



Shopping in French: Asking for Things and Money

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Getting Started: The Basics

When you're shopping in **France** or any **French-speaking country**, you need to know how to ask for things politely. The most useful phrase is "**Je voudrais...**" (I would like...). This is more polite than just pointing at something! You could say "**Je voudrais une baguette, s'il vous plaît**" (I would like a baguette, please).

Another handy phrase is "**Avez-vous...?**" (Do you have...?) or "**Où sont les...?**" (Where are the...?). These help you find what you're looking for in a shop.

Think of it like using magic words at home—"**please**" and "**thank you**" open doors much faster than being rude!

Talking About Money and Prices

Once you've found what you want, you need to know about **money** and **prices**. In **France**, people use the **Euro (€)**, which is divided into **100 cents**. A useful phrase is "**Ça coûte combien?**" (How much does it cost?) or "**Quel est le prix?**" (What is the price?).

The shopkeeper might say "**Ça coûte cinq euros et cinquante cents**" (It costs five euros and fifty cents). Learning **French numbers** is really important here—from **zéro** (zero) to **cent** (one hundred) and beyond.

Think of it like learning a secret code—once you know the numbers, you can understand any price in **French**!

Paying and Getting Change

When you're ready to pay, say "**Je paie comment?**" (How do I pay?) or "**Vous acceptez les cartes?**" (Do you accept cards?). Most **French shops** accept **credit cards, debit cards, and cash**.

After paying, you might get **change** (la monnaie). The shopkeeper will say "**Voilà votre monnaie**" (Here is your change). Always count your change carefully—this is a good habit in any country!

Finally, say "**Merci beaucoup!**" (Thank you very much!) and "**Au revoir!**" (Goodbye!) as you leave. **French people** really appreciate politeness, and these words will make your shopping experience much friendlier.