

# **A selection of French and Acadian words and Phrases**

## **LEVEL ONE**

Oui (WAY) = Yes  
Non (NOH) = No  
Bonjour! (bohn-ZHOR) = Good Day!  
Un (AHN) = One  
Deux (DEH) = Two  
Trois (TWA) = Three  
Quatre (CAT) = Four

## **LEVEL TWO**

Memère (MEH-may) = Grandmother  
Pepère (PEH-pay) = Grandfather  
Les cuilliers (ley kwee-YEHR) = The spoons  
'Ti-fer (TEE-fehr) = Cajun triangle  
Joie de Vivre (ZHWA deh VEEV) = Joy of Life  
Mardi Gras (MAH-dee GRAH) = Fat Tuesday  
L'Ordre de Bons Temps = The Association of Good Times  
Laissez les Bons Temps Roulez = Let the Good Times Roll

## **LEVEL THREE**

J'ai vu le loup, le renard et la bellette =  
I saw the wolf, the fox, and the weasel  
La laine des moutons, c'est nous qui la tondons =  
The wool of the sheep, it's us who must shear it.  
J'entends le moulin, tique, tique taque =  
I hear the mill go ticka-ticka-tacka  
Quand j'étais jeune, j'ai vécu la bonne vie =  
When I was young, I lived the good life  
L'étoile d'or de l'Acadie, le symbol fort de ma patrie =  
The gold star of Acadia, the strong symbol of my nation

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