FRENCH WORDS

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Aplomb	Complete confidence	
Au Courant	Well informed	
	Describes artist and writers who are unorthodox and	
Avant Garde	untraditional	
Bete Noire	Person or subject hated	
Brouhaha	Furor, Uproar	
Carte Blanche	Complete authority	
Cause Celebre	Situation/case arousing attention and discussion	
Coup D' Etat	An unexpected action (of government) usually implying the	
	use of force ,	
C'estLaVie	That's life	
DejaVu	Sense of having undergone	
De Mode	Out of fashion (antonym: A La Mode)	
De Rigueur	Indispensable; Something absolutely required	
Enfant Terrible	Unconventional person	
En Passant	By the way	
Espirit De Corps	Morale	
Fait Accompli	An irreversible act done without warning	
Faute de Mieux	For want of something better	
Faux Pas	A social error	
Fin De Siecle	End of century (specifically 19 th century)	
Haute Couture	High fashion	
Haute Cuisine	Excellent cooking	
Haut Monde	The elite	
Laissez Faire	Policy of non-interference	
Mot Juste	Perfect expression	
Manque	Failing to achieve a desired goal	
Noblesse Oblige	Obligation imposed on high positions	
Noveau Riche	Ostentatious person	
Par Excellence	Highest degree	
Parti Pris	Bias	
Raison D' Etre	Reason for existence	
Roman A Clef	Novel in which real characters and events figure under	
	disguise Sang Froid Self control	
Savoir Faire	Instinctive ability to act appropriately	
Soi Disant	So called	
Soupcon	Suggestion, Inkling	
Tete-a-tete	Close conversation between two persons	
Vis-a-vis	In regard to	
Volte Face	Complete reversal	

LATIN WORDS

Apriori	Self evident, known independently
Ad Hominem	Directed at someone personally
Ad Libitum	Improvise (V), Off-the-cuff
AdLib	Remark(N)
Ad Nauseam	To the point of disgust
Alma Matter	One's old school, College
Alter Ego	One's other self
Alumnus	Former student ,
Amicus Curiae	Disinterested advisor
Anno Domini (Ad)	In the year of the lord
Ante Meridiem (Am)	Between midnight and noon
Annus Mirabilis	Year of wonders, Disasters
Bonafide	Genuine
Bis	Twice
Caput Mortuum	Worthless residue
Caries	Decay (of bone or teeth)
Caveat	Warning
Ceteris Paribus	Other things being equal
CuiBono	For whose good?
De Facto	Functioning in reality
De Jure	Functioning in accordance
Deus Ex Machina	Person or thing that suddenly resolves a problem
Ex Gratia	Referring to payment made as a favour
Ex Post Facto	After the event '
Ignis Fatuus	A false hope or illusion
InToto	Completely
In Extremis	In extreme circumstances
In Loco Parentis	In Place of a parent, acting as a guardian
Inter Alia	Among other things
Ipso Facto	As an immediate consequence of a fact
Magnum Opus	A great work; Crowning achievement
Mea Culpa	An acknowledgement of guilt
Modus Vivendi	A way of getting along with another person
Non Sequitir	An illogical remark
Obiter Dictum	An incidental remark
Per Se	By itself
Persona Grata	An acceptable person
Persona Non Grata	An unacceptable person
Prima Facie	On first appearance 3'
ProRata	Proportionately

GERMAN WORDS

Angst	A feeling of anxiety
Blitzkrieg	Sudden attack
Ersatz	Artificial
Fraulein	Lady
Haus Frau	House wife
Kaffee	Coffee
Kaiser	Emperor
Kaput	Totally ruined
Kitsch	Worthless
Lebensraum	Living space
Putsch	Coup
Quid Pro Quo	Something given for something received
Q.E.D	That the point has been made
Sine Die	With no fixed date, Indefinitely
Sinc Quanon	An indispensable condition
Status Quo	Present condition
Sui Generis	Unique; In a class by himself herself
Vade Mecum	A reference or hand book
Vox Populi	Public opinion

SPANISH WORDS

Bonanza	A huge profit
Caballero	Gentleman
Cantina	A bar
Cortes	Parliament
Fiesta	Festival
Hidalgo	Minor nobleman
Incommunicado	Without contact with outside world
Junta	Secret Council
Manana	Soon, Tomorrow
Peccadillo	Small error
Siesta	Afternoon nap

JAPANESE WORDS

Banzai	Cheer of triumph
Bonsai	Growing miniature plants
Bushido	Samual code
Geisha	Young woman who accompanies and entertains men
Haiku	Delicate form of Japanese poetry

Hara Kiri	Suicide
Ikebana	Flower arrangement
Kamikaze	Suicide pilot (World War II)
Kimono	Long, Loose robe tied with sash
Mikado	Japanese emperor
Nisei	Children of Japanese immigrants born in the USA
Sake	Rice wine
Samurai	Warrior
Sayonara.	Good Bye
Shinto	Japanese religion
Sumo	Form of wrestling
	Small group (of families) Controlling Japanese
Zaibatsu	Industries
Reich	Republic
Schadenfreude	Feeling of enjoyment from misfortune of others
Strafe	Punish
Wunderkind	Prodigy
Arrivederci	Good Bye
Bravura	A show of daring
Brio	Vivacity
Carabiniere	Policeman
Chiaroscuro	Sharp contrast
Cognoscenti	Person with expert knowledge
Ciao	Used as a greeting at meeting or parting
Dilettante	Amateur or Dabbler
Dolce Far Niente	Carefree existence
Dolce Vita	The good life
Diminuendo	With gradually decreasing intensity or volume
Embroglio	Violent, Embarrassing quarrel
Lingua Franca	A common language
Palazzo	Place
Prima Donna	Leading female singer at an opera
Presto	Quickly
Verismo	Realism.
Virtuoso	An expert performer