

French Vocabulary List for *Go Fish* Around the House

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The seven games in the book *Go Fish* are played with illustrated vocabulary cards. 126 items found “around the house” are pictured. Of these, 86 items appear on two cards each, and 40 additional items are represented by individual smaller pictures, providing additional vocabulary,

The list of vocabulary items shown in duplicate on the cards is subdivided into nine sub-set lists: Rooms, General Vocabulary, Kitchen, Living Room, Dining Room, Bedroom, Study, Bathroom, and Items found in the Kitchen which are non-count in English. The items on these lists do not appear in the book in this order.

It takes 26 pairs of cards (52 cards) to make a set for playing Go Fish. The cards appear in the book as playing sets in the following order: A 1-26, B 1-26, C 1-26, D 1-8. These numbers are on each card for identification, and they follow each word on the list below.

To make the cards more interesting, the two pictures on each pair of cards is different. For example, there are two pictures of doors, one open, the other closed. This may suggest game activities in which the students compare and contrast the pictures. In some cases, again to provoke discussion and learning, the items pictured are somewhat different. For example, there are two toasters, one a “pop up” toaster and the other a toaster oven.

The words given in the vocabulary list on page v of the book are common in American English. However, there are often common alternatives and regional differences. When these alternatives are very common, they are listed below. For example, “couch (also, sofa).” If known, less common alternatives, such as “divan,” can be taught at the teacher’s discretion, but they are not given here. In some cases, the alternatives may have slightly different meanings. “Study, office, den, and library” may all refer to the same room, but they suggest different functions, again providing a learning opportunity.

Finally, it should be pointed out that learning “the words for things” in a new language is sometimes both complicated and fascinating. A simple translation may not be accurate, because different cultures classify things in different ways. In American English, a “light” is anything that provides light. A lamp is a kind of light, but a light on the ceiling is always called a light, not a lamp. In other languages, anything that provides light is a lamp. If this is too confusing to students, or if the cards don’t fit the language being studied, the teacher may choose not to use those cards – there are plenty of others to play with. In some cultures, the items shown on the cards don’t exist. For example, if closets don’t exist in a culture or language, the teacher may choose not to use the “closet” cards.

1. Les pièces

la cuisine A-1
le salon A-2
la chambre A-3
la salle de bain A-4
la salle à manger A-5
le bureau A-6
le sous-sol C-1
le grenier C-2
le garage C-3
le porche C-4

2. Général

la porte A-7
la fenêtre A-8
la lampe A-9
la lumière A-10
l'interrupteur A-11
le toit B-1
le plafond B-2
le plancher B-3
le mur B-4
le bouton de porte B-5

3. La cuisine

le four A-12
l'évier A-13
le réfrigérateur A-14
le grille-pain B-6
le four à micro-ondes B-7
le lave-vaisselle B-8
le batteur électrique B-9
la poubelle C-5
la casserole C-6
la poêle C-7
le couteau à découper C-8
la spatule C-9

4. Le salon

le canapé A-15
le fauteuil A-16
la table basse A-17
la télévision B-10
le lecteur de DVD B-11
le livre B-12
l'étagère à livres B-13
le tapis B-14

5. La salle à manger

la table A-18
la chaise A-19
le verre B-15
la fourchette B-16
la cuillère B-17
le couteau B-18
l'assiette B-19
le bol B-20
la tasse B-21

6. La chambre

le lit A-20
la commode A-21
la couverture A-22
l'armoire C-10
le cintre C-11
l'oreiller C-12
le drap C-13
le miroir C-14
le store C-15

7. Le bureau

le bureau A-23
le téléphone A-24
le journal C-16
le meuble C-17
l'ordinateur portable C-18
l'imprimante C-19
la chaîne stéréo C-20

8. La salle de bain

la baignoire A-25
le lavabo A-26
les W.-C. B-22
la douche B-23
le gant de toilette B-24
la serviette B-25
le robinet B-26
le pèse-personne C-21
le peigne C-22
la brosse C-23
le rasoir C-24
le rasoir électrique C-25
la brosse à dents C-26

9. La cuisine

de la farine D-1
du savon D-2
du lait D-3
de la glace D-4
de la soupe D-5
du pain D-6
du beurre D-7
de la viande D-8

Vocabulaire supplémentaire 1

la bouilloire
la théière
la bougie
la cheminée
la cafetière
le moulin à poivre
la selière
le mixeur
la bouteille
la cafetière
le tableau
le dentifrice
le ventilateur
la prise de courant et le fil électrique avec la prise
la chaise haute
le stéréo portable
la chaise à bascule
le rideau
le jardin/les fleurs
le pot à fleurs
la balançoire
le transplantoir
l'arrosoir
le tuyau d'arrosage
l'arbre

Vocabulaire supplémentaire 2

le marteau
le tourne-vis
la perceuse
le centimètre
la lime
le rabot
la brosse
la scie
l'escabeau
la hache
les ciseaux
l'échelle
la pelle et la brosse
le balai à laver
le seau
l'aspirateur
le balai
la pelle
la fourche
la brouette
la binette
le sécateur
la tondeuse à gazon