

GCSE French – On y va!



- Exam board – Edexcel
- 4 exams to sit, each worth 25%:-
 - Speaking
 - Listening
 - Reading
 - Writing

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- Describe only one colour picture from a choice of two
- Student selects the thematic context in advance

SE French – Exams



Understanding	50 marks
Higher: 60 mins	25%
choice, multiple-response and short-answer questions set in English.	

Paper 3: Reading and Understanding		50 marks
Foundation: 45 mins	Higher: 60 mins	25%
• Section A: Reading - multiple-choice, multiple-response and short-answer open response questions. All questions set in English. • Section B: Translation into English		

Paper 4: Writing		50 marks
Foundation: 1 hour 15 mins	Higher: 1 hour 20 mins	25%
• Picture task (Foundation tier only) • Two writing responses (both tiers, with a choice of two options for each question) • Translation into French (both tiers)		

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GCSE French – Topics Studied



family	friends	relationships	equality
physical well-being	mental well-being	food and drink	sports
places in town	shopping	transport	the natural world
environmental issues	social media and gaming	future opportunities (e.g. work, travel)	school
music	TV and film	accommodation	tourist attractions

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GCSE French – Vocabulary



- The biggest indicator of success at GCSE is consistently high vocabulary scores over the whole course.
- There are almost 1400 words to revise – we can't do it all in school.
- Quizlet has all the lists.
- Year 10 is when you complete the majority of the vocab learning for the course. Now is the perfect time for a fresh start if you need one!
- Keep a list of the words you didn't know each week either in a notebook or as flashcards and practise learning them.



From there, you will need to make your own account – it is free.

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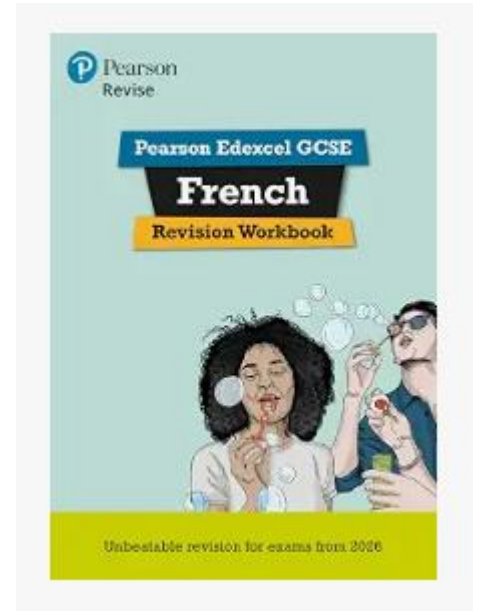
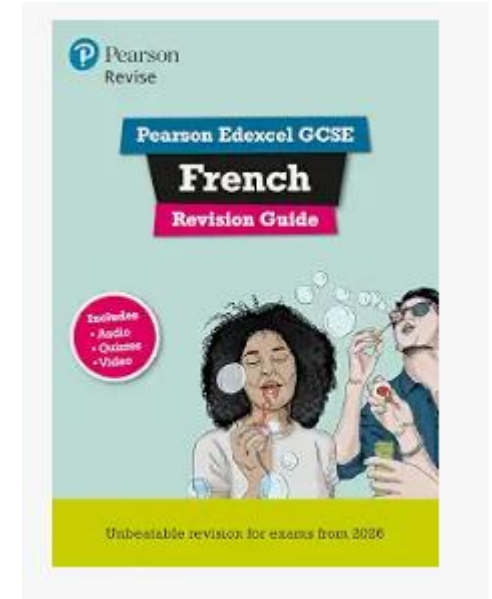
Study online at https://quizlet.com/_fhpwu

1.	je faisais	I used to do
2.	dangereux	dangerous
3.	santé (f)	health
4.	sain	healthy
5.	fort	strong, loud, good at
6.	décider (de)	to decide (to)
7.	rappeler; se rappeler de	to recall, remind; to remember
8.	se passer	to happen, take place
9.	passer du temps	to spend time
10.	passer un bon moment	to have a good time
11.	qu'est-ce qui se passe?	what is happening?
12.	Il fait beau	The weather is nice
13.	il y a du brouillard	its foggy

GCSE French – Support

Purchase a revision guide.

- They provide clear notes with some useful pointers on how to approach the exams
- Some come with a workbook you can purchase to allow exam practice
- The Exam board we cover is **Edexcel** so make sure it is one that is **Edexcel** specific.



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Revise and practise these key verbs EVERY WEEK

- You will be able to use these to help you out in any speaking or writing answer.

<u>Infinitive</u>	<u>Past tense</u>	<u>Present tense</u>	<u>Future Tense</u>
to play = jouer	I played = j'ai joué	I play = je joue	I will play = je vais jouer
to watch = regarder	I watched = j'ai regardé	I watch = je regarde	I will watch = je vais regarder
To listen = écouter	I listened = j'ai écouté	I listen = j'écoute	I will listen = je vais écouter
To use = utiliser	I used = j'ai utilisé	I use = j'utilise	I will use = je vais utiliser
To download = télécharger	I downloaded = j'ai téléchargé	I download = je télécharge	I will download = je vais télécharger
To share = partager	I shared = j'ai partagé	I share = je partage	I will share = je vais partager
To celebrate = fêter	I celebrated = j'ai fêté	I celebrate = je fête	I will celebrate = je vais fêter
To eat = manger	I ate = j'ai mangé	I eat = je mange	I will eat = je vais manger
To do = faire	I did = j'ai fait	I do = je fais	I will do = je vais faire
To have = avoir	I have had = j'ai eu	I have = j'ai	I am going to have = je vais avoir
To go = aller	I went = je suis allé	I go = je vais	I will go = je vais aller
To stay = rester	I stayed = je suis resté	I stay = je reste	I will stay = je vais rester
To receive = recevoir	I received = j'ai reçu	I receive = je reçois	I will receive = je vais recevoir
To find it = le trouver	I found it = je l'ai trouvé	I find it = je le trouve	I will find it = je vais le trouver
To be = être	It was = c'était	It is = c'est	It will be = ça sera

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Start practising your answers now for the speaking exam.

Your teacher will set you 1 or 2 answers to write/learn each week at home.

- Practice makes perfect!
- **Variety** - have you got a range of structures or are your answers becoming repetitive?
- **ORCA** - Opinion, Reason, Contrast, Additional information.
- **GOOGLE Translate** - Use it for pronunciation of tricky words, not for coming up with answers!
- Fail to prepare for the Speaking exam - Prepare to fail !
- **First mock speaking in July of Y10**

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In summary – How you can help as a parent.

Focus in lessons is crucial but the magic happens in the practice outside of the classroom:-

1. Encourage revision and practice of their weekly words from Quizlet– the more words they know the better chance they have in the Reading and Listening exams in particular.
2. Encourage revision and practice of the key verbs.
3. Encourage learning their weekly answers for the speaking exam.
4. Practice exam questions from the revision guide and/or workbook.

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Thank you for attending this evening

Please feel free to take a handout and a key verbs sheet

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