

# The Secret to Spoken French: Mots Coupés

Native speakers love to shorten everyday words.  
Master these to sound like a local.

The Abbreviation	Full French	English
<b>Ado</b>	<i>Adolescent</i>	Teen
<b>Appart</b>	<i>Appartement</i>	Apartment
<b>Aprèm</b>	<i>Après-midi</i>	Afternoon
<b>Ordi</b>	<i>Ordinateur</i>	Computer
<b>Resto</b>	<i>Restaurant</i>	Restaurant
<b>Tél</b>	<i>Téléphone / Téléphoner</i>	Phone / To call

## ⚠ Beware of False Friends!

- **Pub:** Means *Publicité* (Ads/Commercials). It does NOT mean a bar!
- **Anniv:** Means *Anniversaire* (Birthday). It does NOT mean a wedding anniversary!

# Speak Like a Local: Context is Key



Mon **ado** est toujours sur son **tel** et son **ordi**.

My teen is always on their phone and computer.

On va au **resto** cet **aprèm**.

Are we going to the restaurant this afternoon?

💡 **Pro Tip:** Want to sound incredibly fluent? Say "**Comme d'hab**" (short for **Comme d'habitude**) to mean "As usual."

# Test Your Knowledge

Let's see what you've learned. (Answers at the bottom!)

## 1. Match the abbreviation to its English meaning:

- A. Aprèm
- B. Ordi
- C. Ado

- 1. Computer
- 2. Teenager
- 3. Afternoon

## 2. Complete the sentence using mots coupés:

On va au \_\_\_\_\_  
(restaurant) cet \_\_\_\_\_  
(afternoon).

## 3. Beware the False Friend!

If a French person talks about a "Pub", what are they referring to?

- a) A place to grab a beer
- b) A public park
- c) An advertisement or commercial

Answers: 1: A-3, B-1, C-2 | 2: resto, aprèm | 3: c

