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French Conversational phrases Cheat Sheet

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Greetings & Response

Ça va?	How's it going?
Ça va	OK
Ça ne va pas	Not going well
Ça va de soi	It goes without saying
Ça va mal finir	It's going to end badly
Ça te va bien!	That suits you!
Ça ne va pas, non?	What's wrong with you?

Conversational Filler / Common interjection

Ça y est!	There we go! There it is! Finally! It's done! similar to voilà
C'est ça?	Is that it? Is that right?
C'est ça	That's it, that's right.
Bon	Good
Ah Bon?	Oh really?
Alors	So, then or while
Et alors	So?, So what?
Bien	Well...
Eh bien	So or well...
Ben oui	Well, yeah
Ben non	Well, no
Mais oui!	Absolutely!
Mais non!	Absolutely not

Useful transition

Ça m'est égal	Doesn't matter to me / I don't care
Ce n'est pas grave /C'est pas grave	No big deal
Ça marche?	Does that work?
Ça marche	That works

Useful transition (cont)

Pas de problème	No problem / no worries
Ça ne fait rien / ça fait rien	Nevermind
C'est-à-dire?	What do you mean
C'est-à-dire	In other words
Franchement	Honestly
Quand même	Really, all the same, still
Enfin	Well, finally, afterall
Ça te dit? / Ça vous dit?	How does that sound?)
À cause de	because of (negative cause)
grâce à	thanks to (more positive cause)
en raison de	because of (neutral)
D'ailleurs	Incidentally / by the way
En tout cas	in any case, anyhow or anyway
Tout à fait	exactly
Tout à façon	anyway
Et puis	And what's more / and then
En fait	actually
Au fait	by the way
Je n'en sais rien / J'en sais rien	I don't know anything about it / I have no idea
Ensuite	then
Finalement	After all, in the end

Checking if Someone or Something is Basically Cool

Ça va?	How's it going?
Ça marche?	Does that work?
Ça te dit? / Ça vous dit?	How does that sound?

Being a Good Listener and Reassuring Presence

Ce n'est pas grave /C'est pas grave	No big deal / It doesn't matter
Pas de problème	No problem
Ça ne fait rien	Never mind
Ah bon?	Oh really?
C'est-à-dire?	What do you mean?
C'est-à-dire	In other words
Ne t'en fais pas	Don't worry!
Il n'y a pas de problème	Don't worry about it
T'inquiète pas! C'est pas grave.	Don't worry about it! It doesn't matter.

Getting from One Thought to the Next

Bon	Good
Alors	So, then, while
Bien	Well...
à cause de/grâce à/en raison de	Because of / thanks to / because of
d'ailleurs	Incidentally
en tout cas	Anyhow, anyway, in any case
et puis	And what's more / and then

Words and Phrases You Can Drop Just About Anywhere

enfin	Well, finally, afterall
bon	good
franch-ement	Honestly/as long as you really mean it, of course!
alors	so, then, while

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