

COMMON PHRASES

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Faut-il rester ici ?

Is it necessary to remain here ?

Il le faut **bien**, puisque, etc.

It is necessary (assuredly) since etc.

Où est **bien** mon livre ?

Where (do you suppose) is my book ?

Quelle heure est-il **bien** ? (5)

What time (do you suppose) is it ?

Est-ce que monsieur est **Anglais** ?

Is monsieur English ?

Est-ce que monsieur (madame) veut que je revienne lui apporter son courrier ? (6)

Does monsieur (madame) wish that I return to bring him his (her) mail ?

J'ai autant (plus) de livres qu'il m'en faut.

I have as many books as I need

J'en ai plus que j'en avais.

I have more than I had (thereof).

Quant à cela, je ne veux rien dire. (7)

As to that, I don't want to say anything.

Quant à moi, je préfère ce livre.

As for me, I prefer this book.

À raison de trois dollars par jour.

At the rate of three dollars a day.

Toutes laides qu'elles sont, elles sont bien fières.

While (although) they are ugly, they are very proud.

Il a dit cela tout en riant.

He said that while laughing.

La terre tout en tournant autour du soleil, tourne sur elle-même.

The earth while turning around the sun, turns on itself.

Deux de plus. Une fois de plus.

Two more. Once more.

J'ai dix sous de plus que vous.

I have ten cents more than you.

Il est à plaindre. Il est à craindre

He is to pity (to be pitied). He is to fear (to be feared).

Il est à craindre que, etc.

It is to be feared that, etc.

Aller chercher. Venir chercher.

To go for (or to get). To come for.

Envoyer chercher.

To send for.

Envoyez le garçon chercher du vin.

Send the boy for some wine.

Je suis venu chercher le chien.

I have come to get the dog.

J'ai envoyé chercher du pain.

I sent for some bread.

(5) **Bien** is here used much in the sense of **DONC**.

(6) The third person is thus often used out of politeness. In Spanish this is the regular construction.

(7) Do not confound **QUANT** with **QUAND**. The former is always followed by **à**.