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à la carte

Translation from French: on the menu
English Definition: an individual dish

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à la mode

Translation from French: in style
English Definition: served with ice cream

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amateur

Translation from French: unskilled person
English Definition: person who engages in an activity for pleasure

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"au contraire"

Translation from French: on the contrary
English Definition: on the contrary

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**avant-garde**

Translation from French: advance guard
English Definition: experimental, on the edge

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blâsé

Translation from French: bored, indifferent
English Definition: bored, indifferent

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bon appétit

Translation from French: good appetite
English Definition: enjoy your meal

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bon voyage

Translation from French: good journey
English Definition: have a good trip

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boutique
Translation from French: any shop
English Definition: clothing store

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Carte blanche

Translation from French: white card
English Definition: unlimited authority

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Chic

Translation from French: stylish
English Definition: stylish

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cliché

Translation from French: stereotype
English Definition: stereotype

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Clique
Translation from French: pack
English Definition: small group of friends

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Cordon bleu

Translation from French: award for excellence in cooking
English Definition: chicken stuffed with ham and cheese

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crème de la crème

Translation from French: cream of the cream
English Definition: best of the best

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Cul-de-sac

Translation from French: bottom of the bag
English Definition: dead-end street

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début

Translation from French: beginning
English Definition: first public performance

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déjà vu

Translation from French: already seen
English Definition: the illusion of having experienced something actually being encountered for the first time.

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derrière

Translation from French: behind
English Definition: rear end

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du jour
Translation from French: of the day
English Definition: today’s choice on the menu

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entrière
Translation from French: entrance
English Definition: main dish or course of a meal

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façade
Translation from French: the front of a building
English Definition: a fake persona

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faux pas

Translation from French: false step
English Definition: violation of accepted, although unwritten, social rules

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flambé

Translation from French: flamed
English Definition: something on fire or burned

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**hors-d’œuvre**

Translation from French: outside the work
English Definition: appetizer

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laissez-faire

Translation from French: let do
English Definition: leaving alone, non-interference

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milieu

Translation from French: middle
English Definition: social environment

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montage

Translation from French: editing
English Definition: film technique used to show a set of interconnected ideas

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motif

Translation from French: pattern
English Definition: recurring thematic element

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poseur
Translation from French: someone who poses
English Definition: person who pretends to be something they are not

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RSVP (Répondez s'il vous plaît)
Translation from French: please reply
English Definition: please reply

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savant

Translation from French: knowing
English Definition: someone gifted in a narrow skill

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savoir-faire

Translation from French: know how to do
English Definition: to respond to any situation

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soirée

Translation from French: evening
English Definition: evening party

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tête-à-tête

Translation from French: head to head
English Definition: private conversation

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touché
Translation from French: touched, hit
English Definition: acknowledgement of an effective counterpoint

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Trompe-l’œil

Translation from French: trick the eye
English Definition: photo-like realism in painting

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**VIS-À-VIS**

Translation from French: face to face
English Definition: compared to

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Vive

Translation from French: live
English Definition: long live

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voilà

Translation from French: see there
English Definition: there it is

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