



## Basic Haitian-Creole Vocabulary

Bonjou! - Good morning!  
Bonswa! - Good afternoon! / Evening! (used after 11 AM)  
Komon ou ye? - How are you?  
N'ap boule! (most common greeting and response) - Good!  
Wi - Yes  
yo - they, them  
Non - No  
Mesi - Thanks  
Anmwe! - Help!  
Non, mesi - No, thanks  
Souple - Please  
Merite - You're welcome  
Pa gen pwoblem - No problem  
Oke - OK  
Eskize mwen - Excuse me  
Mwen regret sa - I'm sorry  
Gen... - There is/are...  
Pa genyen! - There is/are not any!  
Mwen pa genyen! - I don't have any!  
Sekonsa! - That's right!  
Piti piti - A little bit  
Anpil - A lot  
Gen anpil... - There are a lot of...  
Isit - Here  
La - There  
Tout bagay anfom? - Is everything OK?  
Pa kounye-a - Not now  
Toupatou - Everywhere  
Anyen - Nothing  
Preske - Almost  
Atansyon! - Attention!/Watch out!  
Prese prese! - Hurry!  
Dife! - Fire!  
Rete! - Stop!

Kounye-a - Now  
Nou ap chache... - We are looking for...  
Souple, ban mwen... - Please give me...  
Separe sa ant nou - Divide this among you  
Ye - Yesterday  
Jodia - Today  
Demen - Tomorrow  
Maten an - This morning  
Apremidi a - This afternoon  
Aswe a - This evening  
lendi - Monday  
madi - Tuesday  
mekredi - Wednesday  
jedi - Thursday  
vandredi - Friday  
samdi - Saturday  
dimanch - Sunday  
Ou byen? - You OK?  
Mwen pa two byen - I'm not too well  
Mwen malad - I'm sick  
Te gen yon aksidan - There was an accident  
Nou bezwen yon dokte/yon mis touswit - We need a doctor/a nurse right now  
Kote Iopital la? - Where is the hospital?  
Kote li ou fe mal? - Where does it hurt you?  
Li ansent - She's pregnant  
Mwen pa ka manje/domi - I cannot eat/sleep  
Mwen gen djare - I have diarrhea  
Mwen anvi vonmi - I feel nauseated  
Tout ko mwen cho - My whole body is hot  
Mwen toudi - I'm dizzy  
Nou bezwen pansman/koton - We need bandages/cotton  
Mwen bezwen yon bagay pi blese sa a - I need something for this cut  
Ou gen SIDA - You have AIDS  
Mwen grangou - I'm hungry  
Mwen swaf anpil - I'm very thirsty  
Nou ta vle manje - We would like to eat  
Konben - How much?/How many?  
Poukisa? - Why?  
Kote? - Where?

Kisa? - What?  
Kile? - When?  
Ki moun? - Who?  
Kijan? - How?  
Kiles? - Which?  
Eske gen...? - Is/Are there...?  
Eske ou gen...? - Do you have...?  
Eske ou ka ede nou, souple? - Can you help us please?  
Kote nou ka achte...? - Where can we buy...?  
Eske ou ka di mwen...? - Can you tell me...?  
montre - show  
ban - give  
Ki moun ki la? - Who is there?  
Kisa ou vle? - What do you want?  
Kisa ou ta vle? - What would you like?  
Kisa ou ap fe la? - What are you doing there?  
Kisa sa a ye? - What is that?  
Sa k'genyen? - What's the matter?  
Kisa pi nou fe? - What must we do?  
Eske ou te we...? - Have you seen...?  
Eske ou pale angle/franse? - Do you speak English/French?  
Ki moun isit ki pale angle? - Who speaks English here?  
Ou konprann? - You understand?  
Kij an yo rele sa an kreyol? - What do they call that in Creole?  
Kij an yo di...an kreyol? - How do they say... in Creole?  
Kisa ou bezwen? - What do you need?  
Kisa ki rive ou? - What happened to you?  
Ki kote li ale? - Where did he go?  
Kilaj ou? - How old are you?  
Kote ou rete? - Where do you live?  
Eske ou gen petit? - Do you have any children?  
Kote nou ye? - Where are we?  
genyen - to have  
chita - to sit  
manje - to eat  
rete - to stop  
kouri - to run  
kouche - to lie down  
vini - to come

ale/prale - to go  
ban - to give  
rete trankil - to be quiet  
pran - to get, receive  
leve - to get up  
sede - to give up  
touye - to kill  
frape - to hit  
kache - to hide  
konnen - to know  
manti - to lie (not truth)  
gade - to look  
koupe - to cut  
kwit-manje, fe-manje - to cook  
fimen - to smoke  
atake - to attack  
ban pemi - to authorize  
kriye - to shout, yell, scream  
achte - to buy  
fe-apel - to call, name  
netwaye - to clean  
femen - to close  
fose - to coerce, force  
fini - to finish  
obeyi - to obey  
fe - konfyans - to trust  
pati - to leave, depart  
mouri - to die  
fe-desen - to draw, sketch  
bwe - to drink  
tonbe - to drop, fall  
mete abo - embark, load, board  
ranfose - to enforce  
ou - you, your  
mwèn - I, me, my, mine  
nou - us, our, you (plural)  
li - him, her, his, hers