



GLOSSAIRE - GLOSSARY

(f) = feminine noun (m) = masculine noun (pl) = plural

Adjectives usually have different masculine and feminine forms. If the feminine is formed by adding one or two letters to the masculine, it is shown in this way:

petit(e) or blanc(he) - so blanc is the form of white used with masculine nouns, and blanche is the form of white used with feminine nouns.

If more of a change is required to form the feminine adjective, the masculine and feminine forms are shown separately, for example:

nouveau, nouvelle - new (nouveau is used with masculine nouns, and nouvelle is used with feminine nouns).

A a

à - to, at

abricot (m) - apricot

acheter - to buy

accessoire (f) - accessory

addition (f) - bill

adorer - to adore, love

aéroport (m) - airport

affaires (f) - business

Afrique (f) - Africa

agneau (m) - lamb

agricole - agricultural

aimer - to like, to love

alcool (m) - alcohol

Algérie (f) - Algeria

Allemagne (f) - Germany

allemand(e) - German

aller - to go

alphabet (m) - alphabet

Amérique (f) - America

ami (m), amie (f) - friend

an (m) - year

ananas (m) - pineapple

ancien(ne) - former (before a noun); ancient (after a noun)

Angleterre (f) - England

anglais(e) - English

animal (m) - animal

année (f) - year

août (m) - August

appareil (m) - apparatus, appliance

appareil ménager (m) - household appliance
 appartement (m) - flat
 appartenir - to belong
 s'appeler - to be called
 apporter - to bring
 aquarium (m) - aquarium, fish tank
 arabe - Arabic
 arbre (m) - tree
 Argentine (f) - Argentina
 arrêt (m) - stop
 arriver - to arrive
 arroser - to water (plants)
 Asie (f) - Asia
 s'asseoir - to sit down
 assez - enough, rather, quite
 assiette (f) - plate
 assister (à) - to attend
 attention (f) - attention; faites attention - be careful
 au - to the, at the (before a masculine noun)
 auberge de jeunesse (f) - youth hostel
 Australie (f) - Australia
 autobus (m) - bus
 autocar (m) - coach
 avec - with
 avion (m) - aeroplane
 avril (m) - April

B b

bague (f) - ring
 baguette (f) - stick bread
 baignade (f) - bathing
 balcon (m) - balcony
 banane (f) - banana
 bas(se) - low
 bateau (m) - boat
 bâtiment (m) - building
 beau, belle - beautiful, handsome
 beaucoup - lots, many (followed by de)
 belge - Belgian
 Belgique (f) - Belgium
 biscuit (m) - biscuit
 blanc(he) - white
 bleu(e) - blue
 boeuf (m) - beef
 boisson (m) - drink

bon(ne) - good
 bonjour - good morning/day, hello
 bouche (f) - mouth
 boulangerie (f) - bakery
 bouteille (f) - bottle
 bracelet (m) - bracelet, watch strap
 bras (m) - arm
 Brésil (m) - Brazil
 briller - to shine
 Bruxelles - Brussels
 bureau (m) - office, study, desk

C c

cacao (m) - cocoa
 café (m) - café, coffee
 Cameroun (m) - Cameroon
 canapé (m) - sofa, settee
 capitale (f) - capital (city)
 carré (m) - square
 casser - to break
 cela (ça) - that
 cent (m) - a hundred
 centre (m) - centre
 centre ville (m) - town/city centre
 cercle (m) - circle
 céréale (f) - cereal
 cerise (f) - cherry
 chaise (f) - chair
 chambre à coucher (f) - bedroom
 champagne (m) - champagne
 champignon (m) - mushroom
 chaque - each
 charpente de bois, à (f) - timber frame
 chaud(e) - hot
 chaumière (f) - thatched house/cottage
 cheval (m) - horse
 cheville (f) - ankle
 chez - at the house of
 chien (m) - dog
 Chine (f) - China
 chinois(e) - Chinese
 chocolat (m) - chocolate
 choisir - to choose
 chose (f) - thing
 ciel (m) - sky

cinéma (m) - cinema
cinq - five
cinquante - fifty
citron (m) - lemon
classe (f) - class
coca (m) - cola
collier (m) - necklace
comment - how
commercial(e) - commercial
commode (f) - chest of drawers
composer - to compose
compris(e) - included, understood
conduire - to drive
confiture (f) - jam
content(e) - happy
cornichon (m) - pickle
corps (m) - body
correspondant (m) - pen friend
côté, à côté de - side, next to
Côte d'Ivoire (f) - Ivory coast
couleur (f) - colour
couloir (m) - corridor
courses (f) - shopping
cousin (m) - cousin
couteau (m) - knife
cravate (f) - tie
croissant (m) - croissant, crescent
cuillère (f) - spoon
cuisine (f) - kitchen

D d

dans - in
décembre (m) - December
déjeuner (m) - lunch (also verb - to have lunch)
demain - tomorrow
demi(e) - half
densément - densely
dernier (dernière) - last
des - some, of the, from the
descendre - to go down; to get off (a vehicle)
désolé(e) - very sorry
dessert (m) - dessert
deux - two
devant - in front of
dimanche - Sunday

dîner (m) - dinner (also verb - to have dinner, to dine)
 dix - ten
 dix-huit - eighteen
 dix-neuf - nineteen
 dix-sept - seventeen
 doigt (m) - finger
 donner - to give
 donner sur - to overlook (a view)
 dormir - to sleep
 Douvres - Dover
 douze - twelve
 droite - right

E e

eau (f) - water
 école (f) - school
 écrire - to write
 écriteau (m) - sign
 écurie (f) - stable
 effet, en - in fact
 église (f) - church
 élève (m) - pupil
 elle - she, it (feminine)
 elles - they (feminine)
 enfant (m) - child
 entre - between
 escalier (m) - staircase
 Espagne - Spain
 espagnol(e) - Spanish
 espérer - to hope
 étagère (f) - shelf
 été (m) - summer
 étroit(e) - narrow
 euro (m) - Euro
 Europe (f) - Europe

F f

face, en - opposite
 faire - to do/make
 fatigué(e) - tired
 fauteuil (m) - armchair
 fenêtre (f) - window
 ferme (f) - farm
 fermer - to close
 fête (f) - feast day, party

feu (m) - fire, traffic light, light (for cigarette)
 feuille (f) - leaf
 février (m) - February
 figue (f) - fig
 fleur (f) - flower
 forme (f) - shape, form
 fouler, se - to sprain
 fourchette (f) - fork
 français(e) - French
 France (f) - France
 frère (m) - brother
 frites (f) - chips
 froid - cold
 fromage (m) - cheese
 fruit (m) - fruit
 fruits de mer (m) - seafood

G g

garçon (m) - boy, waiter
 gare (f) - station
 gâteau (m) - cake
 gauche - left
 glace (f) - ice-cream
 glacé(e) - very cold
 grand(e) - big, large
 grand magasin (m) - department store
 grandir - to get bigger, grow
 grandparents (m) - grandparents
 gratte-ciel (m) - sky-scraper
 grillé(e) - grilled
 gris(e) - grey

H h

habiter - to live (in)
 haricot (m) - bean
 heure (f) - hour
 hiver (m) - winter
 homard (m) - lobster
 hôpital (m) - hospital
 hors d'oeuvre (m) - starters
 hôtel (m) - hotel
 huile (f) - oil

I i

ici - here

il - he, it (masculine)
 ils - they (masculine)
 immeuble (m)- building, block of flats
 incarné - ingrown
 Inde (f) - India
 interdit(e) - forbidden
 invité (m) - guest
 inviter - to invite
 Irlande (f) - Ireland
 Italie (f) - Italy

J j

jambe (f) - leg
 jambon (m) - ham
 janvier (m) - January
 Japon (m) - Japan
 je - I; je suis - I am; je vais - I go
 jeu (m) - game
 jeudi (m) - Thursday
 jour (m) - day
 juillet (m) - July
 juin (m) - June
 jus (m) - juice
 juste - just

K k

kiwi (m) - kiwi

L l

la - the (feminine)
 laine (f) - wool
 lait (m) - milk
 laitue (f) - lettuce
 langue (f) - tongue
 le - the (feminine)
 légume (m) - vegetable
 lendemain (m) - next day
 les - the (plural)
 ligne (f) - line
 lit (m) - bed
 livre (m) - book (also pound - if feminine)
 Londres - London
 long(ue) - long
 louer - to rent, hire
 lui - to him, to her

lundi - Monday

M m

mai (m) - May
 main (f) - hand
 mal (m) - bad (adj.), pain (noun)
 mardi (m) - Tuesday
 Maroc (m) - Morocco
 mars (m) - March
 matin (m) - morning
 médecin (m) - doctor
 merci - thankyou
 mercredi (m) - Wednesday
 mère (f) - mother
 merveilleux, merveilleuse - marvellous
 meuble (m) - furniture
 midi (m) - midday, noon
 mieux - better (adverb)
 mille - a thousand
 minuit (m) - midnight
 minute (f) - minute
 miroir (m) - mirror
 misère (f) - misery
 moins - less, minus
 mois (m) - month
 monde (m) - world, people (as a group)
 montagne (f) - mountain
 monter - to go up, get on (a vehicle)
 mur (m) - wall
 musée (m) - museum

N n

national(e) - national
 ne...(verb)...pas - not
 neiger - to snow
 nez (m) - nose
 Noël (m) - Christmas
 noix (m) - nut
 non - no
 nord (m) - north
 notre - our (plural: nos)
 nourriture (f) - food
 nous - we
 nouveau, nouvelle - new
 novembre (m) - November

nuit (f) - night

O o

octobre (m) - October

oeil (m) - eye (plural: yeux)

oeuf (m) - egg

officiel(le) - official

oignon (m) - onion

ongle (m) - (finger)nail

onze - eleven

orage (m) - storm

orange - orange

ordinateur (m) - computer

oreille (f) - ear

orteil (m) - toe

oublier - to forget

oui - yes

P p

pain (m) - bread

papa (m) - dad

papier (m) - paper

Pâques (m if singular, f if plural) - Easter

par - per, by

pardon - pardon, excuse me

parent (m) - parent

partir - to leave

pas - not (used with ne)

passer - to pass, spend (time)

pâtes (f pl) - pasta

pays (m) - country

pendant - during

penser - to think

perdre - to lose

perdu(e) - lost

père (m) - father

personne (f) - person (in negative: nobody)

petit(e) - small

petit déjeuner (m) - breakfast

petit pain (m) - bread roll

peu, un - a little

peuplé(e) - populated

pièce (f) - room

pied (m) - foot

pierre (f) - stone

pizza (m) - pizza
 plante (f) - plante
 plein(e) - full
 pleuvoir - to rain
 plus - more
 poignet (m) - wrist
 point (m) - dot, full stop
 poisson (m) - fish
 poivre (m) - pepper (spice, condiment)
 poivron (m) - pepper (vegetable)
 pomme (f) - apple
 pomme de terre (f) - potato
 population (f) - population
 porte (f) - door
 poulet (m) - chicken
 pour - for
 pouvoir - to be able to, can
 pré (m) - meadow
 prendre - to take
 préparer - to prepare
 prêt(e) - ready
 printemps (m) - spring
 priorité (f) - priority, right of way
 prochain(e) - next

Q q

quand - when
 quarante - forty
 quart (m) - quarter
 quatorze - fourteen
 quatre - four
 quatre-vingts - eighty
 quatre-vingt-dix - ninety
 que - that, which
 qu'est-ce que? - what.....?
 quel(le) - which
 quelque - some
 quelqu'un - somebody
 qui - who (in questions), who, that (relative pronoun)
 quiche (f) - quiche
 quinze - fifteen
 quitter - to leave

R r

rapide - rapid, fast, quick

rappel (m) - reminder
 rectangle (m) - rectangle
 regarder - to look at, watch
 rencontrer - to meet
 rentrer - to go home, go back in
 repas (m) - meal
 réponse (f) - answer
 rester - to stay
 retourner - to return
 rez-de-chaussée (m) - ground floor
 Romanche - Romansch
 rose - pink
 rôti, rôtie - roast
 rouge - red
 rouler - to roll
 Royaume-Uni (m) - United Kingdom
 rue (f) - street
 Russie (f) - Russia

S S

salade (f) - salad
 salle à manger (f) - dining-room
 salon (m) - sitting-room, lounge
 salut - hi, hello
 samedi (m) - Saturday
 sandwich (m) - sandwich
 sans - without
 sauce (f) - sauce
 saucisse (f) - sausage
 saumon (m) - salmon
 science (f) - science
 sec, sèche - dry
 seize - sixteen
 sel (m) - salt
 semaine (f) - week
 Sénégal (m) - Senegal
 sentir - to feel, smell
 septembre - Septembre
 service (m) - service
 serviette (f) - napkin, serviette
 servir - to serve
 si - if, yes (in answer to a negative question)
 s'il vous plaît - please
 six - six
 ski (m) - ski-ing

soeur (f) - sister
 soir (m) - evening
 soixante - sixty
 soixante-dix - seventy
 soleil (m) - sun
 soupe (f) - soup
 souvent - often
 steak (m) - steak
 Sud Afrique (f) - South Africa
 Suisse (f) - Switzerland
 suivant(e) - following
 sur - on
 syndicat d'initiative (m) - tourist office

T t

table (f) - table
 tableau (m) - painting
 taille (f) - waist, size
 talon (m) - heel
 tarte (f) - tart
 tasse (f) - cup
 taxi (m) - taxi
 téléphoner - to telephone
 télévision (f) - television
 tellement - so
 tête (f) - head
 thé (m) - tea
 tomate (f) - tomato
 tomber - to fall
 totale (m) - total
 tourner - to turn
 Toussaint (f) - All Saints (Day)
 tout(e) - all
 toute de suite - at once, immediately
 train (m) - train
 tranche (f) - slice
 travail (m) - work
 travailler - to work
 treize - thirteen
 trente - thirty
 très - very
 triangle (m) - triangle
 trouver - to find

U u

un(e) - one, a, an

Uni(e) - United

V v

vacances (f pl) - holiday(s)

vaste - vast, huge

végétarien(ne) - vegetarian

vélo (m) - bike

vélomoteur (m) - motorised bicycle

vendre - to sell

vendredi (m) - Friday

venir - to come

vent (m) - wind

verre (m) - glass (for drinking)

vert(e) - green

vestibule (m) - hall

vêtement (m) - garment, clothing

viande (f) - meat

vieux, vieille - old

ville (f) - town

village (m) - village

vin (m) - wine

vingt (m) - twenty

violet(te) - purple

visage (m) - face

voir - to see

voisin (m) - neighbour (noun)

voisin(e) - neighbouring (adj)

voiture (f) - car

volet (m) - shutter

votre - your (plural: vos)

vous - you (plural or polite)

voyage (m) - journey, voyage

W w

weekend (m) - weekend

Y y

y - there

yeux (m pl) - eyes (singular: oeil)

Z z

zéro - zero