

Chapter- 1

LES SALUTATIONS

STUDY NOTES

In this Chapter we will learn

1. Some basic greetings in French

BASIC GREETINGS

This is an important difference between French and English. English no longer distinguishes between the singular and the plural, formal version of "you",

In French, it is important to know when to use "vous" and when to use "tu". "Vous" is the plural form of "you". This is somewhat equivalent to "you all", "you guys", "all of you", except that it does not carry any familiarity when used with the plural. You'd use it to address your friends " Vous " is also used to refer to single individuals to show respect, to be polite or to be neutral. It is used when talking to someone who is important, someone who is older than you are, or someone with whom you are unfamiliar. Conversely, "tu" is the singular and informal form of "vous" (you) in French. It is commonly used when referring to a friend or a family member, and is also used between children or when addressing a child.

Greetings Les salutations

Salut- Hi./Bye. (informal)

Bonjour - Hello (more formal than salut) (all day)

Bonsoir - Hello (after 19h00)

Bonne soirée - Good evening

Bonne nuit -- Good night bun nwee

Quoi de neuf ? -- What's up (about you)?

Pas grand-chose -- Not much.

When talking to one's peers or to children, Salut is used as a greeting. Its English equivalents would be hi and hey. Bonjour, literally meaning good day, should be used for anyone else. Bonsoir is used to say Good evening. Bonne nuit is used to say Good night before going to bed.

French	Pronunciation	English
à bientôt	ah bee-ehn-toe	see you soon
à demain	ah deh-mehn	see you tomorrow
à toute à l'heure	ah toot ah luhr	see you later
à vos souhaits	ah voh soo-eht	bless you (after a sneeze)
adieu	ah-dyuh	goodbye
au revoir	oh reh-vwah	goodbye
bienvenue	bee-ehn veh-noo	welcome
bonne chance	bohn shahnce	good luck
bonne nuit	bohn nwee	goodnight
bonjour	bohn-jhoor	hello
bonsoir	bohn-swahr	good evening
de rien	deh ree-en	you're welcome
enchanté	ahn-shant-ay	pleased to meet you (to a male)
enchantée	ahn-shant-ay	pleased to meet you (to a female)
merci	mehr-see	thank you
merci beaucoup	mehr-see bo-koo	thank you very much
salut	sah-loo	hello or goodbye
santé	sahn-tay	cheers
tant pis	tahn pee	nevermind

❖ We will Learn More Greetings with examples in the class.

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