Vocabulaire actif

Ça va?
Pas très bien.
Comme c'est comme ça.
Ça va mal.

À demain!

Au revoir!

Salut!

Et si je voulais dire...
Ça roule?
Oui, j'ai la pêche.
Yes, I'm full of energy.
Ça va fort.
Ça va moins.
Plus ou moins.
Bonne journée!
Have a good day!

A bientôt!
Pour la conversation

How do I ask how someone is?
» Ça va?
  How's it going? [informal]
» Comment allez-vous?
  How are you? [formal]

How do I express how I am doing?
» Très bien, et toi?/Très bien, et vous?
  Very well, and you?

1 Bonjour ou au revoir? 📜

SKILL BUILDING Interpreive Listening
Imagine you are on the streets of Paris listening to greetings and good-byes. Write H if the speaker says hello or G if the speaker says good-bye.

2 Formel ou informel?

SKILL BUILDING Presentational Writing
On a separate sheet of paper, draw a graphic organizer like the one below. Write each word or expression in the appropriate part of the diagram to indicate whether it is usually formal, informal, or neutral (neither formal nor informal).

À bientôt!
Il est français?
Comme ci, comme ça.
Et toi?
Salut!
Madame
Je te présente....
Comment allez-vous?
Monsieur
Au revoir!
Je vous présente....
Très bien.
Mademoiselle
Et vous?
Je m'appelle....
Ça va mal.

Formal
Neutral
Informal

3 Phrases brouillées

SKILL BUILDING Interpreive Reading
With a partner, unscramble the words and punctuation in the following sentences to recreate a natural dialogue between two friends.

1. va? / Bonjour, / Ça / Céline!
2. toi? / Pas / et / très / bien,
3. bien? / Yasmine! / Ça / Salut, / va
4. ci, / ça. / Comme / Àu / comme / revoir!

 Ça va pas mal.
4  Ça va?  
**Interpersonal Speaking**
Ask how things are going for your partner, who will respond based on the expression. Then repeat the activity. One of you plays the role of a student and the other the role of your teacher.

1.  
2.  
3.  
4.  
5.  

5  Ça va bien ou mal?  
**Presentational Speaking or Writing**
Respond to each situation using très bien; pas mal; comme ci, comme ça; pas très bien; or ça va mal.

1. Someone you really like has “unfriended” you on your social network.
2. You got an A— on your math quiz.
3. It’s the last day of vacation, and tomorrow you have to go back to school.
4. You are having an ordinary day with no good surprises and no bad disappointments.
5. You are a devoted basketball player, but your team lost the game, and you are not going to the state championship.
6. It’s Saturday morning, and before you can meet your friends, you have to spend an hour cleaning up the garage.
7. You have a coupon for a free sandwich at a fast-food restaurant.
8. At an amusement park, you have to stand in line for an hour to ride your favorite roller coaster, but the wait was almost worth it.
Ça va?

On a day in September, two boys meet in the courtyard at school.

Maxime: Salut, Tom!
Tom: Salut, Maxime!
Maxime: Ça va?
Tom: Très bien, et toi?
Maxime: Pas mal.
Tom: Et avec ta copine Yv?
Maxime: Très bien... top!

(A professeur approaches.)

Prof: Ça va, Maxime?
Maxime: Bien, bien! Et vous,
Prof: Pas trop mal, pas tr..

(The teacher leaves.)

Tom: Eh bien, à bientôt.
Maxime: C'est ça... on s'appelle.

Ça va

Répondez aux questions.

1. How does Maxime ask Tom how things are going? How does Maxime ask his teacher how things are going?
2. Maxime says English word top. How does he feel things are going with his girlfriend?
3. Are things going best for Maxime, Tom, or the teacher?
4. What do you think Maxime means when he says on s'appelle? In what other expression have you heard the French word appelle?

EXTENSION

Devant l'ascenseur

Two women run into each other in front of the elevator of their apartment building.

Mme Perrin: Bonjour, vous allez bien?
Mme Rivoire: Oui, très bien, et vous?
Mme Perrin: Ça va comme ci, comme ça.
Mme Rivoire: Votre mari va bien?
Mme Perrin: Pas mal....
Mme Rivoire: Bon, eh bien, bonne journée.
Mme Perrin: Bonne journée, au revoir.
Mme Rivoire: Oui. Merci. Sans doute à demain.

EXTENSION How can you tell the women aren't close friends?
C'est la rentrée!

September is back to school time, la rentrée des classes! French students return from vacation and select their new companion for the year: the ever-popular cartable (school bag). They promise to earn the highest grades possible, if only their parents will buy them the most fashionable supplies! It is common for French teens to reorganize their bedroom to get the new year off to a good start. Both in high school (lycée) and in middle school (collège), students' main preoccupation is to share the same classes as their best friends and to have teachers they like.

Recherche: la rentrée des classes

La cour (école/du lycée) is the playground or schoolyard, where French students spend time hanging out with their friends in between classes or after school.

Comment dit-on au revoir?

Teens often use salut as an informal way to say good-bye. Other options are bye and ciao, from Italian. Do you know which European languages use adiós, arrivederci, and auf Wiedersehen to say good-bye?

Comparaisons

In what ways are schools in France different from those in the United States? Would you like to see these changes made to American schools?

La Francophonie

Démographie

En Europe

In Europe, there are 75 million French speakers, with France being the only officially monolingual French-speaking country. The European francophone (French-speaking) population consists of 8.3 million people, with 4.2 million in Belgium, 3.6 million in Switzerland (1.8 with French as a main language), 450,000 in Luxemburg, and 100,000 in the Aosta Valley. The small principalities of Monaco and Andorra also add to the number. Brussels, Liege, Geneva, and Lausanne are major francophone cities. They are home to great international institutions: the European Union is headquartered in Brussels; the United Nations, the Red Cross and the Union of European Football Associations in Geneva.

Recherche: europe francophone
Du côté des médias

You learned that many French students buy **cartables** (book bags) to carry their school supplies. Look at those featured on the webpage below.

In addition to cartables, French students buy a number of other items in preparation for the school year. Un **cahier** is a notebook that it is thinner than its American counterpart, and features graphing rather than lined paper. French students are usually required to keep meticulously neat notes.

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**Les cartables**

Answer the questions about **cartables**.

1. What is a brand name of **cartable** advertised above?
2. What kind of a **cartable** do you like? Enter **fournitures scolaires** into the search field of your favorite French search engine. See if you can find your **cartable** for sale online. How much does it cost? Do not forget to convert from euros to dollars! Print a copy of it to give to your teacher.
3. What do you think **Ajouter au panier** might mean?
Vocabulaire utile
élèves students; école elementary school; collège middle school; sixième sixth grade; cinquième seventh grade; quatrième eighth grade; troisième ninth grade; lycée high school; seconde tenth grade; première eleventh grade; terminale twelfth grade

Regardez (look at) le calendrier.

9 Un calendrier scolaire
Répondez aux questions.

1. What is the date of la rentrée for high school students?
2. What is the date of la rentrée for elementary and middle school students?
3. What is the date of the first day of classes for middle school students?
4. When is the teacher-parent meeting for eighth graders?
5. When is the teacher-parent meeting for seventh graders?
6. When is the teacher-parent meeting for sixth graders?
Regardez les prix des billets pour les trains suisses. (Look at the prices of the Swiss train tickets.)

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Valable / Gültig / Valid : Swiss Pass, GAAG, Eurail Pass

Réservez : recommandée ! Empfohlen ! Recommended !
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Prices subject to change!

10 Le train en Suisse
Répondez aux questions.
1. Look at the heading for the bottom table. What languages come after “Reservation”?
2. Is the table of Swiss train trip fares in euros or Swiss francs?
3. How much is a one-way trip from Lucerne to Sarnen?
4. How much is a round-trip fare from East Interlaken to Montreux?
5. What is the cheapest one-way trip?
6. What is the most expensive one-way trip?
7. What is the cheapest round-trip fare?
8. What is the most expensive round-trip fare?
9. What is a Eurail Pass (in red)? Do online research to find out.
Une autre visite

Interpersonal Speaking

Today, you will connect again via live streaming with one of your partners from the
international service project you began in Leçon A. With a partner, role-play the
following conversation:

Say hello.  
Respond. Add "And you?"
Tell how you are.  
Say goodbye.  
Say you'll see your partner soon.

La rentrée

Interpersonal Speaking

With two classmates, role-play the following situation: In a phone call, you let your
classmates know you are not feeling well. While you are on the phone, you receive
another call from a student whom you like a lot. How do you handle each situation?

Club de français

Presentational Writing

As the organizer of your school's French club, you have been asked to create a
webpage on your school website and introduce each member of the club. You
may use real or fictional characters.
Communicquez!

Register in Speaking and Writing

Should I speak or write formally or informally? This is the question you will begin to ask yourself before addressing a French-speaking person. Register, or the degree of formality of the language you use, is an important aspect of communication. Use formal language with teachers and other adults you don't know well. Formal words and expressions you might use are bonjour, comment allez-vous?, et vous?, and je vous présente.... Informal words and expressions you might use include salut, ça va?, et toi? and je te présente....

14 Bonjour ou salut?

Interpersonal Speaking

With a partner, greet the following people, using bonjour! or salut! In formal conversations, be sure to include one of these titles: monsieur or madame.

1. the mail carrier, Monsieur Duval
2. your dog Max
3. your grandfather
4. your teacher, Madame Thorigny
5. the dentist, Madame Gaillot
6. your cousin
7. the librarian, Madame Reverchon
8. your ten-year-old neighbor, Allie

15 Dialogues

Interpersonal Speaking

With a partner, play the roles below. Use ça va? or comment allez-vous? and et toi? or et vous?

MODÈLES

A teen speaks to his neighbor, a man in his 40s.
A: Comment allez-vous, monsieur?
B: Pas trop mal. Et toi?
A: Très bien.

A sister speaks to her brother who just got home from college.
A: Ça va, Noah?
B: Comme ci, comme ça. Et toi?
A: Bien.

1. A student speaks to his or her teacher, Madame Ozier.
2. An office employee speaks to her boss, Monsieur Picard.
3. A girl speaks to her cousin.
4. A storekeeper speaks to a customer, Madame Boudjaoui.
5. A classmate speaks to another classmate.
6. A man at the bus stop speaks to the bus driver, Monsieur Tripier.
7. A teen speaks to another teen at a party.
**16** Je te/vous présente...

Interpersonal Speaking or Writing

Take turns introducing the following people. The first name is the person being introduced. The second name is the person he or she is meeting.

**MODÈLES**

Michèle/Corinne
A: Je te présente Michèle.
B: Salut, Michèle!
C: Salut, Corinne!

M. Muller/Mlle Bonnet
A: Je vous présente M. Muller.
B: Bonjour, M. Muller!
C: Bonjour, Mlle Bonnet!

1. Martine/Théo
2. Mme Martinez/M. Mathieu
3. Maxime/Claude
4. Mlle Petit/Mme Gauthier
5. Abdoulaye/Karim
6. M. Chevalier/Mlle Nicolas
7. Henri/Simone

**17** Écrivez!

Interpersonal Writing

With a partner, write a sample dialogue of an Internet chat that includes the lines that follow. Remember to use the appropriate register for each character.

- Two people greet each other.
- Person A asks Person B how things are going.
- Person B responds and asks, “And you?”
- Person A responds, then introduces Person C to Person B.
- Person B greets Person C.