

100 most common French verbs

Ranked by how often each word is spoken in films and TV series.

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1	être	to be	51	importer	matter, be important, import
2	avoir	to have	52	manger	eat
3	aller	to go	53	mourir	die, pass away
4	pouvoir	can, to be able to, may	54	souvenir	remember, recall
5	faire	to do, to make	55	changer	change, alter, switch
6	dire	to say, to tell	56	envoyer	send, dispatch
7	vouloir	to want, to wish	57	excuser	excuse, forgive, pardon
8	savoir	to know	58	tirer	pull, draw, shoot
9	devoir	must, have to, owe	59	occuper	occupy, take up, keep busy
10	voir	see	60	espérer	hope, expect, wish
11	venir	come	61	payer	pay, settle, compensate
12	penser	think, believe	62	apprendre	learn, teach, find out
13	parler	speak, talk	63	revoir	see again, review
14	prendre	take, have, get	64	fermer	close, shut
15	croire	believe, think	65	gagner	win, earn
16	aimer	like, love	66	continuer	continue, go on
17	trouver	find, think	67	tomber	fall, drop
18	falloir	must, have to, need	68	rencontrer	meet, encounter
19	laisser	leave, let, allow	69	entrer	enter, come in
20	arriver	arrive, happen, manage	70	sentir	feel, smell, sense
21	attendre	wait, expect	71	sauver	save, rescue, help
22	appeler	call, name	72	écrire	write, compose, send
23	passer	pass, spend, happen	73	dormir	sleep, rest, be asleep
24	donner	give	74	utiliser	use, employ, make use of
25	rester	stay, remain, be left	75	sembler	seem, appear, look
26	regarder	look, watch, see	76	perdre	lose, waste, miss
27	arrêter	stop, arrest, cease	77	garder	keep, hold, watch
28	comprendre	understand	78	ouvrir	open, unlock, turn on
29	tuer	kill	79	retrouver	find, meet, recover
30	connaître	know	80	acheter	buy, purchase, get
31	mettre	put, place	81	retourner	return, go back, turn over
32	écouter	listen, listen to	82	suivre	follow, pursue, watch
33	essayer	try	83	rappeler	remind, recall, call back
34	sortir	go out, leave	84	monter	go up, climb, get on
35	aider	help	85	quitter	leave, quit
36	partir	leave, go	86	lire	read
37	chercher	look for, search	87	voler	steal, fly
38	plaire	to please, to like	88	répondre	answer, reply
39	demander	to ask, to request	89	poser	put, place, ask
40	tenir	to hold, to keep	90	prier	pray, beg, ask
41	travailler	to work	91	boire	drink
42	jouer	to play	92	bouger	move, stir, shift
43	commencer	to start, to begin	93	montrer	show, display, point out
44	revenir	come back, return	94	promettre	promise
45	rentrer	come home, go home, return	95	recevoir	receive, get, welcome
46	vivre	live, exist	96	asseoir	sit, sit down
47	oublier	forget, leave behind	97	adorer	love, adore, worship
48	rendre	return, give back, make	98	décider	decide, determine, resolve
49	entendre	hear, understand, mean	99	battre	beat, hit, defeat
50	devenir	become, turn into, get	100	imaginer	imagine, picture