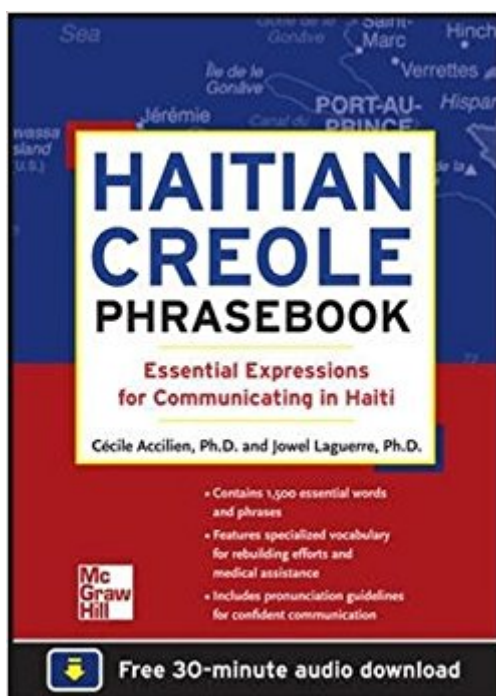


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# Haitian Creole Phrasebook: Essential Expressions For Communicating In Haiti (NTC Foreign Language)



## Synopsis

The essential terms you need to communicate with the nation's 8-plus million Haitian Creole speakers. If you are travelling to Haiti to help with the relief effort or to aid in its rebuilding, Haitian Creole Phrasebook is your must-have resource. In addition to featuring content specifically related to relief and rebuilding, this book also covers the basic topics such as introducing yourself, asking for directions, giving instructions, or asking for information. A separate section is devoted to key words and phrases related to relief efforts from communicating with medical personnel to construction and engineering terminology. Features: A mini-dictionary includes essential vocabulary for quick reference. An audio download that features key words and phrases. Vital vocabulary and phrases relevant to relief and rebuilding processes. McGraw-Hill will donate a percentage of sales to the Haitian rebuilding effort. Topics include: Basic Vocabulary, Basics of Haitian Creole, Greetings and Wishes, Expressing Preferences and Opinions, Numbers, Time, and Weather, Family, People, and Description, Communication, Living and Working in Haiti, Transportation and Directions, Money and Shopping, Accommodations, Food and Drink, Specialized Vocabulary, Earthquake, Construction Rebuilding, Relief Effort, Medical Vocabulary, Security, Resources.

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Recommended for people who are ready to go to Haiti for mission/medical/educational trip or like myself to learn and to communicate better with my Haitian Creole (Kreyol) speaking ESL students. Well organized, very easy to use and plenty of references. Simple everyday conversations and also includes basic medical conditions/terms. Someone had said, "Creole: say it as it is written", he probably meant it's nothing like English Language or French i.e. it's phonetically written language thus every letter must be pronounced. I'm learning a bit by bit. Good luck!

## HELPFULL

Bought for a mission trip to Haiti. Great find for a reference!!! would recommend to anyone traveling to Haiti

I am traveling to Haiti in a couple of months and thought that this would be a good supplement to my language lessons. For where I'll be traveling, many of the phrases won't help, however, loads of guidance. I'm the student that needs to hear the spoken word, rather than try and read it so I also purchased an audio set of lessons that have been most helpful. If I was going to be in an area where there were hotels, restaurants, and sightseeing opportunities, this would be more valuable, but I'm not. Maybe when I am able to return, I'll have a better handle on the spoken word and this book will be a better resource.

Wonderful for my use on mission trips to Gonaives, Haiti. Very helpful with common conversation in Haitian Creole.

This book was a big help to me when I went to Haiti on a mission trip. We did have interpreters which also reinforced what I was learning in the book. I like the downloadable from the web site of

the publisher which spoke the word in English and then sounded out the word and correct pronunciation in Haitian Creole. In fact the book was such a big help to me in me learning Haitian Creole that I gave this book to a young Haitian man that was learning English. He was excited when I gave him the book he thanked me over and over again. This book was a blessing to me and the young Haitian man(Amile).So now I need to buy another copy!!!Thank YouM.A.Fragassi

I'm not a Creole expert. I bought this book for my first trip to Haiti. But I had my fiance (who is Haitian, born & raised), look at it & he is the one who had the issues with it.First, it is a good book for what it is, and while there are some mistakes, it provides some important information. However, if you are doing a religious outreach, you might be better off picking up a book specific to that. My niece bought 2 phrasebooks and CDs on her way from Dominica Republic to Haiti, for just a couple of dollars U.S. Those contained phrases specific to faith, which are quite useful on mission trips. You can also get those online by searching, so that's not so much of an issue.I would have preferred to have a better index in this book, to treat it somewhat like a dictionary. When I spoke no Creole at all, I just would hand it to the Haitians with whom I would try to communicate, and they could find the phrase they wanted to say. It worked, but not easily.The alphabet is not accurate. For example, J and G are NOT the same letter name. Also, there is no Q, although that is part of the Creole alphabet.The way I use the book is to write each phrase & proverb on a flashcard & just start memorizing. It's a good start, but not perfect, by any means.The cultural information is interesting and pretty good, from what I could see. But it is so minimal, it doesn't really give enough information on any one subject.Personally, I would like to see the mistakes fixed, and have the book reformatted as half phrasebook & half dictionary.

The information in this book is good. However, the vocabulary must have been photographed in order to place it in the book. Unlike the history that you read about in the sample of the book, you are not able to increase or decrease the font of the vocabulary. Those words appear very small and light in color, which makes reading difficult.

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