

# Sprinkle your speech

with fun  
french  
phrases

Conversation here flows easily — in English, French and many other languages. While nearly everyone you cross paths with in Montréal will be able to assist you in English, it's always fun to have a few French phrases in your tool belt!

## Simple stuff

**Bonjour**  
(*bon-zhoor*)

**Hello**  
(literal translation: "Good day")

**Bonsoir**  
(*bon-swahr*)  
**Good evening**

**Merci**  
(*mair-see*)

**Thanks!**

**De rien**  
(*duh ree-en*)

**You're welcome**  
(literal translation: "of nothing")

**S'il vous plaît**  
(*seel voo play*)

**Please**

## Deeper cuts

**Bienvenue à Montréal**  
(*bee-en-ven-ew*)

**Welcome to Montréal**

**Je ne parle pas très bien français.**  
(*juh nah parl pah tray bee-en fran-say*)

**I don't speak French very well.**

**D'où venez-vous ?**  
(*doo ven-ay voo*)

**Where are you from?**

**Je viens de... Chicago.**  
(*juh vee-en duh ...*)

**I come from Chicago.**



© CHARLOTTE B. DOMINGUE

# Uniquely from Québec /

## TERRASSE

The local word for “patio.” And anytime the sun is shining (and it’s not winter), you’ll find locals swarming to *terrasses* across the city.



## DÉPANNEUR

From the French verb “dépanner” — which means to help out or to fix — this is the common term for corner stores. “Dep” is even more common shorthand.



## 5-À-7

Pronounced *sank-ah-set*, the term roughly translates as “happy hour” going from 5 pm to 7 pm — or beyond, if everyone’s having a good time!



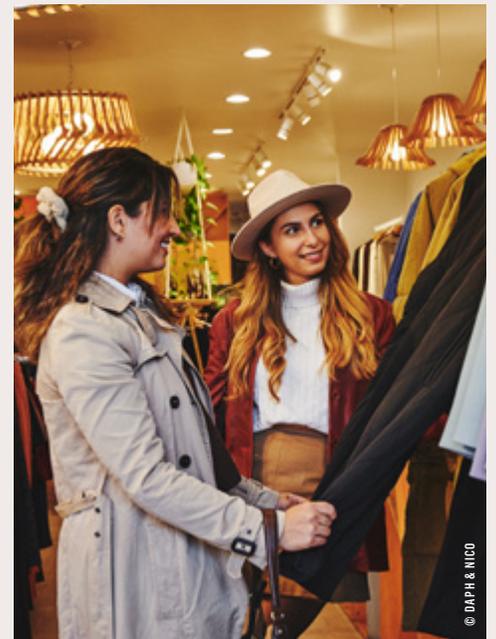
## LIQUEUR

No, it’s not alcoholic — in French a *liqueur* (pronounced *leek-huer*) is pop, aka soda, aka a soft drink.



## MAGASINAGE

Perfect for those who consider shopping an international language! Based on the French word for shop (*magasin*), “magasinage” (pronounced *mah-gah-zi-naj*) is always a good idea in Montréal — especially for souvenirs you’ll genuinely love.



## STATIONNEMENT

It’s a long word for something simple: parking. To ask where the hotel parking lot is, you can say: “Bonjour! Pouvez-vous m’indiquer le stationnement de l’hôtel?”