

FRENCH WORDS

Aplomb	Complete confidence
Au Courant	Well informed
Avant Garde	Describes artist and writers who are unorthodox and 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
Nouveau 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
Ipsa 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 Sequitur	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
Incomunicado	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
Zaibatsu	Small group (of families) Controlling Japanese 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
Carabinieri	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