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Your stay in France is a special time for making contacts and developing a network of relationships which will be useful to you in the future. This stay gives you the opportunity to discover a new country, a different language, and another culture. To make the most of this experience when you get home, take great care of your address book where all your 'French' contacts, personal and professional, are listed.

Here are a few tips for maintaining and developing your network of contacts after you leave France:

> Make contact with:

- France's cultural services network, e.g. the Alliance Française, French cultural centres and institutes, research institutes, and other cultural activity services. Consult the French Foreign Ministry's website: diplomatie.gouv.fr.
- French-speaking clubs and societies (150 throughout the world).

> **Maintain and develop your linguistic skills in French** by regular attendance at the network of Alliances Françaises, which can be found in a hundred or so countries, and which offer French lessons as well as a whole range of other cultural and social activities.



> **Take part in the festivities organised in some countries:** events such as the Semaine de la Langue Française et de la Francophonie (French language and the French-speaking world week), French film festivals, and the French national holiday on 14 July.

For further information: alliancefr.org.

> **Get information** by regularly going to the multimedia libraries at French cultural centres and institutes.

> **Join the alumni network** of your higher education establishment or Campus France on francealumni.fr.

● On a daily basis

> **Listen to Radio-France Internationale (RFI).**

For information on radio frequencies and the times of broadcasts for each continent, consult the website: rfi.fr.

> **Watch French language television programmes** on TV5 Monde, whose network covers Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, or on the France 24 news channel.

For further information:

tv5monde.com

france24.com

> **Read newspapers and magazines**, like the weekly edition of Le Monde (which is published especially for foreign readers and for French people who live abroad) or the magazine, Label France, which is distributed by French embassies and the cultural network, and which can be read on the diplomatie.gouv.fr website.

