

French Dictionaries & Encyclopedias on the Web

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In addition to the rich collection of over 600 print, online and CD-ROM dictionaries and encyclopedias available for consultation at the FIAF library (language, bi-lingual, thematic, usage, historical, etc.), please find below a number of selected online French dictionaries, encyclopedias and specialized websites for the French language available on the internet.

Directories

For a directory of dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other French language tools, you can consult the following websites:

- **ClicNet** <http://clicnet.swarthmore.edu/>
- **YourDictionary.com** www.yourdictionary.com

A comprehensive index of online dictionaries with over 1000 dictionaries in more than 200 different languages, glossaries of specialized terminology, grammar and vocabulary aids.

Dictionaries

- **TV5Monde – online dictionary** <http://dictionnaire.tv5.org/dictionnaires.asp>

A multifunctional dictionary that includes conjugations, synonyms and style help. You will also find dictées, games, quizzes and blogs all about the French language. Excellent resource.

- **Dictionnaires d'autrefois** <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/efts/ARTFL/projects/dicos/>

Dictionaries from the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries presented by the ARTFL project (Project for American and French Research on the Treasury of the French Language)

- Robert Estienne's 1552 Dictionarium latinogallicum
- Jean Nicot, *Thresor de la langue françoise, tant ancienne que moderne* (Paris, David Douceur, 1606)
- Pierre Bayle's *Dictionnaire historique et critique* (a facsimile version of the 1740 edition)
- *Dictionnaire de l'Académie Française* (electronic versions of the first (1694), 5th (1798), and 6th (1835) editions.

- **Trésor de la langue française informatisé (TLFI)** <http://atilf.atilf.fr/tlf.htm>

TLF is a dictionary of words from the 19th and 20th centuries in 16 volumes and one supplement TLFi is the online version of TLF. TLFi comprises of 100 000 words and their history, 270 000 definitions, and 430 000 examples. This dictionary allows to type the phonetic equivalent of a word when the correct spelling is not known. A very useful tool.

- **Wiktionnaire** : <http://fr.wiktionary.org/>

Wiktionnaire is the francophone branch of Wikipedia.org's dictionary project, Wiktionary. This French-French dictionary includes etymology, synonyms and translations to various languages as well as a pronunciation guide complete with audio clips.

- **WordReference** : <http://www.wordreference.com>

Includes a modern dictionary search engine as well as helpful forums on current usages.

- **Bibliothèque nationale de France, Projet Gallica** : <http://gallica.bnf.fr>

("découverte" et "dictionnaires"): quelques 60 dictionnaires en version électronique.

- **Délégation générale à la langue française et aux langues de France, France Terme** : <http://www.culture.fr/franceterme>

This site groups the terms in different scientific and technical domains as recommended by the *Journal Officiel* of the French Government.

- **Lexilogos** : http://www.lexilogos.com/francais_langue_dictionnaires.htm

Links to various online dictionaries and databases help you discover conjugation, spelling, slang, expressions, old French, modern French and much more.

- **Le dictionnaire de la zone** : <http://www.dictionnairedelazone.fr/>

Dictionary of current French street slang and teenage colloquialisms.

- **La langue au XIXe siècle** : <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/epc/langueXIX/>

• **Le Dictionnaire universel français & latin ou Dictionnaire de Trévoux (1704-1771) :**

Accessible sur le site du Projet Gallica : <http://gallica.bnf.fr>

• **Le Musée virtuel des dictionnaires (Jean Pruvost):** <https://dictionnaires.u-cergy.fr/accueil.html>

• **Office Québécois de la langue française :**

<http://www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca/ressources/bibliotheque/dictionnaires/Internet/Index/index.html>

Virtual library dealing with the vocabulary of the internet.

• **Dictionnaire des synonymes :** <http://elsap1.unicaen.fr/dicosyn.html>

This dictionary of synonyms contains approximately 49 000 entries. The synonyms obtained from a search are also linked to their own synonyms.

• **Orthonet :** <http://orthonet.sdv.fr>

For spelling, conjugation, and verb/adjective agreements. Presented by the Conseil International de la Langue Française

• **Règles de typographie française :** http://www.synapse-fr.com/typographie/TTM_0.htm

Rules of French typography such as abbreviations, use of capital letters, French accents, numbers, and punctuation. This information was extracted from "*Manuel de typographie française élémentaire* d'Yves Perrousseau".

• **Lexique des termes littéraires :** <http://www.lettres.net/lexique>

540 termes du vocabulaire d'analyse littéraire classés, définis et reliés par des liens hypertexte.

• **English Business Glossary :** <http://www.e-anglais.com/ressources/glossary.html>

English-French and French-English glossary of business terms.

• **Office de la langue française du Québec:** <http://www.olf.gouv.qc.ca>

• **Dictionnaire de la zone :** <http://www.dictionnairedelazone.fr/>

Slang and contemporary expressions used in spoken French today. Many come from variations of the traditional French language as you might hear spoken on the street or used in music, not usually found in French language dictionaries.

Dictionaries, lexicons and thesaurus

<http://pages.infinet.net/cltr/dictionnaires.html> A website with more than a hundred links

General encyclopedias covering all fields:

• **Encyclopédie Universalis :** <http://www.universalis.fr/>

Specialized encyclopedias

• **Jardin! L'encyclopédie :** <http://nature.jardin.free.fr/index.html>

Encyclopedia of plants and gardens.

• **Encyclopédie Nouveaux Médias :** www.newmedia-art.org/sommaire/francais/sommaire.htm

Realized in part by the Centre Georges Pompidou and the Musée National d'Art Moderne in Paris and the Museum Ludwig in Cologne, this encyclopedia provides information on art, including artists, collections, and a glossary of art terms.

• **Index des fromages français :** <http://www.fromages.com/en/encyclopedia>

Index of French cheeses.

• **Encyclopédie de la musique :** <http://www.musicologie.org/sites/sites.html>

French dictionary of musical terms, biographies of musicians and composers.

• **Multilingual North European Bird Dictionary :**

http://www.birdlist.org/nam/north_america.htm

Dictionary of bird names in several languages.