wisecrack | jeu <i>m de mot</i> pun |
| ● histoire <i>f de cul</i> | poisson d'avril April fool,
April fool's joke |

Everything was against me, that's for sure ...

Everything's determined by age six.

What a shame ...



*I get no help from the government
...
Blame it on bad luck ...*

synonyms and similar words

aigri(e) embittered

amer(-ère) bitter

bon(ne) à rien good-for-nothing;
m/f good-for-nothing

minable pathetic

échec m failure, defeat

● nul(le) worthless, hopeless

perdant(e) losing; m/f loser

recalé(e) flunked

vaincu(e) defeated

zéro m dead loss

related terms and expressions

échouer/rater to fail

faire banqueroute / déposer le bilan to go bankrupt

● merder en beauté to crash and burn

perdre to lose

● prendre un râteau / une veste to fail in seducing a woman

rater l'examen to flunk the test

● rater le coche to hit the dirt

● rater son coup to blow it

rentrer bredouille to come back empty-handed

● se casser les dents / le nez / la gueule to fall on one's face

● se faire lourder/jeter/virer to be kicked out, be dumped, get fired

● se planter to hit the deck

● se prendre une gamelle to fall flat on one's face

● se ramasser en beauté to screw up



*This is
extremely
serious!*

*A matter
of life and
death!*

*It's a
catastrophe!*

*I'm scared
to death!*

*This is way
too scary!*

synonyms and similar words

démesuré(e) excessive
dramatique dramatic
énorme enormous
exagéré(e) exaggerated
excessif(-ive) excessive

extrême extreme
outrancier(-ère) extreme
pathétique pathetic
poignant(e) heartrending
théâtral(e) theatrical

related terms and expressions

- Il en fait des tartines. He really piles it on.
- Il en fait des tonnes. He lays it on thick.
- Il en remet une louche. He's overdoing it. (*lit.*, He serves another ladle.)
- Il est trop. He's too much.
- Il pousse un peu. He lays it on thick.
- Il va trop loin. He's going too far.

opposites

mesuré(e) measured
modéré(e) reasonable
moyen(ne) average
normal(e) normal
pondéré(e) levelheaded

He started it, the jerk!



*Calm down now!
Let's make peace.*

I can help you settle this disagreement amicably.

She's a big fat goose!

related terms and expressions

trouver un compromis to find a compromise

trouver un juste milieu to find a middle ground

trouver un terrain d'entente to find common ground

arbitre *m* referee

conciliateur(-trice) *m/f* mediator

entremetteur(-euse) *m/f* go-between

intermédiaire *m* intermediary

interprète *m/f* interpreter

négociateur(-trice) *m/f* negotiator

You've got
lovely eyes,
you know
that?

I can see
you coming
from
miles away!

This fellow
hits on all
the gals.



He's looking
for adventure.

What a
horny guy!

That flirt
hit on me
last week!

synonyms and similar words

un bourreau des cœurs a heartbreaker

un Casanova a Casanova

un(e) charmeur(-euse) a charmer

un coureur de jupons a skirt chaser

un Don Juan a Don Juan

un homme à femmes a womanizer

un tombeur a womanizer

C'est un(e) dragueur(-euse).

He's/She's a flirt (looking for a relationship or a fling).

C'est un(e) séducteur(-trice).

He's a seducer. / She's a seductress.

related terms and expressions

Il/Elle fait des ravages.

He/She can really sweep them off their feet.

Vous habitez chez vos parents?

Do you live with your parents?

Vous venez souvent ici?

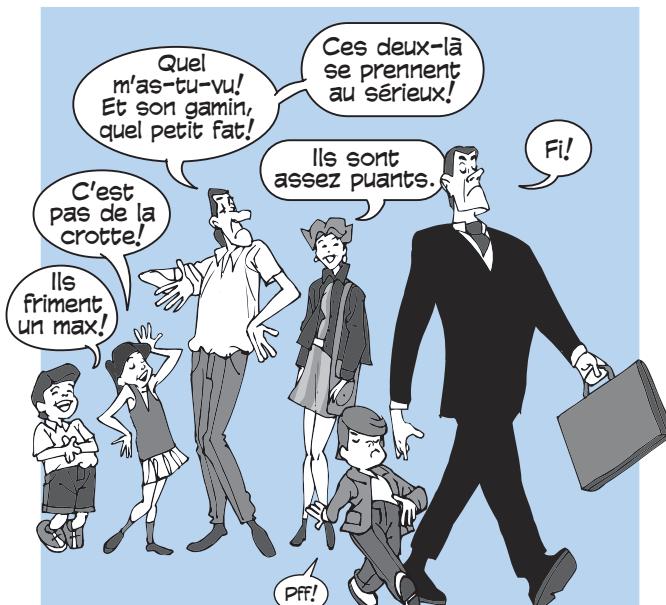
Do you come here often?

*What a show-off!
And his kid,
what a little punk!*

*Those two
sure think
highly of
themselves!*

*Think
they're
God's gift!*

*They sure are
showing off!*



*Pooh!
They're
pretty
arrogant.*

synonyms and similar words

arrogant(e) arrogant

dédaigneux(-euse) disdainful

fier(-ère) proud

hautain(e) snobbish

méprisant(e) contemptuous

pédant(e) pedantic

présomptueux(-euse) presumptuous

supérieur(e) haughty

● bêcheur(-euse) *m/f* stuck-up person; *adj* stuck-up

● crâneur(-euse) *m/f* show-off; *adj* pretentious

● frimeur(-euse) *m/f* show-off

● poseur(-euse) *m/f* show-off; *adj* affected

related terms and expressions

Il ne se mouche pas du coude!

He thinks he's got class!

● Il ne se pas prend pour une merde!

He thinks he's hot shit!

● Il ne se sent plus pisser.

He's full of himself.

● Il pète plus haut que son cul!

He farts higher than his asshole!

Il se croit sorti de la cuisse de Jupiter.

He thinks he's something special
(lit., he's come from Jupiter's thigh).

Le roi n'est pas son cousin!

He thinks he's tops!

(lit., The king is not his cousin.)

opposites

humble humble

modeste modest

My office is a bit small, but it has a view of my cars. They remind me that my business is rocking!



synonyms and similar words

abondant(e) abundant
 bienheureux(-euse) fortunate
 chanceux(-euse) lucky
 créatif(-ive) creative
 fécond(e) productive, prolific
 fertile productive
 florissant(e) flourishing
 fructueux(-euse) lucrative
 créateur(-trice) *m/f* creator
 producteur(-trice) *m/f* producer

généreux(-euse) generous,
 bountiful
 heureux(-euse) happy
 prodigue extravagant
 productif(-ive) productive
 prolifique prolific
 riche wealthy

related terms and expressions

- Je gagne un max de fric! I'm making big bucks!
- Je me fais des couilles en or! I'm getting stinking rich!
- être plein aux as to be filthy rich
 vivre à l'aise to be well-off
- plein(e) plenty, full
- un maximum maximum, a lot

I can rely
on her
completely.

Is Gisèle
trustworthy?

I would give
her my keys
without
blinking.



You can
count
on her!
She'll
never let
you down.

You can
rely
on her!

She's
dependable!
You can
trust her.

Honest
and flexible,
she's fully
accountable.

synonyms and similar words

attentif(-ive) attentive

consciencieux(-euse) conscientious

crédible credible

minutieux(-euse) meticulous

ponctuel(le) punctual

sérieux(-euse) serious

travailleur(-euse) hardworking

opposites

On ne peut pas s'y fier. He's unreliable.

dilettante amateur

fainéant(e) lazy

fantaisiste spacey

irresponsable irresponsible

jean-foutre unreliable guy, good-for-nothing

léger(-ère) inattentive

négligent(e) negligent

We all need some spice in our lives.

I respect that, but ...

On a tous besoin d'ajouter un peu de piquant dans sa vie...

Je respecte ça, mais...

Quoi, mon passe-temps devient trop envahissant?

Tu sais que mes hérissons t'adorent ...

What, is my hobby too intrusive?

You know that my porcupines love you ...



synonyms and similar words

attentif(-ive) attentive

attentionné(e) caring

empressé(e) overzealous

attention *f* attention

considération *f* consideration

courtoisie *f* courtesy

égard *m* regard

prévenance *f* consideration

poli(e) polite

prévenant(e) considerate

respect *m* respect

soin *m* care

solicitude *f* solicitude, concern

souci *m* concern

related terms and expressions

être aux petits soins pour quelqu'un to attend to someone's every need
 être très attentionné à l'égard de quelqu'un to attend to someone's

every need

faire attention à to care for

prendre garde à to care for

prendre les gants to handle with kid gloves

songer à to care for

opposites

grossièreté *f* crudeness

impolitesse *f* rudeness

indifférence *f* indifference

manque *f* de respect disrespect

mépris *f* contempt

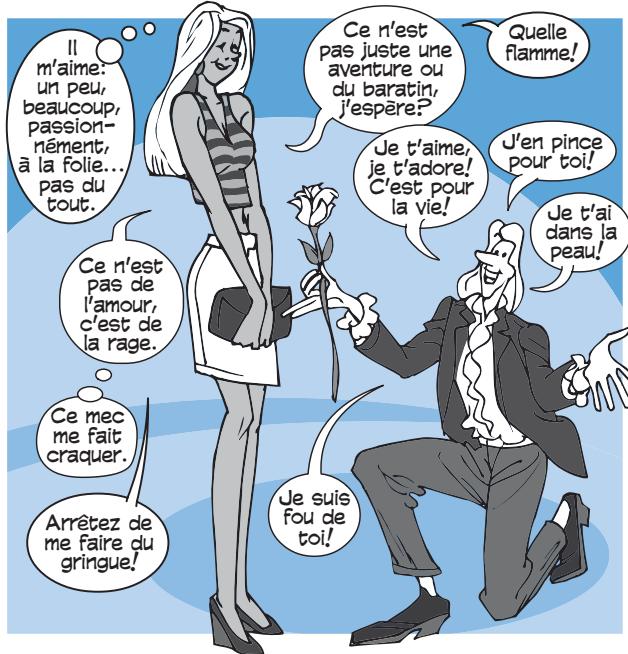
négligence *f* negligence

*He loves me
... he loves
me not.*

*It's not love,
it's passion.*

*This guy
makes me
weak in the
knees.*

*Stop coming
on to me
like that!*



*This isn't
just sweet
talk and a
fling, right?*

What ardor!

*I love you,
I adore you!
Forever!*

*I'm crazy
about you!*

*I've got you
under
my skin.*

*I'm nuts
about you!*

related terms and expressions

«Chagrin d'amour dure toute la vie.» (Florian)

“Heartbreak lasts forever.”

«Je t'aime aujourd'hui plus qu'hier et bien moins que demain.» (Ronsart)

“I love you today more than yesterday and less than tomorrow.”

avoir de l'adoration pour quelqu'un to adore someone

avoir de l'affection pour quelqu'un to have affection for someone

avoir de l'attachement pour quelqu'un to be committed to someone

avoir de la passion pour quelqu'un to feel passion for someone

avoir de la tendresse pour quelqu'un to have tender feelings for someone

avoir le coup de foudre to fall in love at first sight

être épris(e) to be enamored/smitten

être mordu(e) to be head over heels

tomber amoureux(-euse) to fall in love

éperdument amoureux(-euse) moonstruck, madly in love

fou amoureux (folle amoureuse) crazy/nuts about someone

un amoureux transi a bashful lover

crève-cœur *m* heartbreak

opposites

antipathie *f* / aversion *f* / haine *f* hatred, aversion

star

coqueluche

*He's famous!
He's on all
the front
pages!

This guy
rocks!*



*The papers
are all over
him. He's
making
headlines!*

*He has
the wind
in his sails!*

synonyms and similar words

acteur(-trice) *m/f* actor (actress)

idole *f* idol

célébrité *f* stardom, (a) celebrity

monstre *m* sacré superstar

étoile *f* star

vedette *f* star

célèbre famous

en vogue trendy

chéri(e) darling; *m/f* darling

favori(te) favorite

en vedette in the limelight

«people» celebrity; *mpl* celebrities

related terms and expressions

avoir la cote to be on the A-list, be popular

avoir le monde à ses pieds to be on top of the world

• avoir le ticket avec quelqu'un to be in good with someone

• cartonner to be a huge success

être au firmament to be at the pinnacle

être la coqueluche des Américains to be America's sweetheart

être le centre d'intérêt to be the center of attention

plaire/faire fureur to be all the rage

au sommet de la vague at the top of the heap

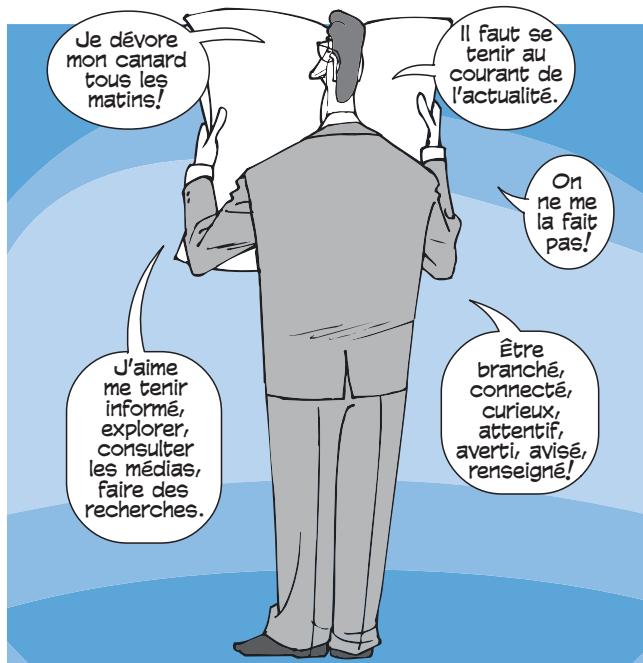
un succès fou very successful

la reine de la soirée the hit of the party

le point de mire de tous les regards the center of attention

I read my paper cover to cover every morning!

I like to stay informed, explore, consult the media, and check the facts.



You have to keep up with the news.

You can't pull the wool over my eyes!

One needs to be in the know, connected, interested, aware, informed, enlightened, and in the loop!

opposites

J'étais à cent lieues de me douter.

- ➊ Je suis largué(e).
- Je tombe des nues.
- ➋ Là vous me trouvez le cul!
- Première nouvelle!
- ignorant(e) ignorant
- pas au courant unaware
- sous-informé(e) ill-informed

I was miles from having a clue!

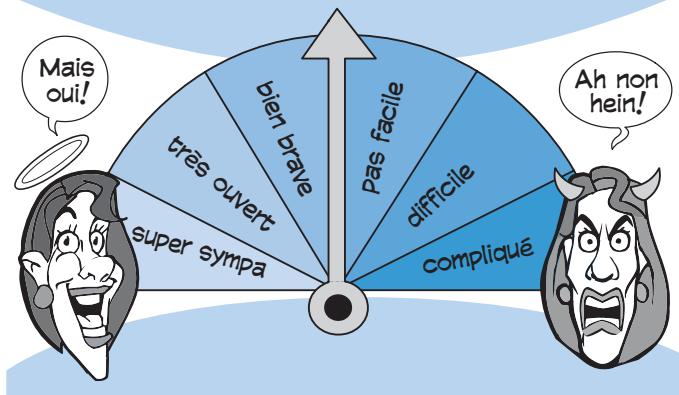
I'm out of the loop.

I have no idea.

I'm freaking stunned!

First I've heard of it.

Personnalitest



Let's see how you did on the Personnalitest (pages 38–39) and what it reveals about your personality!

20–26 Bravo! Vous êtes une chouette personne que tout le monde se dispute! Pleine de gentillesse, d'attention et de considération pour autrui. Tout est bon chez vous, il n'y a rien à jeter! Mais il est temps de penser un peu moins aux autres et un peu plus à vous: charité bien ordonnée commence par soi-même!

27–33 Vous êtes un mélange équilibré d'égoïsme et de suffisance, avec pourtant assez de bons côtés pour vous faire des tonnes d'amis, vous fâcher avec régulièrement et... vous faire pardonner!

34–40 Mmmh... Vous n'êtes pas quelqu'un de facile à vivre! Aigri, démoralisant, coupeur de cheveux en quatre, même votre psy vous évite. Réapprenez à sourire aux autres: si vous ne le faites pas pour eux, faites-le pour vous!

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similar terms

assidu(e) assiduous
attentif(-ive) attentive
bien éveillé(e) wide-awake
prévenant(e) considerate of others
réfléchi(e) thoughtful
soigneux(-euse) careful
vigilant(e) vigilant
attention *f* attention
concentration *f* concentration
conscience *f* awareness
considération *f* consideration
empathie *f* empathy
intérêt *m* **soutenu** sustained interest
observateur *m* **attentif** close observer
soin *m* care
sollicitude *f* concern
vigilance *m* vigilance

common expressions

- **coller son nez sur un problème** to stick one's nose into a problem
être à l'affût to be on the lookout
être à l'écoute to be listening
être absorbé(e) to be absorbed
- **faire gaffe** to stay alert, watch out (for)
monter la garde to be on one's guard
ouvrir l'œil to keep one's eyes open
prêter une oreille attentive to lend an ear
redoubler d'attention to be twice as attentive
scruter to scrutinize
se focaliser sur les points essentiels to focus on the essentials

similar terms

- **au bout du rouleau** totally beat
- exténué(e)** exhausted
- vidé(e) de toute énergie** wiped out
- assoupiissement m** drowsiness
- demi-sommeil m** state of being half-asleep
- épuisement m** exhaustion
- fatigue f** fatigue
- lassitude f** weariness
- perte f d'attention** inattentiveness
- surmenage m** overwork, overexertion
- torpeur f** sleepiness
- être à bout de forces** to be exhausted
- être à moitié endormi** to be half-asleep



common expressions

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| ● Je m'écroute. | I'm collapsing. |
| Je n'arrive pas à garder les yeux ouverts. | I can't keep my eyes open. |
| Je ne tiens plus debout. | I can't stay awake. |
| ● Je suis flagada! | I'm dead tired! |
| ● Je suis HS (hors service)! | I'm dead tired! |
| ● Je suis lessivé(e). | I'm dead tired. |
| Je tombe de sommeil. | I'm falling asleep. |
| ● Les jambes en coton, les pieds en compote! | My legs are wobbly, my feet are clay! |
|
lutter contre le sommeil to fight off sleep | |
| ● à plat(e) whipped, run down | |
| ● crevé(e) really tired | |
| éreinté(e) exhausted | |
| ● flapi(e) wiped out | |
| mort(e) de fatigue dead tired | |
| ● moulu(e) worn out | |
| ● pompé(e) bushed | |
| ● vanné(e) dead tired | |



similar terms

d'un calme olympien with godly calm
 décontracté(e) at ease
 détendu(e) relaxed
 flegmatique impassive
 maître(sse) (de soi) self-controlled
 paisible at peace
 posé(e) poised
 réfléchi(e) thoughtful
 serein(e) serene
 tranquille peaceful, tranquil
 air *m* calme / caractère *m* calme /
 humeur *f* calme calm attitude/mood
 certitude *f* certainty
 confiance *f* confidence
 paix *f* intérieure inner peace
 quiétude *f* tranquility
 repos *m* de l'esprit / de l'âme peace of mind
 sang-froid *m* cool under pressure
 sérénité *f* serenity
 tranquillité *f* calm, peace

common expressions

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Il faut rester maître(sse) de soi. | You need to keep your cool. |
| Inutile de s'énerver. | No need to get upset. |
| ❶ On se calme. | Calm down. |
| ❷ Zen, le mec (la nana). | Zen, the dude (the gal). |
| contrôler ses émotions | to control his/her emotions |
| ❸ relax | relaxed |
| ❹ super cool/relax | totally cool |

similar terms

oppressé(e) stressed

tendu(e) tense

tourmenté(e) worried

avoir la gorge serrée to have a lump in one's throat

avoir le cœur serré to feel heartache

éprouver un sentiment d'insécurité to feel insecure

frayeur *f* frightinquiétude *f* worrypeur *f* feartension *f* tensiontrac *m* stage fright**common expressions**

J'ai un de ces tracs!

I'm very scared!

❶ Je craque!

I'm having a breakdown!

❷ Je flippe!

I'm stressed!

Je me ronge les ongles.

I'm biting my nails.

Je me sens crispé(e).

I'm on edge.

Je me sens nerveux(-euse).

I'm nervous.

❸ Je me sens parano.

I'm paranoid.

Je ne suis pas tranquille.

I'm not at all relaxed.

Je suis dans un état de nervosité!

I'm a nervous wreck.

pas à prendre avec des pincettes to be very nervous

cheerful | **gai(e)**



similar terms

allègre	lively
content(e)	glad
enjoué(e)	playful
jovial(e)	merry
joyeux(-euse)	joyful
léger(e)	light
réjoui(e)	cheerful
esprit <i>m</i>	spirit
fantaisie <i>f</i>	whim
gaieté <i>f</i>	cheerfulness
hilarité <i>f</i>	hilarity
humour <i>m</i>	humor
plaisanterie <i>f</i>	joke

common expressions

Allons-y gaiement!	Let's go merrily along!
Bonjour les hirondelles!	Hello, pretty swallows!
• Ça baigne!	Everything is going so well!
J'ai le cœur léger!	I'm lighthearted!
Je jubile!	I'm elated!
Je plane!	I'm floating on air!
Je rayonne!	I'm beaming!
Je suis d'humeur badine!	I'm in a fun-loving mood!
Je suis d'humeur primesautière!	I'm in a carefree mood!
Je suis gai(e) comme un pinson!	I'm happy as a lark!
La vie est belle!	Isn't life beautiful!

similar terms

affligé(e) afflicted
 chagriné(e) saddened
 déprimé(e) depressed
 maussade dull
 morose morose
 sombre grim
 chagrin *m* sorrow
 dépression *f* depression
 détresse *f* distress
la mort *f* dans l'âme (with) a heavy heart
 peine *f* sadness
 spleen *m* despondency



common expressions

- C'est la super déprime! It's the pits!
- J'ai un de ces cafards! I'm down in the dumps.
- J'en ai gros sur le cœur. I'm very upset.
- Je broye du noir. I'm feeling blue.
- Je suis au creux de la vague. I'm at rock bottom.
- Je suis triste à pleurer. I'm so sad I could cry.
- être comme une âme en peine to be a soul in torment
- au 36ème dessous at rock bottom
- au bord des larmes on the verge of tears
- le chevalier à la triste figure (Don Quichotte)** the knight with the sad face
(Don Quixote)



similar terms

accommodant(e)	accommodating
accueillant(e)	welcoming
agréable	agreeable
aimable	likeable
attentionné(e)	caring
bienveillant(e)	benevolent
chaleureux(-euse)	warm
cordial(e)	friendly
facile	easygoing
gentil(le)	nice
gracieux(-euse)	gracious
ouvert(e)	open
poli(e)	polite
sociable	sociable
souriant(e)	smiling
spontané(e)	spontaneous
sympathique	nice, pleasant
amabilité <i>f</i>	pleasantness
attention <i>f</i>	attentiveness
civilité <i>f</i>	courtesy
politesse <i>f</i>	politeness

common expressions

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| C'est la crème des hommes! | He's the sweetest man! |
| ❶ C'est un vrai pote. | He's a real pal. |
| Il n'a que des amis. | He has no enemies. |
| Toujours là pour les copains! | Always there for his friends! |
| Toujours un mot gentil! | Always with a kind word! |
| ❷ jamais de chichis | never fussy |
| le regard franc | a sincere look |

similar terms

acariâtre cantankerous
 acerbe caustic
 antipathique unpleasant
 belliqueux(-euse) bellicose
 bileux(-euse) irritable
 désagréable unpleasant
 grincheux(-euse) grumpy
 haineux(-euse) hateful
 hostile hostile
 méchant(e) mean
 querelleur(-euse) quarrelsome
 rébarbatif(-ive) repulsive
 vindicatif(-ive) vindictive
 animosité *f* animosity
 haine *f* hatred
 hostilité *f* hostility
 répulsion *f* feeling of repulsion
 détester to despise
 exécrer to loathe

**common expressions**

- Elle a trop la haine.
- Elle gueule après tout le monde.
- Elle ne peut voir personne en peinture!
- Elle vous mordrait.
- Je l'ai dans le nez!
- Je la déteste!
- On est à couteaux tirés!
- Quel sale caractère!
- Sa vue m'insupporte!

She has too much hatred.
 She yells at everybody.
 She can't stand anybody!

She would bite you.
 I've had her up to here
 (*lit.*, in the nose)!
 I can't stand her!
 We're close to strangling
 (*lit.*, throwing knives at) each other!
 What a foul temper!
 I can't stand the sight of her!



similar terms

Pour faire partie des «honnêtes gens»,
 il faut être ____ To be one of the
 good guys, you've got to be ____
aimant(e) loving
bien sous tous les rapports good in
 every respect
civil(e) civilized
croyant(e) faithful
droit(e) upstanding
drôle funny
fidèle faithful
généreux(-euse) generous
gentil(le) kind
humain(e) humane
instruit(e) educated
intègre upright
juste fair
loyal(e) loyal
modeste modest
moral(e) moral
normal(e) normal
patriote patriotic
productif(-ive) productive
respecté(e) de tous respected in the
 community
scrupuleux(-euse) scrupulous
sensible sensitive
serviable helpful
sincère sincere

common expressions

C'est la crème des hommes/femmes.	He/She is the perfect guy/gal.
C'est un amour.	He/She is a peach.
C'est un bon p'tit gars.	He's a good li'l guy.
bon vivant fun-loving	facile à vivre easygoing
bon(ne) comme le pain	pas fier (fière) unpretentious
bosseur(-euse)	sympa friendly
le bon bougre	une femme bien a good woman
les Bons <i>mpl</i>	les mains propres a clean past
brave garçon	❶ nana / sympa nice gal
❶ un brave mec	pas le mauvais cheval not a bad
les braves gens	guy
un chic type	la tête haute beyond reproach

similar terms

bête et méchant(e) dumb and mean
 brutal(e) violent, brutal
 cruel(le) cruel
 égoïste selfish
 inhumain(e) inhumane
 malhonnête dishonest
 malveillant(e) malevolent
 mauvais(e) bad
 obsédé(e) obsessed
 sanguinaire bloodthirsty
 sans-cœur heartless
 violent(e) violent
 bandit *m* gangster
 casseur *m* thug
 délateur(-trice) *m/f* squealer, informer
 escroc *m* crook
 exploiteur(-euse) *m/f* user, exploiter
 oppresseur *m* oppressor
 pervers *m/f* pervert
 prédateur(-trice) *m/f* predator
 profiteur(-euse) *m/f* opportunist



proxénète *m* pimp
 raciste *m/f* racist
 sadique *m/f* sadist
 terroriste *m/f* terrorist
 tortionnaire *m/f* torturer
 traquanteur(-euse) *m/f* trafficker
 tueur(-euse) *m/f* murderer
 tyran *m* tyrant
 violeur *m* rapist
 voleur(-euse) *m/f* thief

common expressions

- Ce mec est un empaffé! This guy's a jerk!
- Ce mec est une vache! This guy's a mean son of a gun!
- Ce mec est une vraie pute! This guy's a real scumbag!
- dégueulasse disgusting
- pourri(e) rotten
- affameur(-euse) *m/f* stingy boss
- une bande d'enfoirés a bunch of bad asses
- un beau panier de crabes a bunch of crooks
- chauffard *m* reckless driver
- clodo *m/f* bum
- cochon(ne) *m/f* lecher, pig
- couille molle *f* wimp
- crapule *f* scum
- enfoiré(e) *m/f* dumb-ass
- fumier *m* turd
- glandeur(-euse) *m/f* lazy bum
- harcèleur(-euse) *m/f* harasser
- les Méchants *mpl* the bad guys, baddies
- mouchard(e) *m/f* informer
- pue de la gueule *m* bad-breathed freak
- requin *m* shark
- salaud *m* / salopard *m* bastard
- saligaud *m* dirty pig
- salope *f* bitch
- sangsue *f* leech
- traîne-lattes *f* bum



similar terms

béat(e) blissfully happy
bienheureux(-euse) happy
chanceux(-euse) lucky
comblé(e) sated
content(e) glad
enjoué(e) playful
fortuné(e) fortunate
gai(e) merry
joyeux(-euse) joyful
radieux(-euse) beaming
ravi(e) delighted
satisfait(e) satisfied
serein(e) serene
souriant(e) cheerful
enchantement *m* enchantment
euphorie *f* euphoria
félicité *f* bliss
joie *f* joy
liesse *f* jubilation
plaisir *m* pleasure
ravissement *m* rapture
rayonnement *m* radiance

common expressions

- **À l'aise, Blaise!** At ease, Louise!
- **Ça baigne dans l'huile!** Everything is going smoothly!
- **Cool!** Cool!
- Heureux au jeu, malheureux en amour.** Lucky at gambling, unlucky at love.
- **J'ai la banane.** I have a huge smile.
- Je bois du petit lait.** I feel terrific.
- Je ne touche pas terre.** I'm walking on air.
- **Je pète le feu.** I'm full of beans/energy.
(*lit.*, I'm farting fire.)
- Je plane.** I'm floating on air.
- Je suis aux anges / au 7ème ciel.** I'm on cloud nine / in seventh heaven.
- Je suis bien dans ma peau!** I feel great about myself.
- Je suis super bien luné(e).** I'm in a great mood.
- être heureux comme un roi/pape** to be happy as a king/pope

similar terms

affligé(e) afflicted
éprouvé(e) stricken
infortuné(e) unfortunate
misérable miserable
pathétique pathetic
pauvre poor
piteux(-euse) pitiful
pitoyable pitiful
triste sad

accident *m* accident
adversité *f* adversity
chagrin *m* sorrow
coup *m* **dur** setback
désastre *m* disaster
deuil *m* grief, mourning
drame *m* tragedy
échec *m* failure
épreuve *f* hardship
fatalité *f* casualty, accident
fléau *m* blight
infortune *f* misfortune



malchance *f* bad luck
malheur *m* misfortune
misère *f* misery
peine *f* sorrow, pain
perte *f* loss
revers *f* reversal (of fortune), setback
ruine *f* ruin
tragédie *f* tragedy

common expressions

À quelque chose malheur est bon.
Un malheur ne vient jamais seul.

Every cloud has a silver lining.
It never rains but it pours.

- **broyer du noir** to brood
- **vivre un mélo(drame)** to be like a bad soap opera
- **au bout du rouleau** at one's wit's end
- **catastrophé(e)** devastated
- **déchiré(e)** torn apart
- **malheureux(-euse) comme les pierres** as miserable as sin
- **la cata** catastrophe
- **chienne *f de vie*** a bitch of a life
- **la mafre** no luck, dumb luck
- **le mauvais œil** bad omen
- **pas *m de pot*** no luck, dumb luck
- **la poisse** bad luck
- **la scoumoune** bad luck
- **une vie de chien** a dog's life



similar terms

dithyrambique ecstatic, full of praise
dynamisant(e) energizing
encourageant(e) encouraging
positif(-ive) positive
réconfortant(e) comforting, cheering
tonique boosting
valorisant(e) validating
applaudissement *m* applause
approbation *f* approval
appui *m* support
compliment *m* compliment
éloge *m* praise
félicitation *f* congratulations
hommage *m* tribute
louange *m* praise
soutien *m* support
faire l'apologie to praise

common expressions

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bravo! Excellent! Courage! | Bravo! Excellent! Keep going! |
| Elle ne tarit pas d'éloges. | She is full of praise. |
| Tu peux le faire! Fais-toi confiance! | You can do it! Believe in yourself! |
| donner du cœur au ventre | to put one's heart into it |
| • regonfler | to boost, pump up again |
| remonter le moral | to boost morale |

similar terms

caustique caustic
critique critical
dévalorisant(e) belittling
grossier(-ière) foul-mouthed
insolent(e) cheeky
insultant(e) insulting
ironique ironic
médisant(e) malicious
pince-sans-rire deadpan
sarcastique sarcastic

ironie *f* irony
lazzi *m* scoff, jeer
pique *f* cutting remark
plaisanterie *f* joke
quolibet *m* quip, jibe
ricanement *m* grin, snigger
sarcasme *m* sarcasm

**common expressions**

- ➊ **chamber** to tease
- ➋ **charrier** to harass
- démolir** to tear to pieces
- être le dindon de la farce** to be the laughingstock
- ➌ **faire un carton sur** to make someone a target
- ➍ **lancer des vannes** to make wisecracks
- mettre en boîte** to give someone a hard time, tease
- ridiculiser** to make fun of
- se payer la tête de** to make fun of
- tourner en ridicule** to make fun of, mock
- ➎ **astuce** *f* vaseuse smart-ass remark
- blague** *f* joke
- canular** *m* hoax
- caricature** *f* caricature
- dérision** *f* derision, ridicule
- gag** *m* gag, joke
- sortie** *f* wisecrack, cutting remark
- tête** *f* de Turc whipping boy
- ➏ **vacherie** *f* cutting remark
- ➐ **vanne** *f* wisecrack, dig



similar terms

amoureux(-euse) in love
engagé(e) committed
enthousiaste enthusiastic
exalté(e) elated
fanatique fanatical, enthusiastic
férû(e) wild (about)
inconditionnel(le) unconditional
sectaire sectarian
adepte *m/f* enthusiast
aficionado *m* devotee
emballement *m* enthusiasm
exaltation *f* elation
fanatisme *m* fanaticism
frénésie *f* frenzy
fureur *f* fury
la passion des livres passion for books
rage *f* rage
avec flamme passionately
avoir le feu sacré to be full of enthusiasm

common expressions

- **Je n'en décolle pas!** I'm hooked!
- **Je suis scotché(e)!** I'm hooked!
- **Je suis un(e) allumé(e)!** I'm a fanatic!
- **accro** hooked
 - un(e) disciple** a disciple
 - un(e) fana** a fan
- **un(e) pur(e) et dur(e)** a hardliner
- **un(e) vrai(e) mordu(e)** a real junkie/fan

similar terms

blasé(e) jaded
dédaigneux(-euse) scornful
froid(e) cold
impassible impassive
imperturbable even-tempered
insensible insensitive

cœur *m de pierre* heart of stone
désinvolture *f* offhand manner
détachement *m* detachment
insouciance *f* lack of concern
sécheresse *f de cœur* coldhearted attitude



common expressions

- Ça me laisse froid(e) / de marbre / de glace.
❶ Je m'en fiche.
Je m'en soucie comme de l'an 40.
❶ Je m'en tape.
❶ Je n'en ai rien à cirer / à foutre / à branler!
Pas mon problème.
❶ Tu peux crever.

That leaves me cold.
I couldn't care less.
Big deal.
I don't give a damn.
I don't give a rat's ass!
Not my problem.
You can go to hell.



similar terms

décharge *f* release
délivrance *f* deliverance
détente *f* relaxation
relâchement *m* relaxation, loosening (up)
alléger to lighten
débarrasser to release (from)
libérer d'un fardeau to relieve of a burden
secourir to rescue

common expressions

- C'est pas tombé loin! Whew! Just missed!
- Ça soulage! What a relief!
- Enfin! Sauvé! Saved at last!
- J'en vois le bout! I see light at the end of the tunnel!
- Je l'ai échappée belle! Lucky me, that was close!
- Je m'en suis tiré! I got out of it!
- Je peux souffler! Now I can breathe!
- Je respire! I can breathe!
- Me voilà guéri! I'm cured!
- Ouf! Ça y est! Whew! That's it, we're there!
- Pas trop tôt! At last!
- Un poids en moins! A weight off my chest!



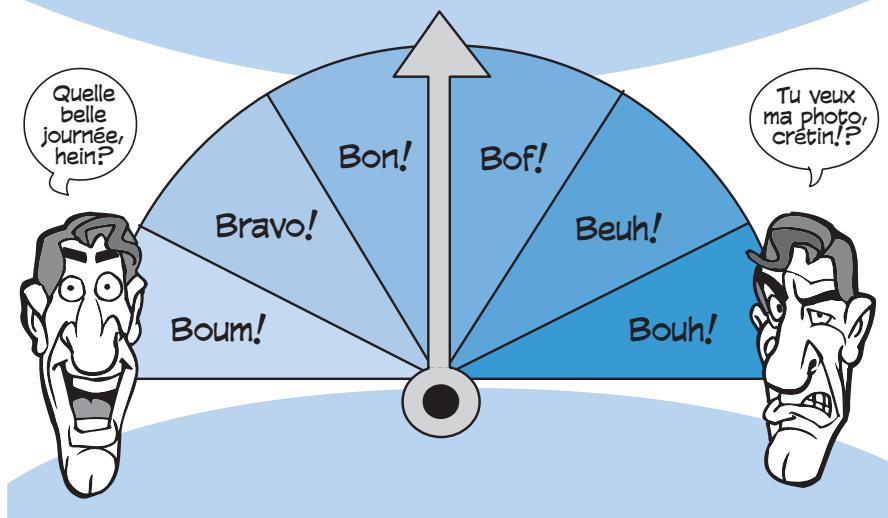
similar terms

alarme *f* alarm
 angoisse *f* existential angst
 oppression *f* oppression
 panique *f* panic
 peurs *fpl* fears
 phobie *f* phobia
 profonde anxiété *f* deep anxiety
 tourment *m* torment
 vive inquiétude *f* strong concern

common expressions

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| J'ai peur! | I'm scared! |
| ❶ Je flippé grave. | I'm really stressed out. |
| Je n'ai pas fermé l'œil! | I didn't close my eyes all night! |
| Je n'arrive pas à me relaxer! | I can't relax! |
| Je vais craquer! | I'm gonna crack! |
| céder à la panique to give way to panic | |
| se faire de la bile to fret | |
| se faire des cheveux blancs to worry oneself to death | |
| se faire du mauvais sang to worry | |
| grossoucis <i>m</i> huge worry | |
| ❶ mega-stress <i>m</i> | enormous amount of stress |
| ❶ parano <i>f</i> | paranoia; <i>m/f</i> paranoid person |
| ❶ prise <i>f</i> de tête | fit, hassle |

Humeuromètre



What's your mood? Depending on your answer to each of the following questions, you earn one or two points. Answer the questions and add up your score. If you need help, follow the cross-reference to the page(s) indicated.

- 1 • Vous avez perdu votre cartable avec vos devoirs—il va falloir s'expliquer avec le prof devant toute la classe... Vous flippez grave? Oui (1) ou non (2)? ↗ 77
- 2 • Votre tante est élue Miss Univers. Vous en restez comme deux ronds de flan? Oui (1) ou non (2)? ↗ 114
- 3 • À l'arrivée de nouveaux voisins, vous montrez-vous rébarbatif(-ive) (1) ou accueillant(e) (2)? ↗ 80–81
- 4 • Vos amis luttent pour sauvegarder l'environnement. Vous leur donnez votre soutien (2) ou vous leur lancez des grosses vannes (1)? ↗ 86–87
- 5 • On essaye de vous faire changer d'avis, mais vous êtes tenace et vous n'en démordrez pas... Oui (2) ou non (1)? ↗ 99
- 6 • En fin de journée au bureau ou à l'école, êtes-vous complètement lessivé(e)? Oui (1) ou non (2)? ↗ 75
- 7 • Vous racontez une histoire drôle: généralement vous vous fendez la poire avant la fin? Oui (2) ou non (1)? ↗ 110
- 8 • Regardez-vous dans la glace. Vous avez la super pêche aujourd'hui? Oui (2) ou non (1)? ↗ 104
- 9 • Quelqu'un essaie de vous piquer votre iPod. Ça vous fout un peu les boules (2) ou vous pétez carrément les plombs (1)? ↗ 96

- 10 • En général vous savez prendre du bon temps? Oui (2) ou non (1)? ↗ 95
- 11 • La semaine commence! Vous en avez marre de cette vie de chien (1) ou vous pétez le feu (2)? ↗ 84–85
- 12 • Quelqu'un vous rapporte la valise que vous aviez égarée. Vous êtes éperdument reconnaissant(e) qu'on vous ait sorti de la mouise? Oui (2) ou non (1)? ↗ 105
- 13 • Un chien hurle dans la nuit... Ça vous donne la chair de poule... Oui (1) ou non (2)? ↗ 103
- 14 • Vous avez une telle imagination que le patron vous a confié le boulot. Vous séchez pendant des heures (1) ou ça a fait tilt tout de suite (2)? ↗ 107
- 15 • Quand on vous montre la marche à suivre, êtes-vous plutôt attentif(-ive) (2) ou complètement distrait(e)? (1)? ↗ 74
- 16 • Quand vous pensez à votre enfance, ça vous fait planer (2) ou ça vous fout le cafard (1)? ↗ 78–79
- 17 • Pendant un vol Air France, une gamine renverse son jus de fraise sur votre chemise. Vous faites juste les gros yeux (2) ou vous lui passez un savon (1)? ↗ 100
- 18 • Un de vos voisins s'est acheté une Ferrari. Vous en pâliez d'envie? Oui (1) ou non (2)? ↗ 108
- 19 • Dans le train, un bébé commence à pleurer. Vous n'y prêtez pas attention (2) ou vous manifestez votre exaspération... (1)? ↗ 115
- 20 • Vous jouez au tennis: vous avez déjà perdu le premier set 0–6. Vous déchantez un peu (2) ou vous baissez carrément les bras (1)? ↗ 101
- 21 • Vous êtes généralement content(e) de vous? Oui (2) ou non (1)? ↗ 111
- 22 • Vous êtes plutôt du genre enthousiaste (2) ou tout vous laisse de marbre (1)? ↗ 88–89
- 23 • Vous allez chez le percepteur pour un redressement fiscal. Êtes-vous détendu(e) (2) ou plutôt crispé(e) (1)? ↗ 76–77

To see how you did on the Humeuromètre, turn to page 118.



similar terms

affront *m* slight
gros/vilain mot *m* curse word
grossièreté *f* vulgarity
injure *f* insult
invective *f* invective
offense *f* offense
outrage *m* insult

jurons curse words

- Merde! Shit!
- Nom de Dieu! Christ almighty!
- Putain! Holy shit!

insultes insults

- Abruti! Moron!
- Ahuri! Halfwit!
- Branleur! Lazy bum!
- Conasse! / Sale conne! Stupid bitch!
- Connard! Asshole!
- Couillon! Jerk!
- Crétin! Moron!
- Dégondifié! Coward!
- Enculé! Asshole!
- Enfoiré! Dumb-ass!
- Escroc! Crook!
- Frimeur! Show-off!
- Fumier! You shit!
- Garce! Bitch!
- Idiot! Idiot!
- Imbécile! Imbecile!

spoken by women only

- Dragueur! Womanizer!
- Goujat! Cad!
- Hypocrite! Hypocrite!
- Macho! Chauvinist pig!
- Maniaque! Maniac!
- Maquereau! Pimp!
- Obsédé! Horny bastard!

- Putasserie! / Bordel de merde! / Chierie! Fucking shit!
- Saloperie! Horseshit!

- Lèche-pompes! Ass kisser!
- Magouilleur! Cheat!
- Mauviette! Wimp!
- Métèque! racist slur, usually directed at a swarthy person
- Moruel! Bottom-feeder! (*lit.*, cod)
- Ordure! Trash!
- Paumé! Misfit!
- Pauvre type! Bum!
- Petit con! Prick!
- Pimbêche! Stuck up!
- Pot de colle! Leech!
- Retardé! Retard!
- Sac-à-vin! Drunkard!
- Sainte nitouche! Hypocrite!
- Tordu! Nutcase!
- Traîne-lattes! Lazy bum!

- Pervers! Pervert!
- Phallocrate! Chauvinist pig!
- Salaud! Bastard!
- Vieux! Pervert!
- Voyeur! Peeping Tom!
- Voyou! Thug!

similar terms

distraction *f* amusement
divertissement *m* entertainment
partie *f de plaisir* fun time
passe-temps *m* hobby
récréation *f* recess
réjouissances *fpl* revelry

passer un bon moment to have a great time
prendre du bon temps to have a nice time
s'amuser to have fun
se relaxer to relax



common expressions

- **C'est l'éclate!** What fun!
C'est que du bonheur! It's pure fun/happiness!
Ce sont de bons vivants. They are fun-loving people.
Ce sont des fêtards. They are party animals.
Elle est très sympa cette boum/fête! Great party!
Ils savent s'amuser! They sure know how to have fun!
La soirée est très réussie! Great party/evening!
On rigole bien! We're having a good laugh!
- **On s'en paye une tranche!** We're having lots of fun!
Super ambiance! Great atmosphere!
Vachement convivial! It's pretty friendly here!

faire la bamboula to have a bash
faire la bringue to go on a binge
faire la fête to party
faire la fiesta to live it up
faire la foire to live it up
faire la nouba to live it up



similar terms

emportement *m* loss of temper
fureur *f* fury
rage *m* rage
éclater to explode
entrer dans une colère noire to fly into a black rage
être à bout to be at the end of one's rope
exploser to explode
voir rouge to see red
colérique angry, short-tempered
irascible hot-tempered
irritable irritable

common expressions

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| ● Ça m'énerve! | That bugs me! |
| ● Ça me fout les boules! | That pisses me off! |
| ● Ça me gonfle! | That really aggravates me! |
| ● Ça va péter! | It's gonna blow! |
| Je me fâche tout rouge! | I'm hopping mad! |
| ● Je pète les plombs. | I'm losing it. |
| Je sors de mes gonds. | I'm coming unhinged. |
| ● Je suis en pétard. | I'm about to explode. |
| ● Je suis en rogne. | I'm very upset. |
| Je suis hors de moi! | I'm beside myself! |
| La colère est mauvaise conseillère. | Anger makes for bad advice. |
| La moutarde me monte au nez! | I'm losing my temper! (<i>lit.</i> , Mustard is going up my nose!) |
| Maman est très colère! | Mommy is very angry! |
| monter sur ses grands chevaux | to be very angry (<i>lit.</i> , to get on one's high horse) |

similar terms

attention / soutenue rapt attention
contemplation / contemplation
introspection / introspection
méditation / meditation
pensée / profonde deep thought
prière / prayer
réflexion / spirituelle spiritual reflection
vie / intérieure inner life
focaliser to focus
juger to judge, consider
méditer to meditate
raisonner to reason
réfléchir intensément to think intently
rêver to dream, daydream
s'abîmer dans la réflexion to sink deeply into reflection
s'interroger to wonder (about)
se creuser la tête to think hard
songer to daydream
spéculer to speculate
conscience / conscience
entendement / understanding
esprit / mind
intelligence / intelligence
raison / reason



common expressions

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| ❶ Ça cogite grave. | The gears are really turning. |
| Ça donne à réfléchir. | It gives one pause. |
| Il faut peser le pour et le contre. | I need to weigh the pros and cons. |
| Il y a matière à réflexion. | It's food for thought. |
| J'ai besoin de m'isoler du monde extérieur. | I have to block out the rest of the world. |
| J'ai besoin de me concentrer sur moi-même. | I have to focus on myself. |
| ❷ Je me sers de ma tronche. | I'm using my head. |
| Je recentre mon esprit. | I am refocusing my mind. |
| Moi, je fais travailler ma matière grise! | My gray matter is working. |
| Réfléchissons sérieusement. | Let's think seriously. |



similar terms

arrogance *f* arrogance
condescendance *f* condescension
dédain *m* disdain
hauteur *f* aloofness
indifférence *f* indifference
morgue *f* contempt, haughtiness
crâneur(-euse) pretentious; *m/f* show-off
frimeur(-euse) stuck-up; *m/f* show-off
ignoble sordid
méprisable despicable

common expressions

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|---|---|
| Elle le prend de haut. | She looks down her nose at people. |
| Elle vous toise du haut de sa grandeur. | She looks you up and down. |
| Fi! | Pfft! |
| Ils ne m'arrivent pas à la cheville! | They can't hold a candle to me! |
| Je les conspue! | Raspberries to them! |
| • Je les emmerde, à pied, à cheval et en voiture! | Screw them! (<i>lit.</i> , I shit on them when I'm walking, riding a horse, or driving!) |
| Je les foule aux pieds. | I walk all over them. |
| Je les hais. | I hate them. |
| Je les nargue! | I taunt them! |
| Je les snobe. | I snub them. |
| La bave du crapaud n'atteint pas la blanche colombe. | Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.
(<i>lit.</i> , The drool of the frog can't reach the white dove.) |
| Le roi n'est pas son cousin. | He thinks he's the cat's meow. / He doesn't need anybody else.
(<i>lit.</i> , The king is not his cousin.) |
| fier (fière) comme Artaban | proud as a peacock |

similar terms

autodétermination *f* self-determination

décision *f* decision

engagement *m* commitment

entêtement *m* stubbornness

motivation *f* motivation

persistance *f* persistence

résolution *f* resolution

cabochard(e) pig-headed, stubborn

obstiné(e) obstinate

opiniâtre headstrong

tenace tenacious, persistent

têtu(e) stubborn

volontaire willful

tenir bon, jusqu'au bout to hold out till the bitter end

common expressions

C'est une idée fixe.

It's an obsession.

J'y arriverai.

I'll manage.

J'y suis résolu(e) de tout mon être.

I'm determined with all my being.

Je focalise grave.

I'm concentrating hard.

Je le soutiens mordicus.

I'm standing firm.

Je n'en démords pas.

I won't let go of it.

Je ne lâcherai pas prise.

I won't give up.

Je vais le mener à bien.



disapproval la réprobation



similar terms

blâme *m* blame
condamnation *f* condemnation
désaccord *m* disagreement
mécontentement *m* dissatisfaction
refus *m* refusal
rejet *m* rejection
reproche *m* reproach
faire les gros yeux to glare (at)
froncer les sourcils to frown
œil *m* réprobateur disapproving eye

common expressions

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Au fait, vous êtes viré! | By the way, you're fired! |
| C'est contre mes principes! | It's against my principles! |
| C'est inacceptable! | Unacceptable! |
| Jamais de la vie! | No way! |
| Je réprouve! | I don't approve! |
| • Le dirlo va vous passer un sacré savon! | The boss is gonna let you have it! |
| Où vous croyez-vous? | Where do you think you are? |
| Pas d'accord! | Not okay! / I disagree! |
| • Pas de ça, Lisette! | No way, José! |
| Pour qui vous prenez-vous? | Who do you think you are? |
| Son visage reflète la désapprobation. | Her face shows her disapproval. |
| Vous allez vous faire remonter les bretelles. | You're gonna catch some flack. |

similar terms

accablement *m* dejection
amère/cruelle déception *f* bitter/cruel disappointment
déboires *mpl* disillusionment
défaite *f* defeat
dépit *m* bitter disappointment
désespoir *m* despair
détresse *f* distress
échec *m* failure
fiasco *m* failure
grise mine *f* disappointed look
illusions *fpl* **perdues** lost illusions
lassitude *f* weariness
mauvaise surprise *f* unpleasant surprise
perte *f* **de courage/moral** loss of courage/morale
déçu(e) disappointed
défrisé(e) disappointed
abandonner to give up
baisser les bras to give up
capituler to capitulate



démissionner to quit
se résigner to resign

common expressions

- Bah, à quoi bon...?
 - ➊ C'est fini, foutu.
 - ➋ J'ai craqué.
 - J'ai la queue entre les jambes.
 - J'ai le moral à zéro.
 - ➊ J'ai ramassé une veste.
 - J'en suis bien revenu(e)!
 - Je déchante.
 - Je laisse tomber.
 - ➊ Je me suis planté.
 - Je ne vois pas le bout du tunnel.
 - Je suis gros Jean comme devant.
 - Le moral est au plus bas.
 - Tout est nul.
 - ➊ être au bout du rouleau to be at the end of one's rope
 - jeter l'éponge to throw in the towel
 - largué(e) out of it
 - un(e) perdant(e) a loser
- What's the use ...?
 It's over, all screwed up.
 I broke down.
 I'm disappointed. (*lit.*, I've got my tail between my legs.)
 I'm down in the dumps.
 I failed.
 Boy, am I glad I'm back!
 I'm disappointed.
 I give up.
 I screwed up.
 I don't see light at the end of the tunnel.
 I got nothing out of it.
 Morale is at a low point.
 Everything is worthless.



similar terms

embarras *m* embarrassment
honte *f* shame
malaise *f* uneasiness
trouble *m* confusion
emprunté(e) awkward
ennuyé(e) embarrassed
gauche clumsy
guindé(e) stiff, formal
être intimidé(e) to be intimidated

common expressions

- ➊ Bonjour le malaise!
C'est la honte!
Je bafouille.
 - ➋ Je grimpe dans le cerisier!
Je me fais tout(e) petit(e).
 - ➌ Je me sens godiche et cucu!
Je ne sais plus où me mettre.
Je rougis/pique un fard!
- être mal à l'aise to be ill at ease
 être rose de confusion to blush with embarrassment
 être rouge de honte to blush with shame
 ne pas savoir sur quel pied danser to not know which foot to lead with
 rire jaune to laugh nervously



similar terms

affolement *m* panic

alarme *f* alarm

la chair de poule goosebumps

crainte *f* dread

effroi *m* terror

épouvante *f* fright, horror

des frissons *mpl* shivers

panique *f* panic

terreur *f* terror

cautif(-ive) fearful

inquiet(e) anxious

lâche chicken, yellow; *m/f* coward

poltron(ne) cowardly; *m/f* coward

avoir des sueurs froides to break out in a cold sweat

sursauter to jump, start

common expressions

À vous glacer le sang!

It makes your blood run cold!

➊ Ça fout la trouille / la pétoche / les jetons!

That gives me the willies/jitters/creeps!

J'ai eu une peur bleue.

I had a bad scare.

➊ J'ai les grelots!

I'm shivering!

J'en tremble encore!

I'm still shaking!

Je claque des dents!

My teeth are chattering!

➊ Je fais dans mon froc!

I'm shitting my pants!

➊ Je serre les fesses.

I'm scared stiff.

➊ Je suis mort(e) de trouille.

I'm scared to death.

➊ dégonflé(e) deflated; *m/f* chicken, coward

➊ pétohard(e) cowardly; *m/f* chicken

➊ trouillard(e) lily-livered; *m/f* chicken

➊ la grosse frayeur the ultimate scare

➊ mouille-cul *m* pants-wetter, chicken

➊ un trac monstre big-time stage fright



similar terms

avoir la santé to be in good health
être dans une excellente forme physique

to be in great shape

être en train to be full of energy

beau comme Apollon handsome as Apollo

frais comme un gardon fresh as a daisy

frais et dispos bright eyed and bushy tailed

Elle a une jolie silhouette. She has a nice figure.

Elle a une taille de guêpe. She has a narrow waist.

common expressions

- C'est le manque d'exercice.
 - Depuis que j'ai arrêté de fumer,
je pète le feu!
 - Faut que je me refasse un ventre.
 - J'ai bouffé du lion!
 - J'ai un peu de bide.
 - J'ai une frite!
 - J'ai une pêche!
 - Je bouffe trop.
 - Je me mets au régime!
 - Je suis regonflé(e) à bloc!
 - Je tiens une forme olympique!
- faire de la gym to go to the gym
 faire de la muscu to work out
 faire du sport to play sports

It's due to lack of exercise.

Since I quit smoking, I'm full of energy!

I've got to rebuild my abs.

I'm full of energy!

I've got a bit of a paunch.

I'm in incredible shape!

I'm in terrific shape!

I eat too much.

I'm going on a diet!

I'm back in top form!

I'm in Olympic form!



similar terms

gratitude *f* gratitude, thanks

être éperdu(e) de reconnaissance to be deeply grateful

être éternellement reconnaissant(e)/redevable to be eternally grateful

être obligé(e) to be indebted
être redevable to be indebted

payer de retour to pay back

savoir gré to be grateful

common expressions

Il n'a même pas la reconnaissance du ventre.

He forgets what we did for him.

Je suis votre débiteur.

I'm in your debt.

Je vous dois une fière chandelle / la vie.

I owe you big time / my life.

Mille grâces.

A thousand thanks.

➊ **Vous m'avez sorti de la merde / du pétrin / de la mouise.**

You pulled me out of the shit / my misery.

Vous me retirez une sacrée épine du pied.

You saved my life. (*lit.*, You pulled a splinter from my foot.)

Vous n'obligerez pas un(e) ingrat(e).

I won't be ungrateful. (*lit.*, You didn't help an ingrate.)



similar terms

dissimulation *f* deception
duplicité *f* duplicity
fourberie *f* deceit
mensonge *m* **par omission** lie by omission
ambigu(ë) ambiguous
déloyal(e) disloyal
faux (fausse) fake
flatteur(-euse) flattering, sycophantic;
m/f sycophant
furtif(-ive) furtive
menteur(-euse) lying; *m/f* liar
mielleux(-euse) fawning
perfidie perfidious; *m/f* traitor
sournois(e) sly
traître(sse) treacherous; *m/f* traitor

agir de biais / par en dessous to act in a roundabout fashion / behind someone's back

agir en douce / par-derrière / sous le manteau to act incognito / behind someone's back / in disguise

faire l'hypocrite to be a hypocrite

faire l'innocent to play the innocent

retourner sa veste to change sides

common expressions

➊ **Il est faux-cul!**

He's a two-faced bastard!

On lui donnerait le Bon Dieu sans confession.

He looks as if butter wouldn't melt in his mouth. (*lit.*, You'd give him communion without confession.)

➋ **Son petit air d'en avoir deux.**

He's got the look of a double-dealer.

Tout sucre et tout miel.

All sugar and honey.

manger à tous les râteliers to do what's most convenient

noyer le poisson to try to talk one's way out

coup *m* de Jarnac stab in the back

double jeu *m* double game

➌ **faux-jeton *m*** hypocrite

Judas *m* Judas

➍ **lèche-cul *m*** brownnoser, ass kisser

petit saint *m/f* saint-pretender

sainte nitouche *f* Goody Two-shoes

Scapin *m* double-crosser (character in a Molière play)

Tartuffe *m* traitor (character in a Molière play)

similar terms

association *f d'idées* association of ideas
concept *m concept*
conscience *f awareness*
courant *m de pensée* intellectual trend
découverte *f discovery*
humour *m humor*
imagination *f imagination*
invention *f invention*
notion *f notion*
trouaille *f flash*
créatif(-ive) creative
intelligent(e) intelligent
malin (maligne) clever
pétillant(e) bubbly
avoir une idée to have an idea
trouver la solution to find the solution



common expressions

Aucune idée!	I don't have a clue!
Ça a fait tilt!	The idea popped up out of nowhere!
➊ Ça carbure, ça cogite!	The motor's running, something's stirring!
Ça vous donne une idée / un aperçu du cerveau humain.	This gives you a hint about / an insight into the human brain.
J'ai ma petite idée là-dessus.	I have an idea about this.
Je ne cherche pas, je trouve. (Picasso)	I don't seek, I find.
On ne m'ôtera pas de l'idée que...	I'm still convinced that ...
Riche idée que j'ai eue là!	A bright idea I had there!
avoir plein d'idées	to have plenty of ideas
être à court d'idées	to be short of ideas
plancher	to cram (study)
se creuser	to rack one's brains
sécher	to come up empty



similar terms

aigreur *f* bitterness
concurrence *f* competition
dépit *m* disappointment
désir *m* desire, envy
envie *f* envy
haine *f* hatred
plagiat *m* plagiarism
méfiance *f* distrust
rivalité *f* rivalry
soupçon *m* suspicion
surveillance *f* surveillance

convoiter to covet

jalouiser to be jealous of

pâlir d'envie to be green with envy

en baver drooling (over)

en crever consumed with jealousy

envieux(-euse) du bien d'autrui envious of people's property

common expressions

Ça m'a mis la puce à l'oreille!

That set me to thinking.

Chat échaudé craint l'eau froide.

Once bitten, twice shy.

➊ **Faire gaffe!**

Better watch out!

Il y a anguille sous roche.

There's something going on.

(*lit.*, There's an eel under the rock.)

➊ **Il y a un truc qui cloche.**

Something's not right.

➊ **Je flaire le lézard.**

I smell a rat.

Je reste sur le qui-vive.

I'm on the alert.

➊ **On ne me la fait pas!**

You can't con me!

Ouvrons l'œil!

Keep your eyes open!

➊ **Toi mon gaillard, je t'ai à l'œil.**

Dude, I've got my eye on you.

être soupçonneux(-euse) to be suspicious

➊ **être un brin parano** to be feeling paranoid

se douter de quelque chose to suspect something

se méfier to beware, distrust

se tenir sur ses gardes to be on one's guard

subodorer/deviner/flairer to smell a rat

jaloux(-ouse) comme un tigre extremely jealous

malade de jalousie sick with jealousy



similar terms

bonheur *m* ineffable unbelievable happiness
délire *m* delirium
euphorie *f* euphoria
explosion *f de joie* outburst of joy
exultation *f* exultation
une joie indicible indescribable joy
liesse *f* bliss

common expressions

- | | |
|---|--|
| ● C'est l'éclate! | It's a blast! |
| ● C'est le pied! | That's terrific! |
| Je m'en donne à cœur joie! | I'm elated! |
| Je n'ai jamais été à pareille fête! | I've never had such a feast! |
| Je nage dans le bonheur! | I'm basking in happiness! |
| Je ne vous raconte pas: c'est que du bonheur! | I can't describe it—it's pure happiness! |
| Je plane! | I'm floating on air! |
| Je suis aux anges / au 7ème ciel! | I'm on cloud nine / in seventh heaven! |
| Youpi! | Yippee! Yahoo! |



similar terms

fou-rire *m* **nervous** nervous laugh
hilarité *f* hilarity
rigolade *f* laughter
glousser to chuckle
plaisanter to joke
pouffer to burst out laughing
rigoler to laugh
s'esclaffer to guffaw

common expressions

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| À mourir de rire! | You'll die laughing! |
| Arrête, je suis plié! | Stop, I'm doubled over with laughter! |
| C'est d'un drôle! | It's too funny! |
| ● C'est poilant / hilarant / à hurler. | It's hilarious. |
| ● On se fend la pipe/poire/pêche/gueule. | I split a gut laughing. |
| ● On se pisse dessus de rire! | I'm laughing so hard, I'm peeing! |
| éclater de rire to burst out laughing | |
| rire à gorge déployée to roar with laughter | |
| rire aux larmes to laugh till one cries | |
| rire jaune to laugh nervously | |
| rire sous cape / dans sa barbe to laugh up one's sleeve | |
| ● se marrer comme une baleine / un bossu / un dératé / | |
| un fou (une folle) to laugh like a whale/hunchback/nut/fool | |
| se plier to double over with laughter | |
| se rire du danger to laugh at danger | |
| se taper sur les cuisses to slap your thighs (from laughing) | |
| se tenir les côtes to split one's sides (from laughing) | |
| se tordre de rire to double over with laughter | |

similar terms

bonheur *m* happiness

contentement *m* contentment, satisfaction

plaisir *m* pleasure

sérénité *f* serenity

béat(e) joyful

bien aise glad, very pleased

comblé(e) filled with contentment

ravi(e) thrilled

serein(e) serene



common expressions

C'est parfait!

It's perfect!

Je me sens bien!

I feel good!

Je suis comblé(e)!

I'm thrilled!

Je suis content(e) de moi!

I'm proud of myself!

Mission accomplie.

Mission accomplished.

Satisfaction du devoir accompli.

The satisfaction of a job well done.

en accord/harmonie avec soi-même in harmony with one's self

en paix at peace



similar terms

assoupissement *m* drowsiness
endormissement *m* falling asleep
insomnie *f* insomnia
repos *m* rest
somme *m* sleep, nap
sommeil *f* sleep
somnolence *f* drowsiness
trouble *m du sommeil* trouble sleeping
à poings fermés fast asleep
endormi(e) asleep
veille awake

common expressions

- J'ai passé une nuit blanche. I was up all night.
Je n'ai pas fermé l'œil. I didn't close my eyes all night.
Je suis insomniaque. I'm an insomniac.
- avoir de la difficulté à s'endormir to have trouble sleeping
compter les moutons to count sheep
dormir debout to fall asleep on one's feet
dormir du sommeil du juste to sleep the sleep of the just
en écraser to sleep soundly
faire une petite sieste to take a nap
pioncer to sleep
❶ piquer un roupillon to catch a nap
❶ piquer une ronflette to have a snooze
ronfler comme une bête to sleep (*lit.*, snore) like a pig
dans les bras de Morphée in the arms of Morpheus (the god of dreams)
couche-tard *m/f* night owl
cure *f de sommeil* sleep therapy
lève-tard *m/f* late riser
lève-tôt *m/f* early riser
oiseau *m de nuit* night owl
réveils *mpl intempestifs* troubled sleep
un sommeil de plomb a heavy sleep
un sommeil léger a light sleep
un sommeil réparateur a refreshing sleep

similar terms

douleur *f* pain

une douleur atroce/sourde/pressante

an awful pain

peine *f* sorrow

tourment *m* torment

compatir à la douleur de quelqu'un

to feel for someone in his/her sorrow

endurer/subir/vivre un véritable calvaire

to go through a real ordeal

se tordre de douleur to writhe in pain

souffrir le martyre to suffer agony

traverser une terrible épreuve physique

to go through a tremendous physical ordeal



common expressions

Aïaïaïe! Je souffre dans ma chair!

Oh my God! It hurts!

Bobo!

Ouch!

C'est à hurler!

It makes me scream!

C'est hyper douloureux!

It hurts like hell!

C'est intolérable!

I can't take it!

Ça fait très très mal!

It really hurts!

J'en ai bavé.

I had a hard time.

➊ **J'en chie!**

I've got a hell of a pain!

➋ **Je le sens passer!**

The pain's going right through me!

➌ **La vache, je morfle un max!**

Holy cow, I put up with a lot!

Les grandes douleurs sont muettes.

The greatest suffering is done
in silence.

Ouille!

Ouch!



similar terms

- déni *m* denial
- doute *f* doubt
- étonnement *m* astonishment
- hésitation *f* stupefaction
- incrédulité *f* disbelief
- perplexité *f* bewilderment
- stupeur *f* amazement
- abasourdi(e) aghast
- interloqué(e) awestruck
- être sceptique to be skeptical
- exiger des preuves to require proof
- nier to deny
- rester pantois(e) to be dumbfounded
- tomber des nues to be flabbergasted

common expressions

- | | |
|---|--|
| C'est une plaisanterie! | It's a joke! |
| Ça alors, pour une surprise! | Boy, what a surprise! |
| Dites-moi que je rêve! | Tell me I'm dreaming! |
| J'en suis resté comme deux ronds de flan! | I was stunned! |
| Je n'en crois pas mes oreilles/yeux! | I don't believe my ears/eyes! |
| Je n'en reviens pas! | I can't get over it! |
| Je suis comme St Thomas. | I'm doubtful (<i>lit.</i> , like St. Thomas). |
| ● Je suis sur les fesses / sous le choc! | I've been thrown for a loop!
I'm in shock! |
| ● Je tombe de haut! | I'm flabbergasted. |
| Les bras m'en tombent! | I'm astounded! |
| ● On se fout de ma gueule!? | They think I'm an idiot!? |

similar terms

exaspération *f* exasperation
irritabilité *f* irritability
mécontentement *m* dissatisfaction
sensibilité *f* sensitivity
une sensibilité à fleur de peau
a hypersensitivity
chatouilleux(-euse) sensitive, ticklish
délicat(e) delicate, sensitive
irascible touchy
ombrageux(-euse) skittish
pointilleux(-euse) fussy
sensible sensitive



common expressions

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| C'est un(e) écorché(e) vif (vive). | He's/She's got thin skin. |
| C'est un(e) épidermique. | He/She can't take it. |
| C'est un(e) hyper sensible. | He's/She's highly sensitive. |
| • Elle est méga parano! | She's a big-time paranoid! |
| • Il faut surtout pas l'emmerder. | Don't bug her. |
| Il part au quart de tour. | He's angry right from the start. |
| Il prend la mouche pour un rien. | He's easily upset. |
| Il prend tout de travers. | He takes everything the wrong way. |
| Tout de suite les mots qui blessent. | Nasty words right off the bat. |



similar terms

dilemme <i>m</i>	dilemma
doute <i>f</i>	doubt
hésitation <i>f</i>	hesitation
indécision <i>f</i>	indecision
inquiétude <i>f</i>	worry
insécurité <i>f</i>	insecurity
perplexité <i>f</i>	puzzlement, confusion
le principe d'Heisenberg	Heisenberg's uncertainty principle
flou(e)	blurry
hésitant(e)	hesitating
indécis(e)	indecisive
indéterminé(e)	uncertain
vague	vague

common expressions

À quel saint se vouer?	Which way to turn? (<i>lit.</i> , Which saint should we pray to?)
➊ Ça ballotte grave.	We don't know who won yet. (The ballots are being counted, and the election is very close.)
Dans le doute, abstiens-toi.	When in doubt, do nothing.
L'avenir est incertain.	The future is uncertain.
On avance à tâtons / dans le brouillard / à l'aveuglette...	We're feeling our way in the dark ...
➋ On est complètement paumés.	We're completely lost.
On n'est plus sûr de rien.	We're not sure of anything.
On se perd en conjectures.	We're just making things up.
On tergiverse.	We're waffling.



similar terms

admiration *f* admiration

éblouissement *m* amazement

enchantement *m* enchantment

enthousiasme *f* enthusiasm

ravissement *m* rapture

abasourdi(e) amazed

ébloui(e) par le spectacle dazzled by the show

fasciné(e) fascinated

stupéfait(e) astounded

être ébahie to be dumbfounded

common expressions

C'est magique!

C'est rien que du bonheur!

C'est sublime!

Grandiose!

J'ai les yeux comme des soucoupes!

➊ J'en ai plein les mirettes!

➋ J'en bave des ronds de chapeau!

J'en suis bouche bée!

➌ J'en tombe sur les fesses!

Quelle beauté!

Superbe!

It's magic!

It's pure happiness!

It's wonderful!

Spectacular!

My eyes are as big as saucers!

I'm dazzled!

How incredibly surprising!

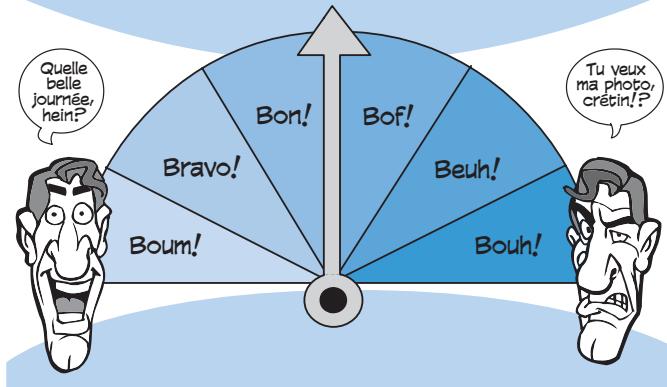
My mouth is wide open!

It knocked me over!

What a beauty!

Superb!

Humeuromètre



Let's see how you did on the Humeuromètre (pages 92–93) and what it reveals about your mood!

23–30 Ouh là là! Dites donc, ce n'est pas la joie aujourd'hui! Pour un rien vous montez sur vos grands chevaux ou vous descendez au 36ème dessous! Faites un petit sourire à votre entourage, ça leur fera des vacances!

31–38 Vous êtes d'humeur plutôt égale. Même contrarié(e) vous affrontez les choses avec philosophie. Vous ne prenez pas trop la grosse tête. On aurait besoin de plus de gens comme vous dans l'administration française!

39–46 Votre côté résolument optimiste et positif fait plaisir à voir, bien qu'il puisse s'avérer légèrement oppressant pour les gens qui nagent dans les problèmes à longueur de journée. Mais comme vous leur apportez aussi des solutions, ils n'ont pas trop à se plaindre.

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afro
Afro

banane du rocker
rocker, Elvis cut



bouclés
curly

crêpés/choucroute
bouffant, updo, beehive



boule à zéro
(style légion)
shaved head
(Marine style)



chignon
bun

related expressions

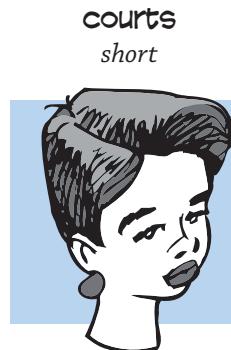
- la chevelure hair
- cuir chevelu *m* scalp
- mèche *f* de cheveux lock, strand
- les plumes *fpl* hair
- racine *f* root
- les tifs *mpl* hair
- touffe *f* tuft
-

genre *m* de cheveux type of hair

les cheveux <i>mpl</i>	—	—	hair
bouclés	curly		
brillants	shiny		
courts	short		
crépus	frizzy		
en brosse	flattop		
fins	fine		

frisés curly
gominés slicked-back/gelled
gras greasy
laqués shiny
longs long
ondulés wavy
plaqués cornrow
plats straight
qui cassent brittle
raides stiff
séborrhée oily
secs dry
souples soft
soyeux silky
ternes dull

•••



couleur *f* des cheveux hair color

les cheveux _____ hair
 aile de corbeau raven black
 argentés silvery
 auburn auburn
 blonds (strawberry-)blonde
 bruns brown
 châtais light brown
 d'ébène jet black
 gris gray
 grisonnants graying
 noirs black
 poivre et sel salt-and-pepper
 roux reddish

le premier cheveu blanc the first
 white hair

«Respecte mes cheveux blancs
 et mon grand âge, petit
 morveux!» “Have respect for
 my white hair and my age,
 you little snot nose!”

•••

volume *m* de cheveux hair thickness

les cheveux _____ hair
 abondants lots of
 clairsemés thin
 drus thick
 épais thick, lush
 fins fine
 rares thin

hair les cheveux



frange devant
bangs

gominés
slicked back / gelled



hippie (à la Jésus)
hippie

nuque longue
(coupe Longueuil)
mullet



palmier
coconut

punk (iroquois)
punk, mohawk



calvitie *f* baldness
chauve *m/f* chrome dome; *adj* bald
crinière *f* mane, mop
implant *m de cheveux*
hair transplant
toison *f* mane

perdre ses cheveux to lose one's
hair
se déplumer to lose one's hair,
go bald

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les cheveux en désordre
hair in a mess

les cheveux _____ hair
dépeignés ruffled
ébouriffés tousled
échevelés tousled

emmêlés tangled
en bataille tousled
en broussaille tousled
en coup de vent windblown
en pétard windblown
hirsutes unkempt

épi *m* tuft of hair
frange *f* bangs
houppé/houppette *f* tuft of hair
mèche *f* lock, strand
nattes *fpl* braids
queue *f de cheval* ponytail
raie *f au milieu* part in the middle
raie *f sur le côté* part on the side
brosser to brush
démêler to untangle
être décoiffé(e) to have messy hair
peigner to comb

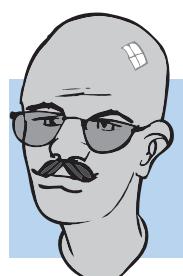
queue de cheval
ponytail



raie au milieu
parted in the middle



raie sur le côté
parted on the side



rasé
shaved



rastaquouère
(style Jamaïque)
dreadlocks, braids
(Jamaican style)

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accessoires *mpl* accessories

barrette *f* barrette

épingle *f* pin

filet *m* hairnet

nœud *f* bow

peigne *m* comb

pince à cheveux *hair clip/clasp*

résille *f* hairnet

ruban *m* ribbon

serre-tête *m* headband

cheveu d'ange *angel hair*

faux cheveux *mpl* *fake hair*

moumoute *f* toupee

perruque *f* wig

postiche *m* hairpiece, toupee, wig

rajouts *mpl* *hair extensions*

toupet *m* toupee

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soins *mpl* **des cheveux** *hair care*

bigoudi *m* *hair curler/roller*

brillantine *f* *hair cream*

brossage *m* *brushing*

brushing *m* *blow-dry*

coiffure *f* *hairdo, hairstyle*

coloration *f* *hair dyeing/tinting*

une coupe de cheveux *a haircut*

des poux *mpl* *lice*

fer à friser *curling iron*

gel *m* *gel*

indéfrisable *f* *perm(anent)*

laque *f* *hairspray*

mousse coiffante *hair mousse*

permanente *f* *perm(anent)*

pommade *f* *pomade*

rouleau *m* *hair curler/roller*



tresses plaquées
cornrows

tresses/nattes
braids



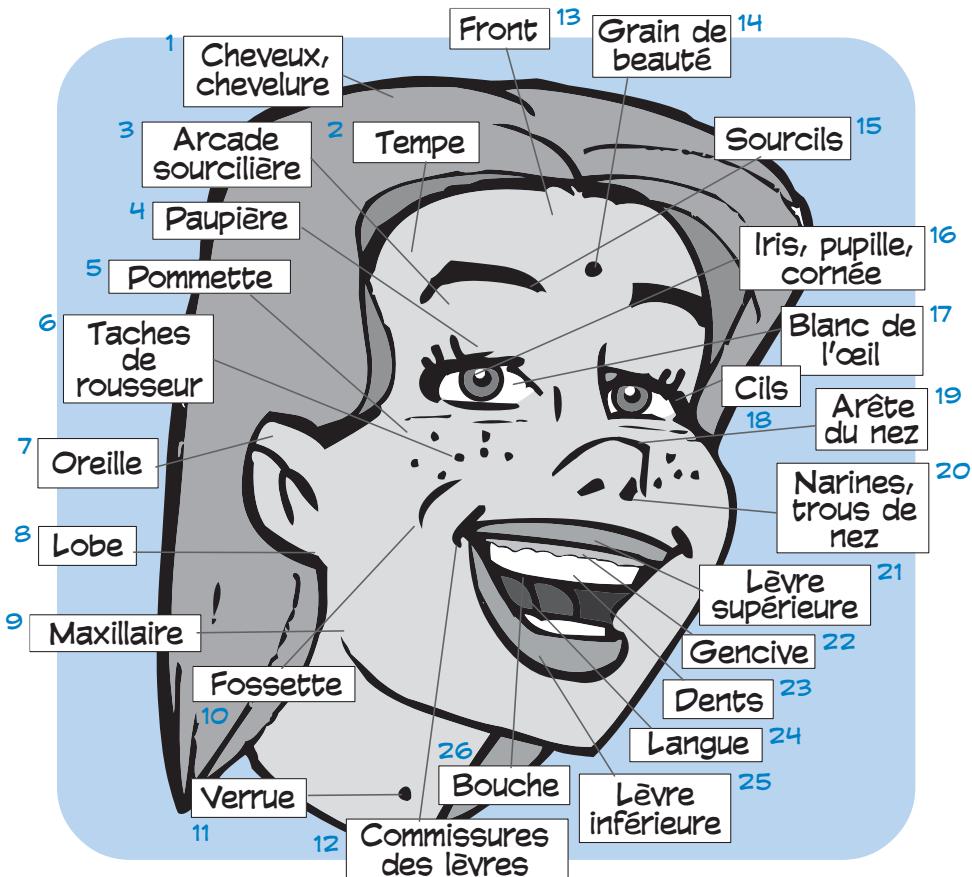
salon m de coiffure hair salon/
stylist
sèche-cheveux m hair dryer
shampooing m shampoo
teinture f dye
aller chez le coiffeur to go to the
barber shop/hairdresser's
arranger ses cheveux to fix one's
hair
avoir des parasites to get head lice
couper to cut
désépaissir to thin (out), trim
effiler to trim
faire une mise en plis to set
someone's hair, perm

lustrer to make shine
rafraîchir to neaten up
se coiffer to comb/brush one's
hair
se décolorer to bleach
se faire un shampooing
to shampoo one's hair
se laver les cheveux to wash one's
hair
se teindre to dye
tailler to trim
tondre to shave off, shear
chez le coiffeur to the hairdresser
chez le coupe-tifs to/at the hair
salon/stylist

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À un cheveu près.
That's close.
Fin comme un cheveu.
Within a hair's breadth.
Il s'en est fallu d'un cheveu.
That was close.
Il y a un cheveu.
There's a snag/hitch.
Ne pas toucher à un cheveu de quelqu'un. Don't touch a hair
on someone's head.
T'es un coupeur de cheveux en quatre! You're splitting hairs!
Tu arrives comme un cheveu sur la soupe! You come at a bad
time!

avoir mal aux cheveux / avoir la gueule de bois to have a hangover
avoir un cheveu sur la langue to lisp
être tiré par les cheveux to be far-fetched
faire dresser les cheveux sur la tête to make someone's hair stand on end
s'arracher les cheveux to tear one's hair out (with worry)
se grêper le chignon to scratch each other's eyes out
se faire des cheveux (blancs) to worry oneself to death



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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 · Hair | 13 · Forehead |
| 2 · Temple | 14 · Beauty spot |
| 3 · Arch of the eyebrow | 15 · Eyebrows |
| 4 · Eyelid | 16 · Iris, pupil, cornea |
| 5 · Cheek | 17 · White of the eye |
| 6 · Freckles | 18 · Eyelashes |
| 7 · Ear | 19 · Tip of the nose |
| 8 · Earlobe | 20 · Nostrils |
| 9 · Jawbone | 21 · Upper lip |
| 10 · Dimple | 22 · Gums |
| 11 · Wart | 23 · Teeth |
| 12 · Corners of the mouth | 24 · Tongue |
| | 25 · Lower lip |
| | 26 · Mouth |

facial types types de visage



allongé,
en lame de couteau
elongated, hatchet face

anguleux,
taillé à la serpe
angular, craggy



aux pommettes
saillantes
with high cheekbones

bouffi, ravagé,
chiffonné
swollen, ravaged,
tired-looking



fin,
aux traits réguliers
with fine features,
with harmonious features



chevalin
horsy



mafflu, empâté,
adipeux, gros
thick, puffy, fat, fleshy



irrégulier,
asymétrique
irregular, crooked



osseux, maigre,
émacié
bony, thin, emaciated

ovale
oval



**prognathe, menton
proéminent /
en galuche**
with a prominent chin



poupin, joufflu
chubby

related expressions

couleur *f* naturelle du visage
natural color

grain *m* de la peau
skin complexion

minois *m* fresh young face

rides *fpl* wrinkles

teint *m* skin tone

agréable good-looking

frimousse bright-faced

**analyse du caractère d'après la
forme du visage (physionomie)**
judging a person on facial
appearance (physiognomy)

faciès *m* face, bearing

figure *f* figure

lignes *fpl* du visage facial structure

masque *f* mask

tête *f* head

traits *mpl* features

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le visage _____ face

basané sunburned

blafard pale

blême pale, ashen

boutonneux pimply

bronzé tanned

couperosé blotchy

crispé shriveled

fané faded

flétrî dried-up

grêlé pock-marked

pâle pale

ravagé ravaged

ridé wrinkled

tanné tanned

terreux ashen

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**ridé, plissé,
parcheminé**
wrinkled, lined, rutted

rond,
en pleine lune
round



simiesque
ape-like

le visage _____ face
décomposé distraught
défait haggard
détendu relaxed
énergique energetic
fatigué tired
hermétique poker
maussade sullen
mignon cute
rayonnant radiant
renfrogné frowning, sullen
reposé rested
sérieux serious
sévère stern
souriant smiling
tourmenté contorted
tranquille calm

lifting *m* face-lift
maquillage *m* makeup
rajeunissement *m* du visage
 facial rejuvenation
soins *mpl* de beauté beauty care
soins *mpl* du visage facial
avoir bonne mine to look good

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avoir bonne mine to look good

Elle respire la santé et la joie de vivre. Ses joues roses, elle les doit à son séjour à la mer! En fait, elle est en pleine forme. Elle a le visage frais, coloré, radieux! She looks healthy and fit. Her cheeks are pink as roses, thanks to a trip to the beach! She's in terrific shape. Her face is fresh, full of color, and beaming!

avoir mauvaise mine to look lousy

Ce type a le masque. Il a les traits tirés, la mine défaite. Il a une gueule de lendemain de bringue (avec gueule de bois). Il broie du noir. (Il a le cafard, le bourdon. Pas le moral du tout.) Il est blême, très pâlichon. Teint blafard, mine de papier mâché. He looks like death warmed over. His features are stretched, and he looks beat. He looks like he's got a hangover. He's down in the dumps! He's pale and peaked. His skin is sallow, and he has a ghostly appearance.



Il a une des ces formes! Il a la frite! La pêche!
He's in terrific shape!

Il pète de santé. Ce mec a l'air rayonnant, heureux, éveillé, ouvert, avenant. He glows with good health. This guy beams; he looks happy, alert, open, and attractive.

collet monté uptight

Elle a cet air engoncé de ceux qui ont avalé un cintre. Cette dame a la bouche en cul de poule. Elle est du genre coincé. She looks like she's got a poker up her rear (*lit.*, swallowed a hanger). Her mouth is as tight as a chicken's butt hole. She's pretty uptight.



placide easygoing

Lorsqu'on est, comme Charles, débonnaire, placide, tolérant et philosophe, on prend la vie du bon côté! On a les traits reposés. People like Charles are good-natured, calm, open-minded, and philosophical. They take life as it comes. They look rested and relaxed.



poches sous les yeux bags under the eyes

Celui-ci, malgré sa petite mine, va bien. Mais il a des valises sous les yeux tellement énormes qu'il a toujours des problèmes pour passer la douane. This guy, in spite of his feeble appearance, is actually fine. But he has such big bags under his eyes that he has to pay a surcharge when he flies.

Meanwhile, down at the police station, the sketch artist is confronted by discrepancies in the witnesses' descriptions of a pickpocket. Read what the witnesses report, then turn the page to view his identi-kit sketches of the person the police are looking for.

COP *It's a "facemaking" session! Our artist from the Anthropometry and Physiognomy Department needs your testimony to draw a portrait of the pickpocket.*

WITNESS 1 *The man had a masculine face, with strong bone structure, a rounded forehead and receding hairline, a piercing look from deep-set eyes and thick, bushy eyebrows, a smashed-in nose, and a square jaw. With a wrinkle across his forehead, he looked like he was stressed out.*

WITNESS 2 *He had a sneaky air about him, a weird face, a fishy look ... I remember a big Adam's apple topped by a thug's face, with a harelip and bad teeth!*

WITNESS 3 *This bearded dude had an ordinary look, a plain face, vacant and dull eyes, with no expression, droopy eyelids, and bags under his eyes, a bent nose and chapped lips, all cracked. Here's the key: He took my watch!*

WITNESS 4 *A high forehead that juts out, slanty, sleepy, almond-shaped eyes with dilated pupils, cauliflower ears, dilated nostrils, a hooked nose, a scar on his temple, hollow cheeks, canine teeth, and a weak chin. If it helps, he looks like my inbred cousin.*

WITNESS 5 *Rather handsome, stylish, and elegant, with a nose like a trumpet, gap teeth, two smile lines, delicately shaped ears, and, above all, thick, sensuous, sexy lips. His open, radiant face made a strong impression ... I saw a malicious gleam in his amused look and crow's-feet at the corners of his eyes, when I trusted him with my purse.*

WITNESS 6 *I'm still shaking from his dark, shifty look; his eyes were sinister, bulging almost out of their sockets, with rings under them and big bags, toothless, a scar on one of his jowls, his turkey neck with flabby, saggy skin, and pale, translucent skin with the veins clearly visible ...*

WITNESS 7 *He had huge bags under his eyes ... but maybe that's normal for a pickpocket ...*

related terms

air/aspect *m* look
allure *f* bearing
apparence *f* appearance
aspect *m extérieur* outward appearance
attitude *f* attitude
caractère *m* character
contenance *f* bearing
coupe *f* / **dégaine** *f* / **tournure** *f* look
les dehors *mpl* overall look
effigie *f* effigy, image
ensemble *m* / **tenue** *f* outfit

image *f* image
mimique *f* facial expression
mine *f* look (face, body, or health)
personnage *m* character
personnalité *f* personality
physionomie *f* physiognomy
port *f de tête* carriage of one's head
présentation *f* presentation
profil *m* profile
silhouette *f* silhouette
stature *f* stature
style *m* style

Flic Séance de trombinoscope! Notre artiste du département Anthropométrie et Physiognomonie attend vos témoignages pour réaliser un portrait robot du voleur à la tire.

3 Ce barbu avait une dégaine ordinaire, visage banal, le regard vide et éteint, sans expression, paupières tombantes et poches sous les yeux, un nez en pied de marmite et les lèvres gercées, toutes craquelées. Signe distinctif: il a pris ma montre!

6 J'en tremble encore de son regard sombre, fuyant, en biais, ses yeux glauques, globuleux, presque exorbités, très cernés, avec de grosses valises, sa bouche édentée, une balafre sur une des bajoues, son cou décharné, flasque, aux chairs molles, pendantes, et cette peau si pâle, translucide, avec les vaisseaux sanguins bien visibles...

1 L'homme avait une figure virile, à l'ossature forte, un front bombé et des tempes dégarnies, le regard perçant au fond d'orbites profondes et des sourcils épais, broussailleux, le nez écrasé, la mâchoire carrée. Une ride lui barrait le front comme s'il avait de gros soucis.

4 Un front haut, protubérant, les yeux en amande, bridés même, endormis, aux pupilles dilatées, narines épataées, nez crochu, cicatrice sur la tempe, oreilles en chou-fleur, joues creuses, dents de lapin, meriton fuyant. Si ça peut vous aider, il ressemble à mon cousin, en plus pâle.

2 Il avait une attitude sournoise, une binette pas catholique, un air louche... Je me souviens d'une grosse pomme d'Adam surmontée d'une sale gueule, avec un bec-de-lièvre et des dents cariées!

5 Plutôt bel homme, du style, de la prestance, avec un nez en trompette, les dents du bonheur, deux belles fossettes, les oreilles délicatement ourlées, et surtout des lèvres charnues, sensuelles, gourmandes. Son visage ouvert, épanoui, m'a fait bonne impression... J'ai noté une lueur de malice dans son regard amusé, avec des pattes d'oiseau au coin des yeux, quand je lui ai confié mon sac à main.

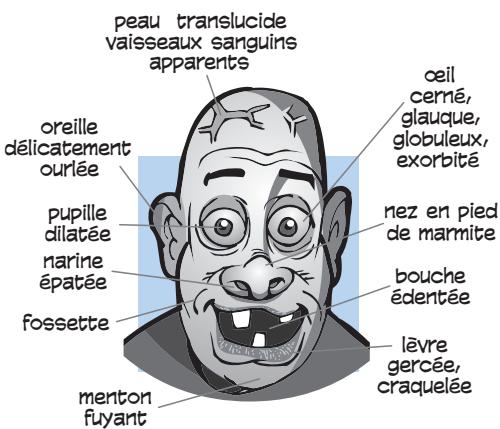
7 Il avait d'énormes poches sous les yeux... mais ça, c'est peut-être normal pour un pickpocket...



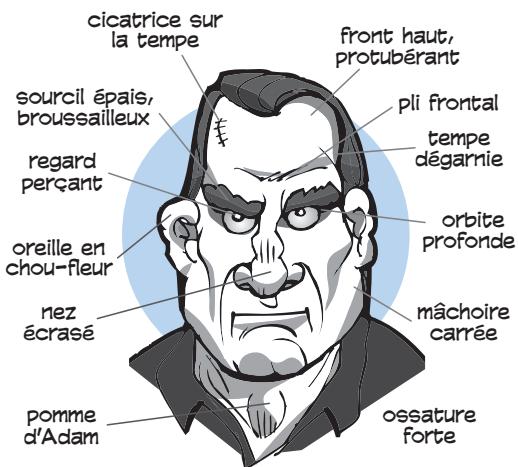
... et la police cherche



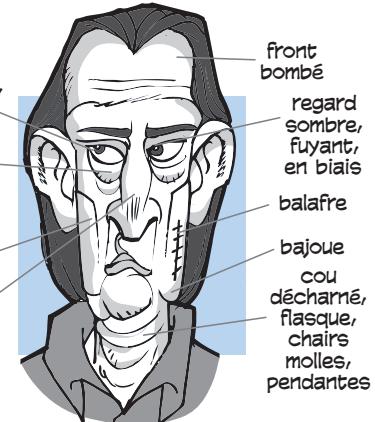
*droopy eyelid
malicious gleam, amused look
crow's-foot
nose like a trumpet
gap teeth
thick, sensuous, sexy lips*



*translucent skin,
visible veins
delicately shaped ear
dilated pupil
dilated nostril
smile line
weak chin
eye with rings under it,
sinister, bulging
from its socket
bent nose
toothless
chapped, cracked lip*

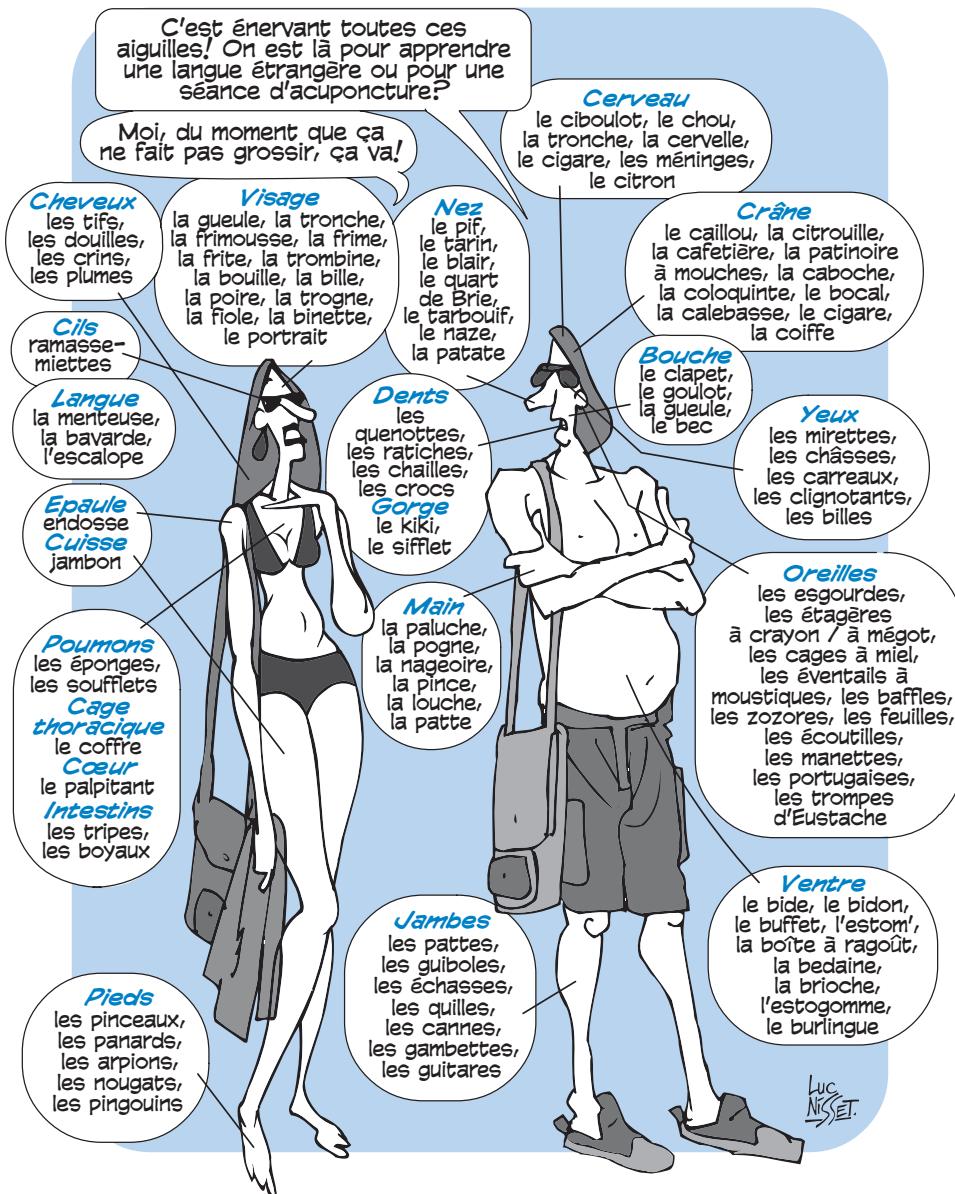


*scar on the temple
thick, bushy eyebrow
piercing look
cauliflower ear
smashed-in nose
Adam's apple
high forehead that juts out
wrinkle across the forehead
receding hairline
deep-set eye socket
square jaw
strong bone structure*



*slanty, almond-shaped eye
bags under the eyes
hollow cheek
hooked nose
rounded forehead
dark, shifty look
scar
jowl
turkey neck with
flabby, saggy skin*

le corps en argot the body in slang



All these needles are most irritating! Are they for learning a foreign language or for some acupuncture session!

As long as they don't put any weight on me, I'm fine with them!

L'agence de rencontres

You run an online dating service, but you're threatened by a class-action lawsuit over false advertising! To ensure the accuracy of the information on your Web site, write new facial descriptions for your clients, based on these photos from their applications.



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



4. _____

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9. _____



10. _____

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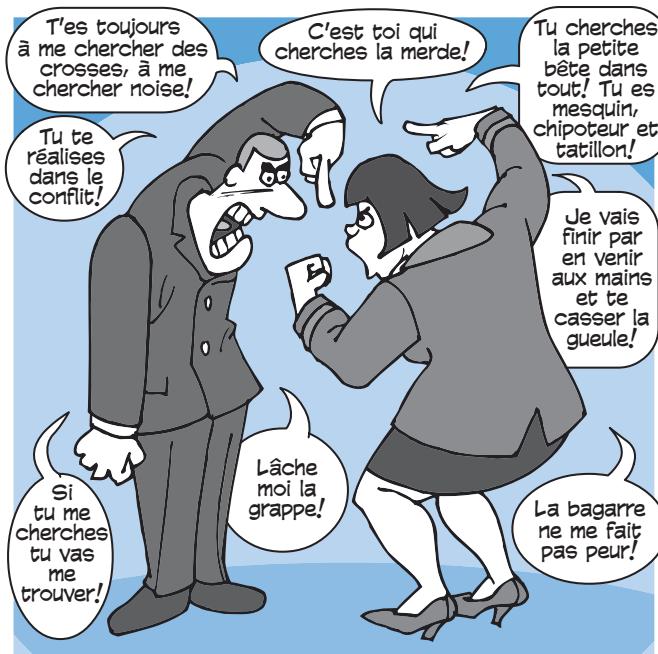
the quarrel

You're always picking a fight with me, looking for trouble!

You get great satisfaction out of fighting!

Get off my back!

If you're looking for trouble, here I am!



You're the one looking for trouble!

You look for faults everywhere. You're petty, you bicker, and you're a nitpicker!

I'll end up getting physical and beat you up!

I'm not afraid to fight!

related terms

agressif(-ive) aggressive
brutal(e) brutal, violent

combatif(-ive) full of fight

affrontement *m* confrontation

bagarre *f* brawl

brouille *f* squabble

conflit *m* conflict

discussion *f* argument

dispute *f* argument

La réunion a dégénéré.

The meeting got out of hand.

avoir des mots to have an argument

faire une scène to make a scene (public disturbance)

se chamailler to bicker

Ça va mal tourner.

This might get bad.

Il y a de la bagarre.

There's a fight.

• **Tout le monde s'engueule.**

Everybody's yelling.

échange *m* de coups exchange of blows

échange *m* verbal verbal exchange

scène *f* de ménage domestic dispute

querelleur(-euse) quarrelsome
violent(e) violent

dispute *f d'amoureux* lovers' spat

engueulade *f* tiff, row

insultes *fpl* insults

prise *f de bec* tussle, argument

reproches *mpl* blame

rupture *f* breakup

the raise

J'ai en général l'air renfrogné et la mine chafouine. Aujourd'hui, observez mon visage: je hausse les sourcils, je les fronce, la commissure de mes lèvres tombe, mon regard s'assombrit, se durcit, se noie, se voile. Mon front se plisse. Mes mâchoires se serrent, les veines de mes tempes battent, mes joues se gonflent et se creusent, mes dents grincent et crissent. Mes narines palpitent et se dilatent, je fais la moue. Je roule de gros yeux, ma bouche se tord dans un rictus. Je me mords les lèvres, mon visage est secoué de tics nerveux, les muscles et les veines de mon cou sont tendus à craquer. Mes yeux sont exorbités... Je deviens rubicond... Seraît-ce les signes de l'impatience ou d'une simple rage?

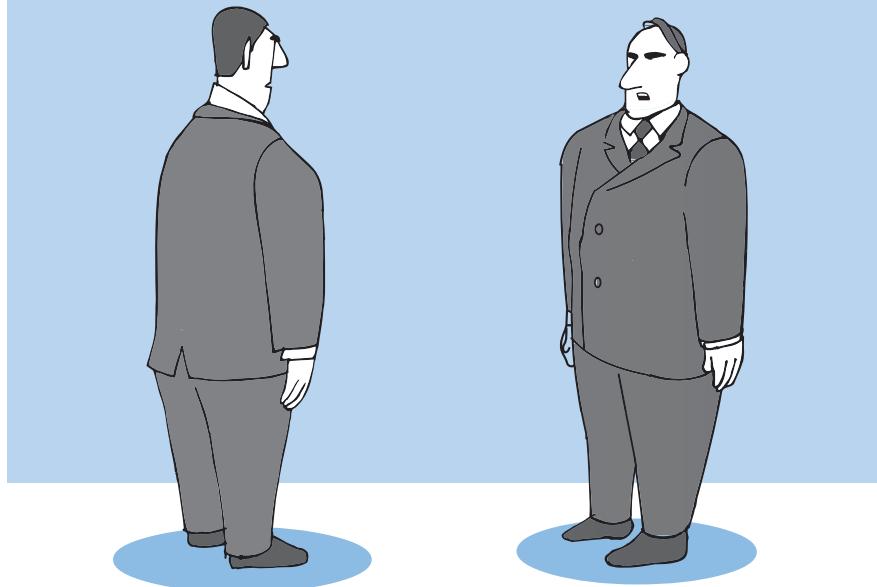


I typically look sullen and sly. Look at my face now: I'm raising my eyebrows, I'm frowning, my smile has disappeared, my look has darkened to hard, sunken, and veiled. My brows are knitted. My teeth are clenched, the veins in my temples are pulsing, my cheeks blow in and out, and my teeth are grinding. My nostrils are flaring and I'm grimacing. I'm rolling my eyes and my mouth is tight. I'm biting my lip, my face is shaking with nervous tics, and the muscles and veins in my neck are stretched to the breaking point. My eyes are popping out of their sockets ... I'm turning purple ... Are these signs of impatience or plain old rage?

Um ... Boss, how about if we talk about my raise in a couple of years—when you're feeling better?

À bas...	Down with ...
À la queue!	Get in line!
À poil!	Get naked!
À table!	Dinnertime!
Adieu!	See you!
Ah!	Oh!
Ah ça!	I'll be damned!
Ah ouais!	Sure!
Aie!	Ouch!
Alerte!	Warning!
Allez!	Get going!
Allez hop!	Move it!
Allo!	Hello!
Allons!	Come on!
Allons-y!	Let's go!
Amen!	Amen!
Arrête!	Stop!
Arrière!	Step back!
Assez!	Enough!
Attend!	Wait a minute!
Attention!	Careful!
Au secours!	Help me!
Aux chiottes!	To hell with it!
Bah!	Harrumph!
Barco!	Bingo!
Bang!	Pow!

Basta!	Enough!
Béêerk!	Yuck!
Ben dis donc!	Say!
Ben tiens!	Yeah, right!
Ben voyons!	Yeah, sure!
Beuh!	Ewwwww!
Bien sûr!	Sure thing!
Bis!	Once again!
Bizou!	Kisses!
Bof!	Bah!
Bon!	Well, okay then!
Bon, ben...	Okay, so...
Bonne chance!	Good luck!
Bon courage!	Hang in there!
Bordel!	Holy mackerel!
Boum!	Boom!
Bravo!	Bravo!
Brrr!	Brrr, it's cold!
Bye!	Bye!
Byebye!	Bye-bye!
C'est dingue!	This is nuts!
Ça alors!	Boy oh boy!
Ça pue!	It stinks!
Ça suffit!	That's enough!
Ça y est!	We're done!
Caca!	Poopoo!
Catastrophe!	Terrible!



Chaud devant!
Chic!
Chiche!
Chouette!
Chut!
Ciel!
Clic!
Comment!
Couché!
Coucou!
Couic!
Crac!
Cric!
Crotte!
Cui-cui!
Dame!
De grâce!
Debout!
Dehors!
Diable!
Ding!
Ding dong!
Dites donc!
Dodo.
Dommage!
Doucement!
Dring!

Passing through!
Nice!
Dare you!
Nifty!
Shhh!
Gosh!
Click!
What!
Down, dog!
Howdy!
Zip it!
Snap!
Crick!
Crap!
Tweet tweet!
Of course!
Oh, please!
Get up!
Get out!
Holy cow!
Ring!
Doorbell!
Say, you!
Go to sleep!
Too bad!
Easy does it!
Ring!

Eh!
Eh bé!
Et comment?
Et pourtant!
Euh...
Euréka!
Fais chier!
Feu!
Fichtre!
Flûte!
Gare!
Grâce!
Gratis!
Ha!
Haha!
Halte!
Hari!
Hardi!
Hé!
Hé ho!
Hé là!
Hein!?
Hélas!
Hem!
Hep!
Heu...
Hey!
Wow!
You bet!
And still!
Um ...
Eureka!
Life's a bitch!
Fire!
Man!
Drat!
Watch it!
Have mercy!
Free!
Ha!
Ha ha!
Stop!
Ugh!
Go!
Hey! Hello!
Hey you!
Hey there!
Huh!?
Alas!
Hmmmm!
Hey!
Um ...



Ho! Hey!
 Hola! Hello!
 Hop! Hop!
 Hou! Boo!
 Hou-hou! Hey there!
 Houla! Careful!
 Hourra! Hooray!
 Hue! Giddyup!
 Hum! Hmmmm!
 La barbe! What a drag!
 La ferme! Shut up!
 La vache! Holy cow!
 Laisse tomber! Forget about it!
 Mais!... But!...
 Mange! Eat up!
 Merci! Thanks!
 Merde! Shit!
 Merde alors! Holy shit!
 Miam! Yummy!
 Mince alors! My!
 Minute! Wait a minute!
 Mollo! Take it easy!
 Mon œil! Yeah, right!
 Mort à...! Death to!
 Motus! Zip it!

Na! So there!
 Nenni! No way!
 Nom de Dieu! Holy Toledo!
 Non-non! No, no!
 Nonteutcheu! Holy crap!
 Nul! Useless!
 Oh! Oh!
 Ohé! Hello!
 Olé! Olé!
 On se calme! Simmer down!
 On se pousse! Beat it!
 On se tait! Pipe down!
 Ouais! Yeah!
 Ouf! Whew!
 Ouh là là! Wowie!
 Ouille! Ouch!
 Ouste! Scram!
 Paf! Pow!
 Pan! Bang!
 Pardi! Yeah, right!
 Patapouf! Fatso!
 Patatras! Badaboom!
 Peuchère! Poor thing!
 Peuh! Pfffft!



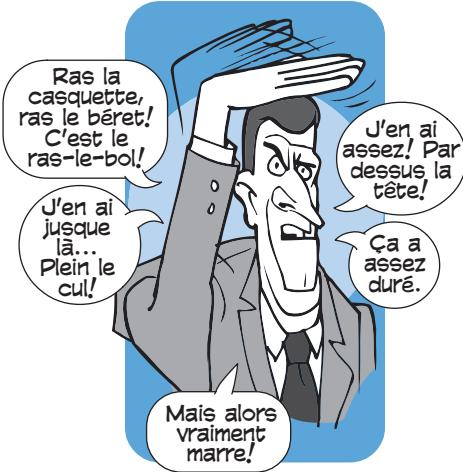
Pin-pon!	Help is on the way!	Tai'aut!	Tallyho!
Pipi!	Pee pee!	Tant mieux!	Good for you!
Pitié!	Mercy!	Tant pis!	Tough luck!
Plaît-il?	Pardon me?	Taratata!	Blah, blah, blah!
Plouf!	Splash!	Tchao!	Ciao!
Pouah!	Eeeek!	Tchin tchin!	Cheers!
Presque!	Almost!	Tiens!	How about that!
Psitt!	Psssst!	Tiens fume!	Dream on!
Putain!	Fuck it!	Toc-toc!	Knock knock!
Qui va là?	Who's there?	Top!	Tops!
Quoi!	What!	Tu parles!	Yeah, right!
Rate!	Blew it!	Turlututu!	Yeah, sure!
Salut!	Hi there!	Vas-y!	Go for it!
Sandec!	No shit!	Ventrebleu!	Holy horseshoes!
Sans déconner!	No kidding!	Vingt-deux!	Warning!
Saperlipopette!	Holy cow!	Vite!	Snap to it!
Saperlotte!	Holy mackerel!	Vivement!	I can't wait!
Sapristi!	Holy crap!	Vlan!	Slam!
Sauve qui peut!	Save yourself!	Voyons!	Come on now!
Scrogneugneu!	Holy shit!	Woh!	Wow!
Seigneur!	Lord!	Y'a d'la joie!	Cheer me up!
Snif!	Sob!	Youpi!	Yippee!
Stop!	Stop!	Zou!	Let's go!
Ta gueule!	Shut the hell up!	Zut!	Shoot!



gestures • annoyance



*Stop it, that pisses me off!
That really gets to me!
That gets on my nerves!
I'm gonna explode!
I'm losing my temper!*



*Enough already! I'm fed up with it!
I've had it up to here ... I'm really fed up!
I've had enough!
It's gone on long enough!
I'm really fed up!*



*I've told you a hundred times ...
Are you out of your mind?
You've lost your mind!
Are you mocking me?*



*What a bore!
This guy is booring!
I'm bored stiff!
Any more boring and you'd die!*

gestures • food and drink



*Sir, can we have another round?
Another round!
Same accident, same damage!
The same thing!*



*I'm hungry!
I'm gonna get a snack!
How about a quick snack?
I'm starving!
I've got to get a bite to eat.
Isn't there anything to eat?*



*No thanks, I'm driving!
I don't drink much.
No alcohol for me!
Just a drop, thanks!
Just a drop!*



*Something to drink, please!
Can I have a glass, please?
Pour me another one!
I'm so thirsty! I've got to have a drink!*

gestures • insults



*Go to hell!
Up yours!
With all the taxes we pay,
the hell with it!
Fuck you!*



*Asshole, you want your ass kicked!
You're gonna get a knuckle sandwich,
asshole!*

Do you see this fist?



*Fuck you, mister!
Go to hell, asshole!
Go screw yourself!*



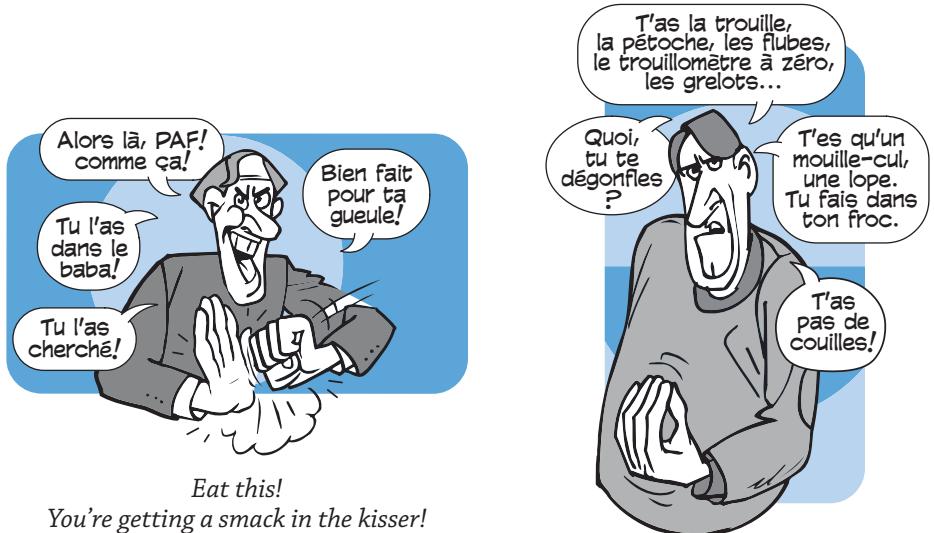
*Don't try to con a con man!
DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH!*

Dream on! • Get lost!

I'd like to see it!

Dream on!

That'll be the day!



*Eat this!
You're getting a smack in the kisser!
Up your ass!
You asked for it!*



*You're scared shitless ...
What, are you chickening out?
You're just a chicken, a yellow belly. You're shitting your pants.
You got no balls!*



*You're dreaming!
You're pulling my leg!
You take me for some kind of idiot?
I've got my eye on you!
You, wise guy ...*



*ARE YOU INSANE?
You need help!
Are you nuts or what!
Time for your medicine!
Are you nuts!?
What an asshole!*

gestures • praise, promises, and denial



I'M NOT WORTHY!
I bow down, I worship you!
I'm a huge fan of yours!
MASTER!
I'm your biggest admirer!



SUPER! Very good! My compliments!
BRAVO! Well done! Very good!
Excellent! I love it!
Way to go!



I give you my word of honor!
I swear it!
I swear on my mother's grave (lit., head)!
I've got a reputation to uphold.



You know me!
NEVER IN MY LIFE!
You hear me? NEVER, I would never have done such a thing!
Cross my heart ...
may I go to hell if I'm lying!

gestures • the senses



*That smells bad!
This guy has terrible breath!
He's got a cadaver behind his teeth!
That stinks / reeks / smells foul!*



*You're killing me!
How long have we known each other?
WHAT! I must be hallucinating!
Tell me I'm gonna wake up!
How dare you tell me this!
You crack me up!*



*Wait a minute. Let me think ...
You're confusing me.
That stuff is driving me crazy!
True, now that I think about it ...*



*I'm falling asleep standing up.
I'm beat, I'm going to sleep.
I'm gonna hit the sack!
I'm tired. Good night.
I'm dead tired.
I've got to get some sleep.
Tomorrow's another day.
I'm beat!*

gestures • talk



We'll call each other?
We'll talk soon, okay?
If you don't catch me at home,
try my cell phone!
Give me a ring! • Or call the office!
I don't have a fax.
You've got my e-mail address, right?



SHUT UP!
YADDA YADDA YADDA!
SHUT YOUR BIG MOUTH!
You blabbermouth, shut your pie hole!
Shut your big mouth / trap. /
Shut the hell up!



It's over! It's done! • He's done for!
Keep quiet! Shut up!
(cutting throat) • They went bankrupt!



Wait a minute!
Get me out of this shit!
It's a disaster! • Can you do me a favor?
I'm serious! • I'm in deep shit!



*Shhh! Hush up!
Shut your mouth!
Not a sound! Silence!
Be quiet!*

*You're gonna wake everybody up!
Keep it under your hat!
It's a secret!*

*Oh my, oh my!
Oh boy!*



It's a figure of speech.

Quote ... unquote.

If I may say so ...

*You know what I'm trying to say.
You get it. Draw your own conclusion.*



*Oh that ...
I don't have a clue!*

*Go figure!
I don't know!
That ...
You ask as if I knew...*

gestures • time and money



*Do you realize what time it is?
I'm so freakin' late! • What time is it?
What time do you have?
Time's a-wastin'! / The clock's ticking!
See you later!*



*Not a dime in my account!
I don't have a penny to my name!
Flat broke! Busted!
Cleaned out!
I'm destitute!*



*Very expensive! It costs an arm and a leg!
You're gonna feel the pain buying that!
It's expensive! • It will break us.
It costs an arm and a leg.
You've at least got some cash, huh?
The bill is very steep (lit., salted)!
We can't afford this lifestyle!*

gestures • transportation



*I'll drive.
Calm in traffic jams, cool at red lights!
Yes, by car. I've got wheels.
Never a speeding ticket!
I have a car. I can drive for hours.
I'm queen of the road!
When the traffic is light.*



*Airborne.
I'm going by plane.
As the crow flies.*



*I prefer to go riding!
Giddyup! In the saddle!
Gallop! Trot!*



*I'll go on foot!
Walking. On foot!
I'm a pedestrian.
I love going for walks.
A long walk—I love it!*

gestures • miscellaneous



*I'm takin' off!
I'm outta here!
I'm gettin' outta here!
I'm splitting!*



*Plastered!
This guy is seriously drunk!
Totally smashed!
He's dead drunk! Positively sloshed.
A drinking binge, hal!
Three sheets to the wind!
Everybody's off the wagon!*



*I'm crossing my fingers! Go for it!
Break a leg! (Good luck!)
Step in it, it'll bring you good luck!*



*I don't give a rat's ass!
I don't give a damn!
Not my problem!
To hell with them!*

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