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INTRODUCTION

This book contains more than 10,000 French words, phrases, and structures arranged by topics and functions. They are collected under fifty-six headings arranged alphabetically, and are then further split into appropriate sub-areas.

The aim has been to make the vocabulary of a topic easily accessible and to provide the most comprehensive information possible about it. So most sub-areas are themselves divided into noun, verb, adjective, and structure sections, with items arranged alphabetically within each section. For many items, closely associated words are given in round brackets immediately after the headword.

- Genders of all head-nouns are indicated by *le/la*, or by *m/f* where the noun begins with a vowel or *h* 'mute'. In noun phrases the gender of each element is also shown, by *m* or *f*; the meaning of each element of a phrase is also given where it is not obvious.
- All irregular noun plurals are given, and all plurals of hyphenated nouns.
- Feminine forms of masculine nouns (e.g. professions, occupations) are always given where they exist.
- Irregular feminine and plural forms of adjectives are shown.
- Irregular verbs are marked with an asterisk.
- Main sections end with a comprehensive set of cross-references to related topics.

ABBREVIATIONS

abb	abbreviation
adj	adjective
colloq	colloquial
f	feminine
inf	infinitive
inv	invariable
m	masculine
pt	proprietary term
pl	plural
qch.	quelque chose
qn.	quelqu'un
sb.	somebody
sing	singular
sth.	something

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un accident . . .

dans la maison, accident in the home

d'avion m / d'aviation f, aircraft accident

de bateau / de navigation f, accident at sea (**le bateau**
pl -x, boat)

de montagne, mountaineering accident (**la montagne**,
mountain)

de voiture f / de la circulation / de la route, car /
traffic / road accident

du travail, industrial accident (**le travail**, work)

Les accidents de la route Road accidents

le choc, impact

la collision (de face f), (head-on) crash

le télescopage (en série f) / le carambolage, pile-up

LES CAUSES REASONS

l'alcool m, alcohol (**en état d'ébriété**, under the influence of
alcohol; **l'état m**, state; **l'ébriété f**, intoxication)

le chauffard, road-hog

la crevaisson, puncture (**un pneu a éclaté**, a tyre has burst)

l'état m de la route, the state of the road

l'excès m de vitesse f, speeding

le manque de visibilité f, poor visibility

le verglas, black ice

accélérer, to speed up

brûler un feu / un stop, to go through a red light / past a
stop sign

déraper, to skid

doubler dans un virage, to overtake on a bend

ne pas observer la priorité, not to give priority

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perdre le contrôle, to lose control

***prendre / *courir des risques** *m*, to take / run risks

rouler trop vite, to drive too fast

***souffrir de fatigue** *f*, to suffer from tiredness

LES CONSÉQUENCES RESULTS

l'amende *f*, fine

le / la blessé(e), injured person

la blessure, injury

la brûlure, burn

le choc, shock (**en état *m* de choc**, in a state of shock)

la commotion, concussion

les dégâts *m* / les dommages *m*, damage

le / la mort(e), dead person

le retrait du permis (de conduire), loss of driving-licence

le témoin (oculaire), (eye)witness

dresser un procès-verbal contre qn., to take sb.'s particulars

écraser qn., to run over sb.

s'écraser contre qch. / heurter qch., to run into sth.

s'évanouir, to faint

exploser, to explode

***faire un tonneau**, to roll over (**le tonneau *pl* -x**, barrel)

indemniser, to compensate

perdre connaissance *f* / du sang, to lose consciousness / blood

***prendre un alcotest**, to take a breath test

tuer, to kill

coincé, trapped

démoli, demolished

détruit, destroyed

endommagé, damaged

gravement blessé, seriously injured

indemne, unscathed

mort, dead

sain et sauf, safe and sound