

1. in situ Latin
 in the original or appropriate position

2. inter alia Latin among other things

3. in toto Latin as a whole

4. ipso facto Latin by the fact itself

5. je ne sais quoi French
 a quality that is hard to describe

6. jeu d'esprit French
 a witty comment or composition

7. jeunesse dorée French
 wealthy, fashionable young people

8. joie de vivre French
 a feeling of great happiness and enjoyment of life
 (literally 'joy of living')

9. katzenjammer German
a hangover or a severe headache accompanying a hangover
10. laissez-faire French
a non-interventionist policy (literally 'allow to do')
11. locum tenens Latin
a person who stands in temporarily for another member
of the same profession
(literally 'one holding a place')
12. locus classicus Latin
the best known or most authoritative
passage on a subject
13. magnum opus Latin
the most important work of an artist, writer, etc.
(literally 'great work or masterpiece')

14. manqué French
having failed, missed, or fallen short, especially because
of circumstances or a defect of character;
unsuccessful; unfulfilled or frustrated
15. mea culpa Latin
an acknowledgement that something is one's fault
(literally 'by my fault')
16. memento mori Latin
something that reminds people that everyone must die
17. ménage à trois French
a situation where three people live together, especially
when one of them is having a sexual relationship
with both of the others.
18. modus operandi Latin a way of doing something

19. modus vivendi Latin
 an arrangement allowing people or groups of people
 having different opinions or beliefs to work or live together
20. mot juste French
 the most appropriate word or expression
21. ne plus ultra Latin the best example of something
22. nil desperandum Latin do not despair
23. noblesse oblige French
 Whoever claims to be noble must conduct himself nobly
24. nolens volens Latin
 whether one wants or likes something or not
 (literally 'not willing, willing')

25. non sequitur Latin
a conclusion or statement that does not logically follow from
the previous statement
26. nouveau riche French
people who have recently become rich and who display their
wealth ostentatiously
27. objet d'art French a small decorative or artistic object
28. on dit French a piece of gossip
29. papabile Italian worthy or eligible to be elected pope
30. par excellence French
better or more than all others of the same kind
31. parti pris French a preconceived view; prejudice

32. per annum Latin for each year

33. per capita Latin for each person

34. per se Latin by itself

35. persona non grata Latin
a person who is not welcome somewhere

36. pièce de résistance French
the most important or impressive item

37. pied-à-terre French
a small flat or house kept for occasional use

38. pis aller French a last resort

39. plat du jour French
a special dish prepared by a restaurant on a particular day
(literally 'dish of the day')
40. plus ça change French
used to express resigned acknowledgement of the fact that
certain things never change.
41. pococurante Italian careless or nonchalant
42. prima facie Latin
accepted as so until proved otherwise (literally 'at first face')
43. primus inter pares Latin
the senior or representative member of a group
(literally 'first among equals')
44. pro rata Latin
proportional; proportionally

45. proxime accessit Latin
the person who comes second in an examination or is runner-up
for an award
46. quid pro quo Latin
a favour or advantage given in return for something
(literally 'something for something')
47. raison d'être French
the most important reason for someone or something's
existence (literally 'reason for being')
48. reductio ad absurdum Latin
a method of disproving a premise by showing that its logical
conclusion is absurd (literally 'reduction to the absurd')
49. roman-à-clef French
a novel in which real people or events appear with
invented names

50. sangfroid French
the ability to stay calm in difficult circumstances
(literally 'cold blood')
51. savoir faire French
the ability to act appropriately in social situations
(literally 'know how to do')
52. sine die Latin indefinitely (literally 'without a day')
53. sine qua non Latin a thing that is absolutely essential
54. soi-disant French self-styled; so-called
55. sotto voce Italian in a quiet voice
56. sub judice Latin
being considered by a court of law and therefore
not to be publicly discussed elsewhere (literally 'under a judge')

57. sub rosa Latin happening or done in secret
58. sui generis Latin unique (literally 'of its own kind')
59. table d'hôte French
a restaurant meal offered at a fixed price,
60. tant mieux French so much the better
61. tant pis French so much the worse; too bad
62. terra firma Latin dry land; the ground
63. terra incognita Latin unknown territory
64. tête-à-tête French
a private conversation (literally 'head-to-head')

65. tour de force French
 a thing accomplished with great skill (literally 'feat of strength')

66. tout de suite French at once

67. unheimlich German uncanny or weird

68. verboten German forbidden

69. via media Latin
 a compromise (literally 'middle way')

70. victor ludorum Latin
 the overall champion in a sports competition
 (literally 'victor of the games')

71. vis-à-vis French face-to-face

72. vox populi Latin
public opinion (literally 'the voice of the people')

73. zeitgeist German
the characteristic spirit or mood of a particular
historical period (literally 'time spirit')