

Useful vocabulary – Describing relationships

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Useful verbs for talking about relationships

French	English
améliorer	to improve
communiquer	to communicate
comprendre	to understand
discuter de	to discuss, talk about
écouter	to listen
s'entendre avec	to get along with
parler	to speak, talk
partager	to share
se séparer	to break up
supporter	to tolerate, bear, put up with

Useful positive adjectives for describing relationships

French	English
agréable	pleasant, nice, agreeable
amusant(e)	funny, fun, amusing
calme	calm, quiet
drôle	funny
génial(e)	great, brilliant
gentil / gentille	kind
heureux / heureuse	happy
parfait(e)	perfect
positif / positive	positive
proche	close
sérieux / sérieuse	conscientious, responsible
sympatique (sympa)	nice, kind, friendly

Useful negative adjectives for describing relationships

French	English
affreux / affreuse	dreadful, horrible, awful
égoïste	selfish
embêtant(e)	boring
ennuyeux / ennuyeuse	annoying
méchant(e)	nasty, naughty, mean
parfait(e)	perfect
positif / positive	positive
proche	close
sérieux / sérieuse	conscientious, responsible
sympatique (sympa)	nice, kind, friendly

Higher Tier – Useful verbs for describing relationships

French	English
avoir de bons rapports avec	to have a good relationship with
avoir un mauvais rapport avec	to have a bad relationship with
critiquer	to criticise
se disputer	to argue
respecter	to respect

Higher Tier– Useful adjectives for describing relationships

French	English
patient(e)	patient
sensible	sensitive