

GCSE French Revision Guide

Exam advice

Listening:

- Your listening exam will last for around 35 minutes (Foundation) to 545 Minutes (Higher).
- You will have to answer questions in English and French. If the question is in English, answer in English and if the question is in French, you answer in French, otherwise you will not get the mark.
- You will be able to study the questions for 5 minutes *before* the recording plays. , Try and think what you might expect to hear.
- You will hear each extract twice. Do not fall into the traps laid for you or answer immediately. Listen attentively a second time before answering.
- **Do not leave any gaps!** If you guess, you have a chance of getting it right. A blank space will not get a mark.

Reading:

- Read the instructions so it is clear what you have to answer and what kind of information you are looking for in the text
- Read the questions first. This will give you information about the test
- Underline the key words that will help you when giving the answer
- Read each text twice to ensure you have the correct information

Once again, in the Reading paper, do not leave any blanks. If you do not know the answer try and guess what it might be. You might be right! Your reading exam will last for around **45 minutes** (Foundation) **1 hour** (Higher). In section A, you will need to *read* information in French and you have to answer questions in *English*. In section B, you must answer in French. In section C, you will have a translation from French to English. Take your time!

Linked Vocabulary - *This is really important for the Listening and the Reading exam. See the list we have given you.*

Speaking:

- You need to revise the questions on ALL the three themes, not just your nominated theme. Ensure that these questions have been seen/marked by your teacher.
- Make sure that you know all the necessary vocabulary for the Photo card section. After the main questions on your photo, you will encounter some **unseen questions**.
- As your exam is recorded, it is very important that you **speak clearly** and make every word count. You have 12 minutes to prepare for the role-play and photo questions. Ensure that you have enough material to speak for at least 2 minutes on the photo card (F+H)
- Speak at a good pace and with a good French accent. Practise your pronunciation! Use a variety of tenses, opinions and language



Writing:

- Read the questions carefully and ensure you write referring to all the bullet points, otherwise you will lose marks for communication
- Ensure you use a variety of tenses - **CORRECTLY**
- Always use opinions and justify them
- Don't forget to use a variety of connectives so your sentences are more complex
- **Do not write fewer than 10% of the allowed words, nor more than about 10% above (or at your own risk).** Too few - you can't get a 4. Too many - you have more room to make mistakes. Spellings and accents are very important - learn these!
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Useful websites/Apps

- www.activelearn.com - vocabulary practise, reading and listening activities
- www.quizlet.com - vocabulary practice
- GCSE Pod
- Duo lingo
- BBC Bitesize

Revision booklet:

- CGP GCSE French AQA Revision Guide - for the Grade 9-1 Course (with Online Edition)
- CGP GCSE French Grammar The workbook
- Letts GCSE success in French - revision guide
- Studio AQA GCSE French Grammar + Translation workbook (Pearson)

In the spring term of 2019, you will have a vocabulary test every week. When revising the vocabulary start making your own list which you can colour code (green/amber/red) Use the red words and make que cards, write them on post it notes around your room, get someone to test you on them every week until you know them. Ask your teacher for the CPG CD to install on your own computer at home.

Here is a summary of the work you should revise in the final run up to the exams.

Weeks before the exam	Topic
15.	Module 6 School vocab test 1. Start Theme 3 questions.
14.	Mock exam vocab test and rewrite answers from the writing paper
13.	Module 6 School vocab 2. Revision lessons start
12.	Module 7 Future career vocab test - Theme 3 questions complete
11.	Module 7 Future career vocab test 2. Revise all past tenses
10.	Module 8 Environment vocab test 1. Ensure theme 2 and 3 questions are fully completed and marked
9.	Module 8 Environment vocab test 2. Revise opinions etc.
8.	Module 1 and 2 vocab test. Revise present tense
7.	Module 3 and 4 vocab test. Revise future tense



6.	Module 5 vocab test and look at holiday writing questions
5.	General conversation practise and vocab
4.	Role play vocab and Photo card practise
3.	<u>Oral week.</u> - Revise for all components (Vocab from Studio)
2.	Active learn - listening and reading practice. Learn writing pieces for all topics
1.	As above - exam next week. General revision

