

20 French words in English

In the centuries since the establishment of a Norman French court in England, many French words have appeared in English. Some are still used in their original form.



GETTING STARTED

Are the following statements, using French phrases, true or false?

1. A *cul de sac* is a road that leads on to another road. T / F
2. *De luxe* means of very high quality. T / F
3. The phrase *déjà vu* comes from a French phrase meaning 'never seen before'. T / F
4. A *fait accompli* is a thing that has already been done and cannot be changed. T / F
5. *Nom de plume* comes from a French phrase meaning 'name of a feather'. T / F

Circle your answer



MOVING ON

French has given rise to many words linked to food and cooking. Insert the food or drink that might appear on the menu of a French cafe.

Menu

a drink taken before a meal to stimulate the appetite

a flaky crescent-shaped bread roll

a jelly-like pudding made with milk

a dish in which pieces of food are dipped in a melted ingredient such as cheese or chocolate

a creamy sauce made from eggs, oil and vinegar often eaten with a salad

croissant

blancmange

bouillon

gateaux

éclair

mayonnaise

quiche

baguette

liqueur

aperitif

fondue

meringue