**French News Vocabulary ~ Le vocabulaire de l'actualité**

**French vocabulary used in the news**

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The French you learn in classes and grammar books is not always enough when dealing with the real world. This list of French vocabulary related to current events will help you understand news in French.

[*à la une*](http://french.about.com/od/vocabulary/a/alaune.htm)   on the front page  
*allégué* (adj)   alleged  
*un appel*   appeal, call  
*une arme*   weapon, gun  
*les armes de destruction massive*    weapons of mass destruction  
*assassiner*   to murder  
*un attentat*   attack  
*un attentat-suicide*   suicide bombing  
*l'avortement*   abortion  
*la banlieue*   suburb  
*blessé* (adj)   injured, wounded  
*une bombe*   bomb  
*la canicule*   heat wave  
*les Casques bleus*   UN peacekeeping forces  
*une catastrophe naturelle*   natural disaster  
*un cessez-le-feu*   cease-fire  
*le chômage*   unemployment  
*le crime*   crime  
*un criminel, une criminelle*   criminal  
*la crise*   crisis  
*le deuil*   bereavement, mourning  
*les drogues* (fem)   drugs  
*un éboulement*   rockslide  
*une élection*   election  
*une émeute*   riot  
*une enquête*   investigation  
*une épidémie*   epidemic  
*extrader*   to extradite  
*un feu*   fire  
*un flic* (informal)   cop  
*un glissement de terrain*   landslide  
*une grève (faire la grève)*   strike (to be on strike)  
*la guerre*   war  
*la grippe aviaire*   bird flu  
*la grippe porcine*   swine flu  
  
*hexagonal*   French  
*l'Hexagone*   France  
([more synonyms for French and France](http://french.about.com/od/vocabulary/a/frenchandfrance.htm))  
  
*un immigrant, un immigré*   immigrant  
*les impôts* (masc)   taxes  
*un incendie*   fire  
*une inondation*   flood  
*un insurgé*   insurgent  
*IVG*\*   abortion  
  
*le kamikaze*   suicide bomber  
  
*la loi*   law  
*la lutte* (literal/figurative)   struggle, fight  
*une manifestation*   demonstration  
*le meurtre*   murder  
*la mondialisation*   globalization  
*une navette spatiale*   space shuttle  
*un ouragan*   hurricane  
*la peine de mort*   death penalty  
*la police*   police  
*un policier*   police officer  
*la politique*   politics, policy  
*le politique*   politician  
*poursuivre en justice*   to sue  
*présumé* (adj)   alleged  
*un procès*   trial  
*le rechauffement de la planète*   global warming  
*une réplique*   after-shock, counter-attack  
*la retraite*   retirement  
  
*un soldat*   soldier  
*un séisme*   earthquake, upheaval  
*selon* (prep)   according to  
*un soldat*   soldier  
*un sondage*   poll  
*le suicide assisté*   assisted suicide  
*un syndicat*   union  
*le système de santé publique*   health care system  
  
*un témoin*   witness  
*le terrorisme*   terrorism  
*tirer (sur)*   to shoot (at)  
*une tornade*   tornado  
*un tremblement de terre*   earthquake  
*une trêve*   truce  
*tuer*   to kill  
  
*un vaccin*   vaccine  
*une victime*\*\*   victim  
*voter*   to vote  
  
  
\*[French acronyms and abbreviations](http://french.about.com/library/writing/bl-acronyms.htm)  
  
\*\*Note that this word is always feminine, even when referring to a man.