

Les Bonnes Manières: Beyond “Excusez-moi”

Elevate your French by learning how to apologize and interrupt politely.

Pardon

Sorry / Excuse-me

(Best for when you bump into someone)

Veillez m’excuser

Accept my apologies

(Formal & highly polite)

Je suis désolé(e)

I’m sorry

Asking for directions:

*Pardon, veuillez
m’excuser, je cherche
le métro, s’il vous
plaît ?*

*(Sorry, accept my apologies, I’m looking
for the subway station, please?)*



L'Art de Dire Merci: Beyond 'Merci beaucoup'

Expressing deeper thanks starts with: **Merci bien** (Thanks a lot) or **Je vous / te remercie** (I thank you).



Thanking for a GIFT (Noun)

Je vous remercie POUR...

Je vous remercie **pour** la place de concert !
(I thank you for the concert ticket.)



Thanking for a FAVOR (Verb/Action)

Je vous remercie DE...

Je vous remercie **de** votre aide.
(I thank you for your help.)

N.B.

Don't panic! If you switch 'pour' and 'de' or forget the rule entirely, French speakers will still understand you perfectly.



Répondre avec Éléance: You're Welcome

Formality Spectrum

- Je vous en prie / Je t'en prie → You're welcome
Note: The most polite and versatile option.
- Avec plaisir → My pleasure
- Volontiers → Gladly
- De rien → From nothing

Mini-Dialogue

Je vous remercie de votre aide.
(I thank you for your help.)

Je vous en prie.
(You're welcome.)

Testez Vos Connaissances ! (Test Your Knowledge)

Multiple Choice

You bump into someone on the street. What is the most natural thing to say?

- A) Avec plaisir
- B) Pardon
- C) De rien

Fill in the Blank

Fill in the missing preposition for thanking someone for a gift:

“Je vous remercie _____ la place de concert !”

Match the Meaning

Veillez m'excuser

Thanks a lot

De rien

Accept my apologies

Merci bien

It's nothing / You're welcome

(Answers: 1: B, 2: pour, 3: Veuillez m'excuser, 3: De rien -> Accept my apologies, It's nothing, -> Thanks a lot)

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