

1. ab initio	<i>Latin</i> - from the beginning
2. a Capella	<i>Italian</i> - sung without instrumental accompaniment
3. à deux	<i>French</i> - for or involving two people
4. ad hoc	<i>Latin</i> - made or done for a particular purpose
5. ad infinitum	<i>Latin</i> - endlessly; forever
6. ad interim	<i>Latin</i> - for the meantime
7. ad nauseam	<i>Latin</i> - to a tiresomely excessive degree
8. a fortiori	<i>Latin</i> - more conclusively
9. agent provocateur	<i>French</i> - one who tempts a suspected criminal to commit a crime so that they can be caught and convicted
10. à huis clos	<i>French</i> - in private
11. al dente	<i>Italian</i> - (of food) cooked so as to be still firm when bitten
12. alfresco	<i>Italian</i> - in the open air
13. amour propre	<i>French</i> - self-respect
14. annus mirabilis	<i>Latin</i> - a remarkable or auspicious year
15. a posteriori	<i>Latin</i> - based on reasoning from known facts or past events rather than on assumptions or predictions
16. a priori	<i>Latin</i> - based on deduction rather than experience
17. au courant	<i>French</i> - well informed; up to date
18. au fait	<i>French</i> - having a good or detailed knowledge
19. au fond	<i>French</i> - basically; in essence
20. au naturel	<i>French</i> - in the most simple or natural way

21. beau geste	<i>French</i>	- a noble and generous act
22. beau idéal	<i>French</i>	- the highest standard of excellence
23. beau monde	<i>French</i>	- fashionable society
24. beaux arts	<i>French</i>	- the fine arts
25. bête noire	<i>French</i>	- a person or thing one particularly dislikes
26. belles-lettres	<i>French</i>	- literary works written and read for their elegant style
27. billet-doux	<i>French</i>	- a love letter
28. blitzkrieg	<i>German</i>	- an intense, violent military campaign intended to bring about a swift victory
29. bona fide	<i>Latin</i>	- genuine; real
30. bon mot	<i>French</i>	- a clever or witty remark
31. bon vivant	<i>French</i>	- a person with a sociable and luxurious lifestyle
32. brasserie	<i>French</i>	- an informal or inexpensive restaurant
33. carpe diem	<i>Latin</i>	- make the most of the present time (literally 'seize the day!')
34. carte blanche	<i>French</i>	- complete freedom to act as one wishes
35. cause célèbre	<i>French</i>	- a controversial issue attracting much public attention
36. caveat emptor	<i>Latin</i>	- the buyer is responsible for checking the quality of goods before purchasing them (literally 'let the buyer beware')
37. c'est la guerre	<i>French</i>	- used as an expression of resigned acceptance (literally 'that's war')
38. chacun à son gout	<i>French</i>	- everyone to their own taste
39. chef-d'œuvre	<i>French</i>	- a masterpiece (literally 'chief work')
40. cherchez la femme	<i>French</i>	- there is certain to be a woman at the bottom of a problem or mystery
41. comme il faut	<i>French</i>	- correct in behaviour or etiquette

42. compos mentis	<i>Latin</i>	- sane; in full control of one's mind
43. cognoscenti	<i>Italian</i>	- people who are well informed about something
44. cordon sanitaire	<i>French</i>	- a guarded line placed around an area infected by disease to prevent anyone from leaving (literally 'sanitary line')
45. Cosa Nostra	<i>Italian</i>	- a US criminal organization related to the Mafia
46. coup de foudre	<i>French</i>	- love at first sight
47. coup de grâce	<i>French</i>	- a blow by which a mortally wounded person or thing is mercifully killed
48. coup de main	<i>French</i>	- a sudden surprise attack
49. coup d'état	<i>French</i>	- a sudden violent seizure of power
50. cri de cœur	<i>French</i>	- a passionate appeal or protest