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# FRENCH

Excellent to avoid getting 'engueulé' (to get bawled out) in Paris. And let's face it, learn French, it is easier than trying to understand the French speaking English!

## FOR ANY SITUATIONS

### Hello/Goodbye

Bonjour/Au revoir

### Please

S'il Vous Plaît (SVP)

### Sorry

Pardon

### Thank you

Merci

### Can you help me ?

Pouvez-vous m'aider ?

### I am looking for...

Je cherche...

### Could you repeat / speak slowly ?

Pouvez-vous répéter /

parlez lentement ?

### I don't understand

Je ne comprends pas

### I would like

Je voudrais/

J'aimerais

## MONEY MATTERS

### The ATM

Le distributeur de billets

### Do you accept foreign cards/travellers cheques ?

Vous acceptez les cartes étrangères/

## BUYING

### What is it ?

Qu'est-ce que c'est ?

### This/that ça

### A stamp (for Europe...)

Un timbre (pour

chèques de voyage ?

### How much ?

C'est combien ?

### Foreign exchange office

Le bureau de change

l'Europe...)

### A postcard

Une carte postale

### Do you have ... ?

Avez-vous ?

### Can I change my pounds for Euros ?

Je peux changer mes Livres contre des Euros ?

### I have no change

Je n'ai pas de monnaie

*note : if you go to the supermarket in France, you will not find any plastic bags (sacs plastiques)*

### Where is/are... ?

Où est/sont ?

## SIGHTSEEING

### It is beautiful

C'est beau

### Straight on

Tout droit

### To the left/right

A gauche/droite

## EATING OUT

### Can you recommend me ?

Pouvez-vous me recommander ?

### A typical/regional restaurant/dish

Un restaurant/plat

### The tourist information centre

L'office de tourisme

### A map

Un plan

typique/régional

### For starters/main course/dessert

Comme entrée/plat principal/dessert

### Can we take pictures ?

Peut-on prendre des photos ?

### It is delicious

C'est délicieux

### The tip

Le pourboire

### Cheers !

Santé !



# GERMAN

German and English belong to the same West Germanic language family and share thousands of similar words and phrases, particularly in terms of computer, telecommunications and medical vocabulary. So how hard can it be?!

## FOR ANY SITUATIONS

### Hello/Goodbye

Guten Tag/Auf Wiedersehen (*formal*)  
Hallo/Tschüss (*informal*)

### Please

Bitte

### Sorry

Entschuldigung

### Thank you

Danke (schön)

### Can you help me ?

Können Sie mir helfen?

### I am looking for...

Ich suche...

### Could you repeat / speak slowly ?

Könnten Sie wiederholen/langsamer sprechen?

### I don't understand

Ich verstehe nicht

### I would like

Ich möchte

## MONEY MATTERS

### The ATM

Der Geldautomat

### Do you accept foreign cards/travellers cheques ?

Nehmen Sie ausländische Kreditkarten/

Reiseschecks an?

### How much ?

Wie viel?

### Foreign exchange office

Die Wechselstube

### Can I change my pounds for Euros ?

Kann ich meine Pfund in Euro wechseln?

### I have no change

Ich habe kein Kleingeld

## BUYING

### What is it ?

Was ist das?

### A stamp (for Europe...)

Eine Briefmarke

(nach Europa...)

### A postcard

Eine Postkarte

### This/that

Dies/das

### Do you have ... ?

Haben Sie...?

### Where is/are... ?

Wo ist/wo sind...?

## SIGHTSEEING

### It is beautiful

Es ist schön

### Straight on

Geradeaus

### To the left/right

Links/rechts

### The tourist information centre

Das Fremdenverkehrsamt

### A map

Eine Karte

### Can we take pictures ?

Dürfen wir Fotos machen?

## EATING OUT

### Can you recommend me ?

Können Sie mir... empfehlen

### A typical/regional restaurant/dish

Ein typisches/

lokales Restaurant/Gericht

### For starters/main course/dessert

Zur Vorspeise/zum Hauptgericht/zur Nachspeise

It is delicious  
Es schmeckt gut

### The tip

Das Trinkgeld

### Cheers !

Prost!



# TURKISH

Learning Turkish opens up worlds to discover, as Turkey offers many attractive tourist destinations, as well as an archaeology buff's paradise.

## FOR ANY SITUATIONS

### Hello/Goodbye

Merhaba/Hoşçakal

Please Lütfen

Sorry Özür dilerim

Thank you Teşekkür ederim

### Can you help me ?

Bana yardım eder misin?

I am looking for...  
... arıyorum

Could you repeat /  
speak slowly ?

Tekrarlar mısınız?/  
Yavaş konuşabilir  
misiniz?

I don't understand  
Anlamadım

I would like İstiyorum

## MONEY MATTERS

### The ATM

ATM makinası

### Do you accept foreign cards/travellers cheques?

Yabancı kartları ve  
seyahat çeklerini  
kabul ediyor musunuz?

### How much ? Ne kadar?

Foreign exchange office  
Döviz bürosu

### Can I change my pounds for Euros ?

Sterlinlerimi Euroya

çevirebilir miyim?

I have no change  
Hiç bozduğum yok

## BUYING

What is it ? Ne var?

### A stamp (for Europe...)

Pul (Avrupa için)

### A postcard

Postakartı

This/that Bu/şu

### Do you have ... ?

Var mı?

### Where is/are...?

Nerede?

## SIGHTSEEING

### It is beautiful

Bu çok güzel

Straight on Doğru

### To the left/right

Sola/sağa

### The tourist information centre

Turist Bilgi Merkezi

A map Harita

### Can we take pictures ?

Resim çekebilir  
miyiz?

## EATING OUT

### Can you recommend me?

Bana tavsiye edebilir  
misin?

### A typical/regional restaurant/dish

Tipik/yöresel

restoran/yemek

### For starters/main course/dessert

başlangıç/  
Ana yemek/  
Tatlı

It is delicious Lezzetli

The tip Bahşiş

Cheers ! Sağlığınıza!



# SPANISH

If you are looking for a useful language, Spanish will definitely be on your short list! The language of a whole continent, spoken from Ushuaia to many parts of Manhattan. Learning Spanish should be seen as an investment.

## FOR ANY SITUATIONS

### Hello/Goodbye

Hola/ Adios

Please Por favor

Sorry Lo siento

Thank you Gracias

### Can you help me ?

¿Me puede ayudar?

I am looking for...  
Estoy buscando...

### Could you repeat / speak slowly ?

¿Podría repetir/

podria hablar mas  
despacio?

I don't understand  
No entiendo

I would like  
Me gustaria

## MONEY MATTERS

### The ATM

El cajero automatico

### Do you accept foreign cards/travellers cheques ?

¿Acepta tarjetas  
extranjeritas/cheques  
de viaje?

### How much ?

¿Cuanto es?

### Foreign exchange office

La oficina de cambio

### Can I change my pounds for Euros ?

¿Puedo cambiar mis  
libras por euros?

I have no change  
No tengo cambio

## BUYING

### What is it ?

¿Que es?

### A stamp (for Europe...)

Un sello (para  
Europa)

### A postcard

Una tarjeta

### This/that

Esto/eso

### Do you have ... ?

¿Tiene...?

### Where is/are... ?

¿Donde esta/  
estan...?

## SIGHTSEEING

### It is beautiful

Es precioso

Straight on Todo recto

### To the left/right

A la izquierda/

derecha

### The tourist information centre

La oficina de  
informacion  
turistica

A map Un mapa

### Can we take pictures ?

¿Podemos hacer  
fotos?

## EATING OUT

### Can you recommend me ?

¿Puede  
recomendarme?

### A typical/regional restaurant/dish

Un restaurante de

la region/plato de  
la region

### For starters/main course/dessert

Para entrantes/  
plato principal/  
postre

It is delicious

Es delicioso

The tip La propina

Cheers ! Salud !





# ITALIAN

No need for subtitles to see Fellini's, Visconti's and Pasolini's movies! Especially in Southern Italy, most people you will meet will be glad to have a *chiacchierata* (informal conversation) with you!

## FOR ANY SITUATIONS

### Hello/Goodbye

Ciao/Arrivederci  
Buongiorno-Buonasera

### Please

Perfavore

### Sorry

Scusa mi/Scusi

### Thank you

Grazie

### Can you help me?

Puoi aiutarmi?  
Mi può aiutare?

### I am looking for...

Sto cercando...

### Could you repeat/speak slowly?

Puoi ripetere/  
Parlare più  
lentamente?

### I don't understand

Non capisco

### I would like

Vorrei

## MONEY MATTERS

### The ATM

il bancomat

### Do you accept foreign cards/travellers cheques?

Accettate carte  
estere  
/travel cheques?

### How much?

Quanto costa?

### Foreign exchange office

Ufficio di cambio

### Can I change my pounds for euros?

Posso cambiare le  
mie sterline in  
euro?

### I have no change

Non ho moneta

## BUYING

### What is it? Cos'è?

### A postcard

Una cartolina

### A stamp (for europe...)

Un francobollo  
(per l'europa...)

### This/That

Questo/quello

### Do you have ... ?

Ha (singular)?  
avete (plural)?

### Where is/are... ?

Dov'è/dove sono...?

## SIGHTSEEING

### It is beautiful

È Bellissimo

### Straight on

Sempre dritto

### To the left/right

A sinistra/a destra

### The tourist information centre

Il turista centro  
informazioni

### A map

Una mappa

### Can we take pictures?

Possiamo fare  
fotografie?

## EATING OUT

### Can you recommend me?

Mi puoi raccomandare...?  
Mi può raccomandare...?

### A typical/regional restaurant/dish

Un ristorante/piatto  
tipico/regionale

### For starters/main course/dessert

Come antipasto/  
Primo piatto/  
Secondo piatto/  
Dolce

### It is delicious

È delizioso

### The tip

La mancia

Cheers! Cin cin!



# PORTUGUESE

Are you one of the many who make regular visits to The Algarve? Portuguese is, with Spanish, the fastest growing western language. It is the language with the highest growth potential as an international communication language in Southern Africa and South America.

## FOR ANY SITUATIONS

### Hello/Goodbye

Olá/Adeus

### Please

Por favor

### Sorry

Desculpe

### Thank you

Obrigado/a

### Can you help me?

Pode ajudar-me?

### I am looking for...

Estou deseioso/a  
de... por...

### Could you repeat/

### speak slowly?

Pode repetir/  
pode falar devagar?

### I don't understand-

Não entendo/percebo

### I would like

Eu queria

## MONEY MATTERS

### The ATM

O multibanco

### Do you accept foreign cards/travellers cheques?

Aceita cartões/  
cheques de viagem?

### How much?

Quanto custa?

### Foreign exchange office

Loja de câmbios

### Can I change my

### pounds for Euros?

Posso trocar as  
minhas libras por  
Euros?

### I have no change

Não tenho troco

## BUYING

### What is it?

O que é isto?

### A stamp (for Europe...)

Um selo (para a  
Europa)

### A postcard

Um postal

### This/that

Isto/aquilo

### Do you have...? Tem?

### Where is/are...?

Onde é/são?

## SIGHTSEEING

### It is beautiful

É lindo!

### Straight on

Segue em frente

### To the left/right

À esquerda/à direita

### The tourist information centre

O posto de turismo/  
as informações

### A map

Um mapa

### Can we take pictures?

Podemos tirar  
fotografias?

## EATING OUT

### Can you recommend me?

Pode recomendar-me?

### A typical/regional restaurant/dish

Um típico/  
Regional

restaurante/  
Prato?

### For starters/main course/dessert

De entrada/  
prato principal/  
sobremesa.

### It is delicious

Está delicioso

### The tip

A gorjeta

Cheers! Saúde!