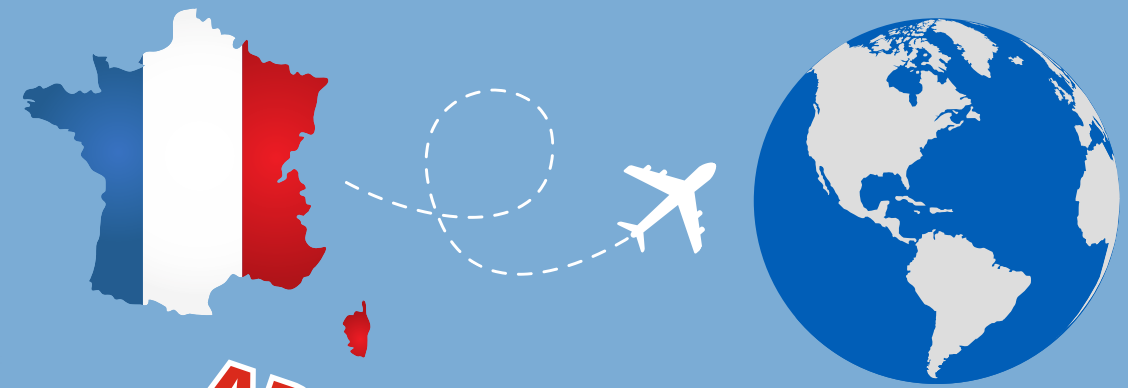


# French-speaking countries around the world



## LANGUAGE AND DIALECT DIFFERENCES

A dialect is a particular form of a language which is unique to a specific region or social group.



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### Canadian French

Québécois French is spoken in Quebec. The grammar is the same as standard French but the accent is more nasal.

Acadian French is spoken on the maritime coast of Canada.



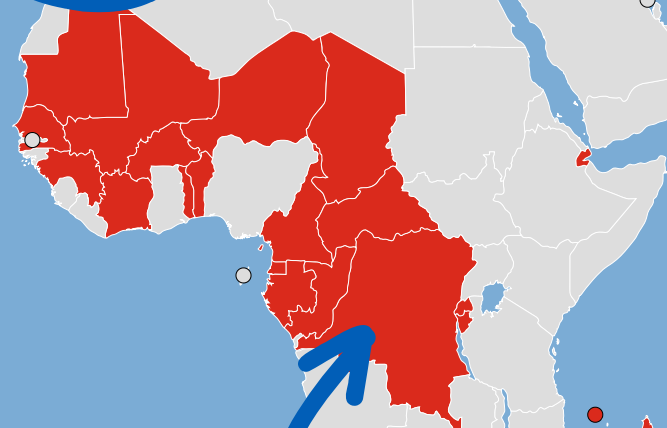
### Standard French

Parisian or Metropolitan French is considered to be Standard European French.

Other dialects in France include Marseillais, Occitan, Breton, Basque, Alsatian, Auvergnat and Corsican.

### Haitian Creole

Haitian Creole is the French spoken in Haiti. It includes a mixture of African languages as well as other languages from colonial rule, such as Spanish and Portuguese.



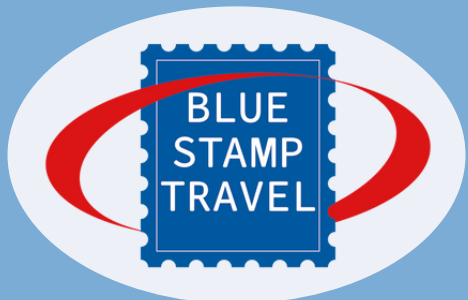
### African French

African French is entirely based on standard French, and it incorporates a wide range of variations and dialects, as French is spread across 34 territories and countries in Africa. Pronunciation can differ notably, particularly with the letter R, as well as the letters D, T, L and N.

### Belgian French

Belgian French has a slightly different accent to standard French and is influenced by Dutch. The letter 'r' has more emphasis, and some numbers are pronounced differently. The number 70 is pronounced 'septante' rather than 'soixante-dix'.

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