



## **VIDEO & PODCAST TRANSCRIPT #013**

### **WHAT IS A TETE-A-TETE?**

#### **Slide 1:**

Hello, I'm David James.

#### **Slide 2:**

What does the expression tete-a-tete mean?

#### **Slide 3:**

**tête-à-tête** is a French expression that literally means head to head.

We use it in English to describe a private conversation between two people, speaking face to face.

(It is often written without the accents: tete-a-tete)

#### **Slide 4:**

In our first example we see two women in a café having a private conversation, speaking face to face.

The sentence reads: She met her friend at a cafe for a quick tete-a-tete.

#### **Slide 5:**

Next, the picture shows the German Chancellor and Dutch Prime Minister speaking together in private.

The sentence reads: Here we see the Dutch Prime Minister having a tete-a-tete with the German Chancellor back in 2013.

#### **Slide 6:**

In this picture we see a two seater sofa and an s-shape garden seat.

The sentence reads: 'Tete-a-tete' is also the name given to a sofa or seat for two, often in an s-shape to allow two persons to face each other.

**Slide 7:**

So remember, the next time you have a face-to-face or head-to-head conversation with someone, you are having a tete-a-tete!

**Slide 8:**

Just before we finish, let me tell you about my online course for English students who find the articles a, an, and the, confusing. It's called: "How to Master Definite | Indefinite Articles in 7 Days!"

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