

What is Francophonie?

La francophonie is the quality of speaking French and has not to be confused with the [Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie](#), sometimes also informally called "la Francophonie". In this case, the term designates the ensemble of people, organizations, and governments that share the use of French on a daily basis and as administrative language, teaching language or chosen language.

Since the October 11, 2018, Louisiana belongs to the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie along with 54 other states or countries that are full members of this organization around the world!

So, let's learn some francophonie things, as the quality of French speaking, in a franco-funny way...

“Rendez-vous”

Many people associate *rendez-vous* with a romantic date; however, French-speaking people use these words to designate a meeting in all situations, not just romantic. When French speakers want to talk about a romantic date, the terms *rendez-vous galant* or *rencard* are used in the way “date” is used in the English language.

In France, *rendez-vous* can be heard screamed by the policemen to stop thieves or criminals from running. Not so romantic!

In the French short film, *C'était un rendez-vous*, there are scenes of streets in Paris in the early morning in 1976 and in a... dangerous way! If you are film-lover, it is a sequence shot movie during the “cinéma vérité” period in France made by Claude Lelouch, one of France's great directors, at the beginning of his career. Many French people don't know about this short film, so you can speak to the French about it... with some franco-funny things!

Rendez-vous à la prochaine, Huskies!

Monsieur Samuel Troadec

Check out these links:

The short movie: “C'était un rendez-vous” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJYOMFayruw>

More about this movie: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C%27%C3%A9tait_un_rendez-vous