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le **caramel** noun *masc.*
toffee

la **caravane** noun *fem.*
caravan

caresser verb
to stroke
Chloé caresse le chat. Chloé is stroking the cat.

le **carnaval** noun *masc.*
carnival

CULTURE
In France **le carnaval** is the name given to the celebrations on **Mardi gras** (Shrove Tuesday). This is the last day before **le Carême** (Lent) when French children put on fancy dress, eat **crêpes** (pancakes), and often take part in processions through the streets.

le **carnet** noun *masc.*
1 **notebook**
Note la date dans ton carnet. Write down the date in your notebook.
2 **book**
un carnet de tickets a book of tickets
un carnet de timbres a book of stamps
un carnet d'adresses an address book
3 **le carnet de notes** the school report
le carnet de correspondance the school diary

la **carotte** noun *fem.*
carrot

LANGUAGE
French = carotte
English = carrot

carré adjective *masc.*, **carrée** *fem.*
square
une table carrée a square table

le **carré** noun *masc.*
square

le **carreau** noun *masc.* (plural les **carreaux**)
1 **window pane**
2 (*pattern*)
les carreaux check
une chemise à carreaux a checked shirt
3 diamonds (*in cards*)

le **carrefour** noun *masc.*
crossroads
au carrefour at the crossroads

le **cartable** noun *masc.*
schoolbag

CULTURE
A **cartable** is made from a strong material and is worn on the back. Many French schoolchildren have to carry a lot of books and some have schoolbags on wheels.

la **carte** noun *fem.*
1 **card**
une carte d'anniversaire a birthday card
une carte de vœux a greetings card

CULTURE
In France people send greetings cards in January for the New Year instead of Christmas. It is not at all common in France to exchange cards with people you see everyday.

une arte postale a postcard
une carte d'identité an identity card

CULTURE
All French people have an identity card. They can use it instead of a passport to travel around the European Union.

2 (*for playing games*) **card**
un jeu de cartes a pack of cards
jouer aux cartes to play cards
3 **map**
une carte de l'Europe a map of Europe

• *The months of the year and days of the week do not take a capital letter in French.*

une carte routière a road map
4 **menu**

le **carton** noun *masc.*
cardboard box

le **cas** noun *masc.*
case
en tout cas anyway
au cas où just in case

la **case** noun *fem.*
1 (*in crosswords etc.*) **square**
2 (*on forms, worksheets, etc.*) **box**

la **caserne** noun *fem.*
une caserne de pompiers a fire station

le **casier** noun *masc.*
locker

le **casque** noun *masc.*
1 **helmet**
2 **headphones**

la **casquette** noun *fem.*
cap

le **casse-croûte** noun *masc.* (plural les **casse-croûte**)
snack

casse-pieds adjective *masc. & fem.*
Elle est casse-pieds. She's a pest.

casser verb
to break
Théo a cassé un verre. Théo has broken a glass.

se **casser** verb ⓔ
to break
Le vase est tombé et s'est cassé. The vase fell and broke.
Je me suis cassé la jambe. I've broken my leg.

la **casserole** noun *fem.*
saucepan

FALSE FRIEND
la casserole = **the saucepan** (*not* the casserole)

ⓔ *means use* **être** *to make the past tense.*

la **cassette** noun *fem.*
tape
une cassette vidéo a video

la **catastrophe** noun *fem.*
disaster

la **cathédrale** noun *fem.*
cathedral

catholique adjective *masc. & fem.*
Catholic

le **cauchemar** noun *masc.*
nightmare
faire des cauchemars to have nightmares

la **cause** noun *fem.*
1 **cause**
2 **à cause de** because of
Je vais être en retard à cause de toi. I'm going to be late because of you.

le **cavalier** noun *masc.*, la **cavalière** *fem.*
rider

la **cave** noun *fem.*
cellar

FALSE FRIEND
la cave = **the cellar** (*not* the cave)

le **CD** noun *masc.* (plural les **CD**)
CD
J'ai deux CD. I have two CDs.

ce adjective *masc.*, **cet** *masc.*, **cette** *fem.*, **ces** *masc. & fem. plural*
1 **this**
ce soir this evening
cette chaise this chair
cet homme this man

LANGUAGE
Use **cet** with masculine nouns beginning with *a, e, i, o, u,* or *silent h.*

2 (*when pointing to* **this one**, *not* **that one**)
ce livre-ci this book
cette photo-ci this photo
cet élève-ci this pupil
3 **that**