

3 Everyday Phrases to Sound More Fluent in French

As a seasoned French language coach with over 15 years of experience, I know the power of a few well-placed phrases. When you're just starting out, sounding natural can feel like a distant dream -- but it's

absolutely achievable with a little strategic effort.

Here are three everyday phrases that will instantly make you sound more fluent, even if you're still building

your vocabulary:

1. "C'est parti!" (Say: say par-TEE)

Literal translation: "It's gone!"

Meaning in context: "Let's go!", "Here we go!", "We're off!"

Why it makes you sound fluent:

This phrase is used constantly by native speakers to kick off a task or activity. It signals readiness and

familiarity with idiomatic French.

Examples:

- "On va au marché ?" -> "C'est parti!"

- Before a task: "C'est parti!"

2. "Du coup..." (Say: doo koo)

Literal translation: "Of the blow..."

Meaning in context: "So...", "As a result...", "Therefore..."

Why it makes you sound fluent:

Used to link thoughts and add flow to speech. It's a natural connector used frequently in everyday conversations.

Examples:

- "J'ai oublié mes clés, du coup je ne peux pas entrer."

- "Il a plu toute la journée, du coup on est restés à la maison."

3. "Bref..." (Say: bref)

Literal translation: "Brief..."

Meaning in context: "In short...", "Anyway...", "Long story short..."

Why it makes you sound fluent:

It helps wrap up an explanation or shift topics smoothly, just like native speakers do.

Examples:

- "Bref, j'étais très fatigué."

- "Bref, qu'est-ce qu'on fait ce soir?"

Practice these three phrases regularly, and you'll be amazed how quickly they become second nature.

They're simple, conversational, and make you sound instantly more fluent.

Bonne chance!

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