

French People are very formal and do not like to be greeted with the informal “tu” which means you for friends and family. Greet them with the formal “vous” if you meet them for the first time or they are acquaintances or colleagues. They will let you know when you may refer to them with “tu”. If you are unsure whether to use tu or vous, use vous because it’s better to sound overly polite than too familiar.

Vous also means you when you are addressing two people or more.

F- formal

I-informal

1. To say hello	Bonjour - good morning/hello (all day, formal) Bonsoir - good evening Salut (I)- hi (informal, to friends and family) Coucou (I) hey Mrs=Mme. Madame Mmes. mesdames Miss=.Mlle. mademoiselle Mlles. mesdemoiselles Mr= M. Monsieur Mm. messieurs
2. To ask how are you	Comment ça va? (I) (how are you ?) Comment vas-tu? (I) (how’re you doing ?) Comment allez-vous ? (formal) (how’re you ?) Vous allez-bien ? (are you doing alright ?) Quoi de neuf (what’s new) Rien de spécial (nothing special) Pas grand-chose (nothing much) Rien de nouveau (nothing new)
3. To answer how are you	Ça va bien et toi? (I) (doing well and you ?) Pas mal et toi?(I) (not bad and you ?) Je vais bien, merci et vous ? (formal) (doing well, thanks and you) Très bien, merci et vous ? (very well thanks and you ?) Comme ci comme ça (so so) Et toi=and you (I)(for friends and family) Et vous= and you (for people you don’t know well)
4. To ask name	Comment t’appelles-tu?(I) (what’s your name ?) Comment tu t’appelles?(I) (what’s your name ?) Tu t’appelles comment?(I) (your name is what again?) Comment vous appelez-vous ? (formal) (whats your name ?)

5. To answer name	Je m'appelle John Smith Mon prénom (first name) est John. Mon nom (last name) est M. Smith
6. To introduce	voici mon ami John(I) (this is my friend John) je te présente John (I) (I introduce to you John) je vous présente Monsieur <u>Tims (formal)</u> <u>I introduce to you Mr. Tims</u>
7. To say nice to meet you	Salut John! (I) Hey John Bonjour ! hello Enchanté/e nice to meet you
8. To say thank you	Merci. or merci beaucoup Thank you. Thank you very much
9. To say you're welcome	De rien (I) you're welcome (to friends & family) Il n'y a pas de quoi! (I) don't mention it/you're welcome Je t'en prie (I) you're welcome (friends & family) Je vous en prie (formal) you're welcome
10. To say bye	Au revoir -bye à tout à l'heure- c u later à plus tard- c u later à bientôt- c u soon à demain - c u tomorrow Bonne journée- have a good day Salut-bye (I) à la prochaine- till next time À lundi/à mardi...- c u Monday, Tuesday... Ciao! bye
11. To say please	S'il te plaît(I) please (friends & family) S'il vous plaît (formal) please
12. To say excuse me	Pardon ! pardon me Excuse-moi ! (I) excuse me (informa) Excusez-moi excuse me (formal)
13. To ask about origin	D'où es-tu ?(I) where are you from ?informal) D'où viens-tu ?(I) where do you come from ? D'où êtes-vous ? (formal) where r u from ? D'où venez-vous ? (formal) where do u come from ?

14. Answer I am from-	Je suis de Columbia, en Caroline du Sud. I am from Columbia, South Carolina
	Je suis d'origine américaine de Columbia I am originally American
15. Ask how old are you	Quel âge as-tu? How old are you ? Quel âge avez-vous? (formal) how old are you ?
16. To answer age	J'ai <u>18</u> ans I'm 18
17. To ask where you live	Où habites-tu?(I) where do you live ? Où habitez-vous? (formal) where do you live ?
18. To answer I live---	J'habite à Columbia I live in Columbia

Key words

Je and j'= I

Tu= you (friends and family)

Vous= you or you all . (persons you don't know well)

Je m'appelle= my name is

Tu t'appelles= your name is

Suis=am, je suis= I am

Tu es= you are

Est =is

Vous êtes= you , you all are (persons you don't know well)

Habite= live

J'habite= I live

Tu habites= you live

Vous habitez= you/you all live (formal)

De or d'= from or of

A= to or at

Age= age (French people say things sometimes different than in English. They say « what age you have ? not how old are you ?)

J'ai= I have

Tu as= you have

Mon= my

Mon nom = my last name

Mon prénom= my first name

