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## 1 Introduction

## Why choose Pearson Edexcel GCSE French?

We have listened to feedback from all parts of the language community, including hundreds of teachers and students. We know that when you are teaching a language, you want your students' eyes to be opened to other cultures and for them to learn how to communicate about subjects that interest them. Like you, we are passionate about growing a love of languages. Our GCSE French qualification is focused on the important ways that languages foster communication, broaden perspectives, introduce new cultures and develop students into global citizens.

More than words - our qualification promotes culture, communication and connection. From the design of our speaking tasks, where communication is privileged, through to the use of images to provide cultural context, we want students to understand that words are a springboard to discovering much more.

Language learning for today's world - we have carefully selected our vocabulary and assessment content to reflect and represent diverse student experiences, so that all students feel included and will be able to speak and write about the things that interest them most.

## Compassionate assessments in a clear and familiar structure - our assessments

 are accessible and transparent, rooted in testing what students know and ensuring they can attempt the whole assessment confidently, with no surprises. We are committed to maintaining a sense of continuity with the separate assessment of the four skills, and a consistent assessment structure.Preparing for the future - we know how much you value additional assessment material, and we are committed to providing additional content, including secure mock material. We will provide digital solutions to ease the administrative burden, and opportunities to be involved in innovative pilots for onscreen assessment pathways.

Reliable and extensive support from switch to delivery - our Switch Consultants will provide one to one support to make switching to our new qualification pain free. Once you are with us, our dedicated Subject Advisor is here to help with any of your queries and we will provide regular training opportunities for all our teachers.

## Qualification at a glance

The qualification consists of:

- three externally-examined papers assessing separately listening, reading and writing
- one speaking assessment set by Pearson and conducted by a teacher.

All assessments are marked by Pearson.

All papers will sample the vocabulary and grammatical structures included in Appendix 1: Vocabulary and Appendix 2: Grammar. The focus for the content of questions and tasks will be drawn from the listed thematic contexts (see Thematic contexts section on pages 7-9).

Each paper is available at Foundation or Higher tier. Students must be entered for a single tier across all papers.

## Paper 1: Speaking in French (*Paper code: 1FR1/1F and 1H)

## Internally conducted and externally assessed:

## Foundation tier: 7-9 minutes plus 15 minutes' preparation time; 50 marks

## Higher tier: 10-12 minutes plus 15 minutes' preparation time; 50 marks

## 25\% of the qualification

Students are assessed on their ability to speak using clear and comprehensible language for a range of audiences and purposes, in different contexts, which are relevant to their current and future needs and interests. There are three consecutive tasks:

Task 1: Read aloud (12 marks)
Read aloud a short text and undertake a short, unprepared interaction relating to the text. In the read aloud task itself students will be assessed on their pronunciation and in the short interaction that follows students will be assessed on their communication. The task card will be allocated by Pearson.

Task 2: Role play (10 marks)
Undertake a transactional role play, in a setting taken from the defined list on pages 16-17. The task card will be allocated by Pearson.

Task 3: Picture task (12 marks) with conversation (16 marks)
Students select their thematic context for Task 3 in advance of the assessment. Students select one option from a choice of two of the six thematic contexts. The two options will be randomly generated by Pearson. The task card will be allocated by Pearson.

Describe a picture stimulus, related to the selected thematic context. Students have a choice of two pictures on the stimulus card. Answer two compulsory questions related to the subject matter of the picture, then move on to a short unprepared conversation developed from the same thematic context.

## Paper 2: Listening and understanding in French (*Paper code: 1FR1/2F and 2H)

## Written examination:

Foundation tier: 45 minutes, including 5 minutes' reading time, 50 marks
Higher tier: 60 minutes, including 5 minutes' reading time, 50 marks

## 25\% of the qualification

Students are assessed on their understanding of standard spoken French by one or more speakers, across a range of formal and informal contexts, and in familiar and unfamiliar settings.

Section A: Listening (40 marks)
Students respond to multiple-choice, multiple-response and short-answer open response questions.

All questions are set in English and students produce all responses in English.

Section B: Dictation (10 marks)
Students are assessed on their ability to transcribe spoken French into written French. They will be rewarded for their accuracy of spelling based on their knowledge and understanding of the sound symbol correspondences (SSCs) listed in the specification in Appendix 2: Grammar.

# Paper 3: Reading and understanding in French (*Paper code: 1FR1/3F and 3H) 

## Written examination:

## Foundation tier: 45 minutes, 50 marks

Higher tier: 60 minutes, 50 marks

## 25\% of the qualification

Students are assessed on their understanding of written French across a range of formal and informal contexts, and in familiar and unfamiliar settings.

Section A: Reading and Understanding (40 marks)
Students respond to multiple-choice, multiple-response and short-answer open response questions based on these texts.

All questions are set in English and students produce all responses in English.
Section B: Translation into English (10 marks)
Students translate a passage from French into English, with instructions in English.

## Paper 4: Writing in French (*Paper code: 1FR1/4F and 4H)

## Written examination:

## Foundation tier: 1 hour 15 minutes; 50 marks.

## Higher tier: 1 hour 20 minutes; 50 marks.

## 25\% of the qualification

Students are assessed on their ability to communicate effectively through writing in French for different purposes and audiences. Students are required to produce responses of varying lengths and types to express ideas and opinions in French. The instructions to students are in English.

## Foundation Tier

- Question 1: picture-based task (8 marks)
- Question 2: one of two open-response questions, set in formal context (14 marks)
- Question 3: one of two open-response questions, set in informal context (18 marks)
- Question 4: translation into French (10 marks)

Higher Tier

- Question 1: one of two open-response questions, set in informal context (18 marks)
- Question 2: one of two open-response questions, set in formal context (22 marks)
- Question 3: translation into French (10 marks)

A recommended word count is specified for each open-response question.
*See Appendix 5: Codes for a description of this code and all other codes relevant to this qualification.

## Our qualification approach

Language is more than words.
Combining clear, concise and straightforward assessments with engaging, meaningful and relatable content, our new Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French is fit for the future, equipping students for life and careers in a global setting.

## Thematic contexts

The vocabulary in this qualification enables students to communicate across a range of engaging and relatable thematic contexts, which are relevant to their current and future needs.

We asked students and teachers about the subjects that were meaningful and interesting to them, and selected the following six broad thematic contexts to provide a focus for the teaching and learning of the vocabulary and grammar listed:

- My personal world
- Lifestyle and wellbeing
- My neighbourhood
- Media and technology
- Studying and my future
- Travel and tourism

All the vocabulary listed in Appendix 1 could be used fluidly across these thematic contexts.

Within our thematic contexts, students could use the specified vocabulary and grammar (Appendices 1 and 2) to listen to, read, speak and write about the following subjects:

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

This list of subjects is not exhaustive and is intended to support planning of teaching and learning.

Teachers could explore these subjects throughout the course and across different thematic contexts. For example, 'transport' could be considered when exploring the thematic context of 'Travel and Tourism' or 'My Neighbourhood'; 'food and drink' could be considered when exploring 'My personal world', 'Lifestyle and wellbeing' or 'Travel and tourism'.

Teachers could also choose to organise their teaching of the vocabulary content into alternative thematic contexts or no thematic contexts at all to meet their students' interests flexibly. Providing the full vocabulary and grammar content in Appendices 1 and 2 is taught at each tier, your students will be able to access all our assessments.

## Thematic contexts in assessments

Our use of thematic contexts in assessments provides:

- meaningful and engaging content and scenarios for the question papers
- reassurance to students on the focus of the texts they will encounter in their assessments
- coverage of a range of vocabulary in assessments to ensure variety within each paper, across each paper in an exam series, and over time.


## Paper 1, Speaking in French

- Each of the six read aloud cards, per tier, will reflect one of the thematic contexts.
- Each of the six role play cards, per tier, will reflect one of the transactional settings.
- Each of the eighteen picture cards will reflect one of the thematic contexts.
- Students will choose the thematic context for their picture task in advance of the assessment, from a choice of two, randomly generated by Pearson. The short conversation following the picture description will begin within the same preselected thematic context.
- Students are free to use vocabulary from anywhere across the specified vocabulary list in their spoken responses.
- Students may also use vocabulary from outside the vocabulary list in their spoken responses.


## Paper 2, Listening and Understanding in French

- The contexts of the listening texts will be taken from any of the thematic contexts.
- Content of the listening texts will sample vocabulary across the qualification content.


## Paper 3, Reading and Understanding in French

- The contexts of the reading texts will be taken from any of the thematic contexts.
- Content of the reading texts will sample vocabulary across the qualification content.


## Paper 4, Writing in French

- Every exam series each of the writing tasks, per tier, will reflect one of the thematic contexts.
- Students are free to use vocabulary from anywhere across the specified vocabulary list in their written responses.
- Students may also use vocabulary from outside the vocabulary list in their written responses.


## Cultural Content and Inclusivity

Built on a foundation of inclusivity, accessibility and transparency we have created a student-centred qualification that caters to the needs of all students, regardless of their background, ability or reason for studying a language.

## Use of cultural settings

Language study gives opportunities to broaden students' cultural awareness and introduces them to new experiences. However, sometimes presumptions about shared cultural capital can prevent students from accessing the content.

## Paper 1, Speaking assessments will:

- use relatable contexts that are likely to be within the range of students' own experiences
- use a finite range of settings for role plays (see Paper 1 Speaking in French, Content), so that all students can be equally prepared for these scenarios.


## Paper 2, Listening assessments will:

- use settings that are both familiar and unfamiliar, for wider cultural engagement
- provide any necessary information to support students' understanding of culturally unfamiliar settings in English, in rubrics.


## Paper 3, Reading assessments will:

- use settings that are both familiar and unfamiliar, for wider cultural engagement
- include contextualising images to support students' understanding of culturally unfamiliar settings
- provide glossing for the names of towns, cities or countries that are not part of the vocabulary list.


## Paper 4, Writing assessments will:

- set open-response questions in contexts that are realistic and familiar
- set tasks that draw on students' own thoughts and experiences to answer set bullet points
- avoid tasks that place a burden on student imagination to create responses
- avoid tasks that rely on student knowledge of international travel or settings.


## Use of names in assessments

Learning about the lives of people from across the target language speaking world is a way of bringing languages to life. However, sometimes the names of people can be unfamiliar and confusing for students in assessments.

Our assessments will:

- include only names from a defined list (see Appendix 3)
- allow students to become familiar with target language names in advance
- provide culturally relevant content.

Our assessments will not:

- include unfamiliar and potentially confusing names
- require students to learn names
- assess students on their knowledge of names.


## Use of gendered language

Learning a new language allows students to talk about themselves and their lives, as well as learning about the lives and experiences of others. However, for trans and nonbinary students, the use of gendered language can present specific challenges.

Our assessments will:

- include the vocabulary for 'trans' and 'non-binary' on our vocabulary list (see Appendix 1: Vocabulary)
- recognise students' use of non-binary or gender-neutral pronouns when describing themselves or others in the speaking and writing papers
- recognise students' use of new adjectival endings according to their preferred way of identifying, or the use of gender-neutral pronouns with feminine or masculine agreement
- recognise students' use of gender-neutral nouns, whether indicated by adding punctuation, asterisks or using alternative spellings
- equally credit students' use of masculine, feminine or non-binary adjective agreements where used correctly and consistently
- equally credit students' use of non-binary pronouns where used correctly and consistently
- be marked anonymously, without any examiner awareness of students' gender.


## Support

If you would like to find out more about an LGBTQ+ inclusive MFL curriculum, Stonewall provides further support in their 'Creating an LGBTQ+ Inclusive Secondary Curriculum' resource. You can also find more support, along with specific examples of gender neutral language use in French, German and Spanish in our 'Gender, diversity and inclusion in languages qualifications' video.

## 2 Subject content and assessment information

The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French allows students to develop their ability to communicate in French in both speech and writing. They will study language within a variety of thematic contexts relevant to their age and interests and will develop a greater awareness of the culture of French-speaking communities and countries.

Students will need to develop and use their knowledge and understanding of French vocabulary and grammar progressively through their course of study. A list of words that students are expected to use and understand is included in Appendix 1: Vocabulary list. This list of words is comprehensive and makes no assumptions about vocabulary previously taught. Grammar requirements are contained in the grammar list in Appendix 2: Grammar list.

## Subject aims

The aims of this qualification are to:

- provide a coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study.
- develop confidence in, and a positive attitude towards, French and to recognise the importance of languages.
- provide a strong linguistic and cultural foundation for students who go on to study languages at a higher level post-16.
- develop students' ability and ambition to communicate independently in speech and writing with speakers of the language for authentic purposes.
- develop students' ability to communicate independently about subjects that are meaningful and interesting to them
- build students' confidence and broaden their horizons, enabling them to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries, develop new ways of seeing the world, and better understand relationships between the foreign language and the English language.
- enable students to become familiar with aspects of the contexts and cultures of the countries and communities where the language is spoken.


## Paper 1: Speaking in French

## Content

Speaking tasks will feature content that is relatable and accessible to all students. Students will be assessed on their ability to:

- speak using clear and comprehensible language, for a range of audiences and purposes, and in formal and informal contexts, which are relevant to their current and future needs and interests.

Students will need to:

- use clear and comprehensible pronunciation when speaking French, demonstrating an understanding of sound symbol correspondences
- recall and use language in different situations and be able to move between French and English
- convey and elicit information by asking and answering questions
- use language to describe a visual stimulus, including specific required details
- give opinions
- develop conversation and discussion
- produce extended sequences of speech
- use a range of vocabulary and grammatical structures (from the prescribed lists) accurately, including some more complex forms appropriate to the level of study, with reference to past, present and future events.


## Assessment information

## Task 1 - Read aloud (12 marks)

Students will:

- read aloud a short passage (8 marks) and
- answer two straightforward questions (4 marks) to elicit brief opinions based on the overall content of the passage, in a short interaction.

The read aloud task assesses clear and comprehensible pronunciation integrated with an understanding of sound symbol correspondences.

The short interaction that follows assesses communication only.
Each assessment series, Pearson will provide six read aloud stimulus cards. Each card will take its focus from one of the six thematic contexts listed in the specification and will only use words selected from the full vocabulary list for each tier.

When responding to the two questions after the read aloud, students can draw upon any relevant vocabulary from the full vocabulary list, or beyond the list. The questions will be in the present tense at both tiers and will elicit likes / dislikes / opinions.

Assessment information:
For each read aloud, there is a student card and a teacher card:

Student card
The student card includes:

- instructions and a scenario in English,
- followed by a short text in French, which the student will read aloud:
- Foundation tier: 35-40 words in 5 sentences
- Higher tier: 50-55 words in 4 sentences

The two straightforward questions for the short interaction do not appear on the student card, as they must be unprepared.

## Teacher card

The teacher card includes:

- instructions on how to conduct the task,
- a copy of the text to be read by the student, and
- two straightforward questions, which form the short unprepared interaction to follow the read aloud of the text.


## Task 2 - Role play (10 marks)

In the role play, students will be required to give and receive information,
answering and asking questions. The students' interactions could include any of the following:

- make transactions (buying tickets, ordering food etc)
- make plans, appointments or reservations
- explain or give reasons
- describe
- express likes / dislikes / preferences / opinions
- ask for advice
- make a complaint or report a problem
- ask / talk about activities.

Role plays will be transactional in nature and will always be in one of the following settings:

- Café / restaurant
- Shop / market / shopping centre
- Hotel
- Train station
- Tourist information office
- Cinema / theatre / concert hall
- Campsite
- Leisure centre
- Doctor's surgery / hospital
- In town

The role play assesses communication only and has been designed so that students can respond to the prompts using vocabulary drawn from the vocabulary list.

Each assessment series, Pearson will provide six role play stimulus cards, which will use six different settings from the above list.

The role plays are all set in a formal context. Students are not required to use the formal register.

Assessment information:

- For each role play, there is a student card and teacher card:


## Student card

The student card includes the role play setting taken from the list above, and instructions and prompts in English.

Foundation tier:

- The student card includes five bullet points, eliciting five utterances.
- Students need to ask one question.
- Students are required to speak only in the present tense or a familiar conditional tense where it is more natural to do so, e.g. 'je voudrais.'

Higher tier:

- The student cards include five bullet points, eliciting five utterances.
- Students need to ask two questions.
- Students are required to speak in the present tense or a familiar conditional tense where it is more natural to do so, e.g. 'je voudrais.'
- Students respond to one question asked using a future timeframe.

Teacher card
The teacher cards contain instructions on how to conduct the role play and the exact questions to ask.

Each role play opens with an introduction from the teacher who then asks the first question.

## Task 3 - Picture task (28 marks)

Students will be required to:

- describe one picture from a choice of two (8 marks)
- answer two unprepared questions related to the selected picture (4 marks)
- participate in a conversation extending from the broader thematic context (16 marks).

Picture description (12 marks):
On the picture task card there will be two colour pictures and students will choose one of the colour pictures. They will be required to produce an extended description, focussing on the following compulsory details of the picture:

- people
- location
- activity.

The teacher is provided with prompts to encourage students to address the compulsory bullet points. Students are not limited to describing these details and may develop their description as far as they are able in the recommended time.

The picture description has been designed so that students can respond to the stimulus using vocabulary drawn from the full vocabulary list.

Once the student has concluded the description, the teacher will ask two compulsory questions relating to the subject matter of the picture. Both questions will be about the student's own experiences / likes / dislikes / opinions. At Higher tier, the second question will be in a past tense. The questions do not appear on the student card as they must be unprepared.

Broader conversation (16 marks):
The teacher should continue a broader conversation extending from the thematic context selected for this task. A compulsory starting subject for the conversation is given on the teacher card, along with example questions in the present, past and future tenses.

During the conversation, the teacher should ask a range of questions appropriate to the thematic context and the interests and experiences of the student, which enables students to:

- produce extended sequences of speech
- develop the conversation
- give and justify own thoughts and opinions
- refer to past, present and future events
- demonstrate the full range of their ability.

Teacher-examiners should endeavour to sustain a free-flowing conversation, in which they respond to what the candidate is saying. In the broader conversation, students can draw upon any relevant vocabulary from the full vocabulary list, or beyond the list.

Teacher-examiners should be mindful of the time recommendation for the conversation element of this task and encourage candidates to produce sufficient responses to fill the recommended time.

Assessment information
The description and conversation elements of the picture task assess communication and clarity (in response to the picture stimulus or teacher questions), and linguistic and grammatical accuracy.

## The two unprepared questions following the picture description assess communication only.

Each assessment series, Pearson will provide eighteen different sets of picture task stimulus cards for each tier, with each card relating to one of the six thematic contexts. There will be two pictures on each stimulus card.

Two weeks in advance of the speaking assessment, students will select the thematic context for the picture task and conversation. They will select one thematic context from a choice of two, randomly generated by Pearson. This will inform the stimulus card they receive for the picture task, and the read aloud and role play task cards will be randomly allocated accordingly by Pearson.

For each picture task set, there is a student card and teacher card:

## Student card

The student card includes:

- two colour pictures from which students must choose one to describe.
- three compulsory bullet points in English to guide the description: the people, the location, the activity.
- guidance on the task.

Teacher card
The teacher card includes:

- instructions on how to conduct this task.
- copies of the pictures with bullet point prompts as on the student card.
- intervention prompts to encourage the student to develop their picture description.
- two compulsory follow-on questions per picture, related to the subject matter of the picture
- Foundation tier: the questions will both be in the present tense;
- Higher tier: question 1 will be in present tense and question 2 will be in the past tense.
- guidance for the broader conversation, including a mandated starting subject for the conversation, and three suggested questions in different tenses / timeframes.


## General assessment information

First assessment: May/June 2026.

- Students complete the three tasks as detailed and in the order set out above.
- Assessment rubrics and information for students will be in English. The tasks must be completed in French.
- Prior to the assessment, Pearson will provide instructions on the process for allocating stimulus cards. The allocation of cards for the read aloud, role play and picture task will be generated by the student's choice of thematic context for the picture task. The thematic context will be selected from a choice of two randomly generated by Pearson and offered to the student two weeks before the assessment. The allocation of cards is designed to ensure that the assessment experienced by each student samples a range of vocabulary from the specified vocabulary list in Appendix 1: Vocabulary.
- Assessments are conducted by centres within a five-week assessment period in April and May in any single year. Dates for the assessment period will be confirmed in the UK Information Manual at the start of each academic year. The assessment period will not always be continuous or be the same period each year, for example it will need to accommodate the Easter break which changes each year.
- The assessment materials provided by Pearson for all tasks may be accessed by the teacher no more than three working days before the assessment period. This is to enable the teacher to prepare for the assessment. The assessment materials in the pack must not be removed from the centre premises and should be securely stored in order to maintain confidentiality throughout the assessment period.
- Assessments are conducted by teachers. Complete, unedited recordings of all assessments must be submitted to Pearson via the online Learner Work Transfer (LWT) portal for external marking.
- Assessment timings are different for Foundation and Higher tiers to reflect the increased demand of the tasks. Students will be assessed on the quality of the responses they can produce within the maximum allocated time of 9 minutes for foundation and 12 minutes for higher. Teachers are expected to give students the opportunity to respond fully to all tasks.
- All assessments are marked against assessment criteria, which can be found in the Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) document.
- Centres must have procedures in place to verify and confirm the identity of all students at the time of the assessment. Pearson will provide the format for this verification, which will be submitted digitally to Pearson.


## Foundation tier assessment time and marks

The total assessment for the three tasks is $\mathbf{7}$ to $\mathbf{9}$ minutes plus $\mathbf{1 5}$ minutes' preparation time.

The assessment is worth 50 marks.
The assessment consists of three tasks which must be conducted in the following order:

- Task 1 - one read aloud with short interaction to follow, recommended to last between $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ to $\mathbf{2}$ minutes for 12 marks
- Task 2 - one role play, recommended to last $\mathbf{1}$ to $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ minutes for 10 marks
- Task 3 - one picture task, recommended to last 4.5 to 5.5 minutes in total
- the picture description with the two compulsory questions is recommended to last 1.5 to $\mathbf{2}$ minutes for 12 marks, and
- the broader conversation is recommended to last $\mathbf{3}$ to $\mathbf{3 . 5}$ minutes for 16 marks.
- The total number of marks for Task 3 is 28 marks.


## Higher tier assessment time and marks

The total assessment for the three tasks is $\mathbf{1 0}$ to $\mathbf{1 2}$ minutes plus $\mathbf{1 5}$ minutes' preparation time.

The assessment is worth 50 marks.
The assessment consists of three tasks which must be conducted in the following order:

- Task 1 - one read aloud with short interaction to follow, recommended to last between $\mathbf{2}$ and $\mathbf{2 . 5}$ minutes for 12 marks
- Task 2 - one role play, recommended to last $\mathbf{1}$ to $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ minutes for 10 marks
- Task 3 - one picture task, recommended to last $\mathbf{7}$ to $\mathbf{8}$ minutes in total
- the picture description with the two compulsory questions is recommended to last $\mathbf{2}$ to $\mathbf{2 . 5}$ minutes for 12 marks,
- the broader conversation is recommended to last $\mathbf{5}$ to $\mathbf{5 . 5} \mathbf{~ m i n u t e s}$ for 16 marks.
- The total number of marks for Task 3 is 28 marks.


## Preparation time

Students are allocated 15 minutes' preparation time, under supervised conditions, immediately prior to the assessment.

The purpose of the 15 minutes preparation time is to consider the text for the read aloud and the allocated stimuli for the role play and picture task.

## The final 1 minute of the preparation time should take place in the examination room, where students will be given the opportunity to practise

 the read aloud task out loud. It is not compulsory for the student to read the full task out loud during this minute. Students may use this time to practise selected words / phrases / sentences or the entire text out loud or undertake any other appropriate preparation. The 1-minute preparation will not be assessed but must form part of the continuous recording of the assessment submitted to Pearson. The purpose of recording the preparation time is to ensure that no guidance or correction is provided to the student during this time.During the 15 minute preparation time, students are permitted to make notes on an A4 sheet of paper. In addition, they can directly annotate the text for the read aloud in order to aid pronunciation during the task.

During the assessment, students can refer to notes and annotations. The notes should be for reference only. Stimulus material for each task should be handed to the teacher at the end of the task (i.e. directly after the read aloud passage, but before the short interaction; directly after the roleplay; at the end of the picture description). At the end of the examination, students must also return their notes to the teacher.

Any notes made during the preparation time must be kept securely by the centre until the end of October in the year the assessment is completed, after which time they should be securely destroyed.

Students cannot have access to a dictionary, or any other resource, during the preparation time.

## Sample assessment materials

A sample paper and mark scheme for this can be found in the Pearson Edexcel
Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) document.

## Paper 2: Listening and understanding in French

## Content

Students are assessed on their understanding of standard spoken French in formal and informal contexts, and familiar and unfamiliar settings.

Students need to:

- identify and respond to key points, details and opinions
- recognise the relationship between past, present and future events
- undertake a short dictation in the target language, applying the principles by which spelling represents sounds in standard or widely used forms of French.

This paper draws on the specified vocabulary (Appendix 1) and grammar (Appendix 2) and the focus of the passages will be taken from the thematic contexts listed in the specification (see Thematic Contexts).

Recordings have been created to reflect the following authentic listening scenarios:

- newsflashes, newsclips, weather forecasts, public announcements, advertisements, monologues, conversations, podcasts, extracts of talks or presentations and short reports.

Students are presented with short and medium-length recorded scenarios involving one or more speakers.

Recordings will be spoken using standard French at no faster than a moderate pace.
To avoid students confusing unfamiliar names of people with necessary vocabulary, we will only use names from the prescribed list in Appendix 3.

## Assessment information

- First assessment is in May/June 2026.
- The assessment is out of 50 marks.


## Section A: Listening Comprehension (40 marks)

All questions in this section are set in English, using the following question types: multiple choice, multiple response and short open response questions.

Students write their responses in English.

## Section B: Dictation (10 marks)

The instructions for this task are given in English. Students will listen to a passage of spoken French and write their responses in French.

- Students are allocated five minutes to read through the paper before the first extract of the recording starts. This gives students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the length and the layout of the paper and to read the questions before hearing the first extract.
- Each extract is played three times, with appropriate pauses between individual sentences, after each extract, and before the next question or part question. This will allow students sufficient time to process information, write down their responses and read the next question or part question.
- Students must answer all questions.
- In Section A, there are four crossover questions between the Foundation Tier and the Higher Tier papers.
- Recordings are released as audio files via our Secure Download Service (SDS) prior to the examination.
- Dictionaries may not be used in the examination.


## Foundation tier

- The duration of the assessment is $\mathbf{4 5}$ minutes, including $\mathbf{5}$ minutes of reading time.
- The total word count of texts used in the paper ranges between 450 and 500 words.
- The question paper targets grades 1-5 and contains twelve questions in total.

Higher tier

- The duration of the assessment is $\mathbf{6 0}$ minutes, including $\mathbf{5}$ minutes of reading time.
- The total word count of texts used in the paper ranges between 700 and 850 words.
- The question papers targets grades 4-9 and contains ten questions in total.


## Sample assessment materials

A sample paper and mark scheme for this can be found in the Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) document.

## Paper 3: Reading and understanding in French

## Content

Students are assessed on their understanding of written French across a range of genres and in both formal and informal contexts.

Students need to:

- identify and respond to key points, details and opinions
- recognise the relationship between past, present and future events
- infer meanings of two single words per tier (1 mark per word) that are not listed in Appendix 1: Vocabulary
- demonstrate an ability to transfer meaning accurately into English by translating from written French into English.

This paper draws on the specified vocabulary (Appendix 1) and grammar (Appendix 2) and the focus of the passages will be taken from the thematic contexts listed in the specification (see Thematic Contexts).

Texts have been created to reflect the following authentic reading scenarios:

- blogs, internet forums, advertisements, tourist brochures, newspaper or magazine articles, emails, extracts from a diary or school project.

Texts for individual questions within the assessment vary in length, including both short and longer written passages.

Scenarios in the texts are set either at home or, more frequently, in a French-speaking country, allowing students to develop appropriate cultural awareness and understanding. When specific cultural features are mentioned, we will include an image to ensure all students can have equal understanding of the cultural feature.

To avoid students confusing unfamiliar names of people with necessary vocabulary, we will only use names from the prescribed list in Appendix 3.

## Assessment information

First assessment: May/June 2026.
The assessment is out of 50 marks.

## Section A: Reading comprehension (40 marks)

All questions in this section are set in English, using the following question types:
multiple choice, multiple response and short open response questions.

Students write their responses in English for any open response questions.

## Section B: Translation (10 marks)

The instructions for this task are given in English. Students will translate from French into English.

- Students must answer all questions from each of the two sections.
- In Section A, there are three crossover questions between the Foundation Tier and the Higher Tier papers.
- Dictionaries may not be used in the examination.

Foundation tier

- The assessment time is $\mathbf{4 5}$ minutes.
- Section A, Reading Comprehension has nine questions set in English.
- Section B, Translation contains five sentences to translate from French into English.
- The question paper targets grades 1-5.

Higher tier

- The assessment time is $\mathbf{6 0}$ minutes.
- Section A, Reading Comprehension has eight questions set in English
- Section B, Translation of one passage from French into English.
- The question paper targets grades 4-9.


## Sample assessment materials

A sample paper and mark scheme for this can be found in the Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) document.

## Paper 4: Writing in French

## Content

Students are assessed on their ability to communicate effectively and with accuracy through writing in French for a variety of purposes, in both formal and informal contexts, and for a range of audiences.

Students need to:

- write short texts, using language accurately to describe in response to simple and familiar stimuli
- produce clear and coherent texts of extended length to express ideas and opinions appropriately for different purposes and in different situations.
- make accurate use of a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures (from the prescribed lists), including some more complex forms, to describe, narrate and explain with reference to past, present and future events
- move confidently between reading instructions in English and writing in French
- translate sentences and short texts from English into French to convey key messages accurately and to apply grammatical knowledge of language in context.


## Assessment information

First assessment: May/June 2026.
The assessment is out of 50 marks.

## Foundation tier assessment:

## The assessment time is $\mathbf{1}$ hour and $\mathbf{1 5}$ minutes.

The paper consists of four questions:

- three open-response questions
- one translation from English into French.

Students must answer all four questions. Questions 2 and 3 provide a choice of two options.

- Question 1 (8 marks) Picture-based task:
- Students are asked to write four short sentences to describe a photo.
- Assesses students on their ability to describe.
- Question 2 (14 marks) Open-response, formal context:
- Two options from which students must select one.
- Assesses students on their ability to give an opinion, present facts and use present and future timeframes.
- Recommended word count: 40-50 words
- Question 3 (18 marks) Open-response, informal context:
- Two options from which students must select one.
- Assesses students on their ability to express and justify opinions, narrate, and express future plans, using a combination of present, past and future timeframes.
- Recommended word count: 80-90 words
- This question is common to the Higher tier Question 1.
- Question 4 (10 marks) Translation:
- Students are required to translate five sentences from English to French.
- The sentences are ordered by increasing level of difficulty.


## Higher tier assessment:

- The assessment time is $\mathbf{1}$ hour and $\mathbf{2 0}$ minutes.
- The paper consists of three questions:
- two open-response questions
- one translation from English into French.

Students must answer all three questions. Questions 1 and 2 provide a choice of two options.

- Question 1 (18 marks) Open-response, informal context:
- Two options from which students must select one.
- Assesses students on their ability to express and justify opinions, narrate and express future plans, using a combination of present, past and future timeframes.
- Recommended word count: 80-90 words.
- This question is common to the Foundation tier Question 3.
- Question 2 (22 marks) Open-response, formal context:
- Two options from which students must select one.
- Assesses students on their ability to express pros and cons, explain and narrate, using a combination of present, past and future timeframes.
- Recommended word count: 130-150 words.
- Question 3 ( $\mathbf{1 0}$ marks) Translation:
- Students are required to translate a short paragraph from English into French.
- The individual sentences are ordered by increasing level of difficulty.

Each question is linked to one of the thematic contexts listed in the specification. Students can draw upon any relevant vocabulary from the full vocabulary list to complete their task.

- The assessment tasks feature general content that is familiar and accessible to a wide range of students, allowing students flexibility in their response.
- Students are required to produce responses of varying lengths and purposes in French, in response to prompts in both informal and formal contexts.
- Recommended word counts are specified for each question, with the exception of Question 1 on the Foundation paper, which requires four short sentences, and the translation tasks. Students are rewarded for any relevant content and will not be penalised for writing more or fewer words than recommended. The length of each response required increases across the paper.
- Students are expected to address each bullet point in the open questions and develop their responses. The complexity of language elicited increases across the paper, with varied use of timeframes and language expected.
- Students will be assessed on both Communication and content, and Linguistic knowledge and accuracy in the open-response questions and translation, but only Communication and content in Question 1 of the Foundation tier paper.
- All assessments are marked against assessment criteria, set out in the Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) document.
- The instructions to students are all in English.
- The use of dictionaries is not permitted.


## Sample assessment materials

A sample paper and mark scheme for this can be found in the Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) document.

## Assessment Objectives

| Students must: | \% in GCSE |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| AO1Understand and respond to spoken language in speaking and <br> in writing | $35 \%$ |  |
| AO2Understand and respond to written language in speaking and <br> in writing | $45 \%$ |  |
| AO3Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the <br> grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification | $20 \%$ |  |
|  | Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

## Breakdown of Assessment Objectives

| Component | AO1 \% | AO2 \% | AO3 \% | Total for all <br> Assessment <br> Objectives |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1: Speaking | $15 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| 2: Listening and understanding | $20 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| 3: Reading and understanding | $0 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| 4: Writing | $0 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Total for GCSE | $\mathbf{3 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

## 3 Administration and general information

## Entries

Details of how to enter students for the examinations for this qualification can be found in our UK Information Manual. A copy is made available to all examinations officers and is available on our website: qualifications.pearson.com

## Discount code and performance tables

Centres should be aware that students who enter for more than one GCSE, or other Level 2 qualifications with the same discount code, will have only the grade for their 'first entry' counted for the purpose of the school and college performance tables (please see Appendix 5: Codes). For further information about what constitutes 'first entry' and full details of how this policy is applied, please refer to the DfE website:
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education
Students should be advised that if they take two GCSEs with the same discount code, the schools and colleges to which they wish to progress are likely to take the view that this achievement is equivalent to only one GCSE. The same view may be taken if students take two GCSEs or other Level 2 qualifications that have different discount codes but which have significant overlap of content. Before embarking on their programmes, students or their advisers who have any doubts about their subject combinations should check with the institution to which they wish to progress.

## Access arrangements, reasonable adjustments, special consideration and malpractice

Equality and fairness are central to our work. Our equality policy requires all students to have equal opportunity to access our qualifications and assessments, and our qualifications to be awarded in a way that is fair to every student.

## We are committed to making sure that:

- students with a protected characteristic (as defined by the Equality Act 2010) are not, when they are undertaking one of our qualifications, disadvantaged in comparison to students who do not share that characteristic
- all students achieve the recognition they deserve for undertaking a qualification and that this achievement can be compared fairly to the achievement of their peers.


## Language of assessment

Assessment of this qualification will be available in English. All student work must be in English except where students are specifically required to speak or write in French as part of the speaking and writing assessments.

## Access arrangements

Access arrangements are agreed before an assessment. They allow students with special educational needs, disabilities or temporary injuries to:

- access the assessment
- show what they know and can do without changing the demands of the assessment.

The intention behind an access arrangement is to meet the particular needs of an individual student with a disability, without affecting the integrity of the assessment. Access arrangements are the principal way in which awarding bodies comply with the duty under the Equality Act 2010 to make 'reasonable adjustments'.

Access arrangements should always be processed at the start of the course. Students will then know what is available and have the access arrangement(s) in place for assessment.

## Reasonable adjustments

The Equality Act 2010 requires an awarding organisation to make reasonable adjustments where a person with a disability would be at a substantial disadvantage in undertaking an assessment. The awarding organisation is required to take reasonable steps to overcome that disadvantage.

A reasonable adjustment for a particular person may be unique to that individual and therefore might not be in the list of available access arrangements.

Whether an adjustment will be considered reasonable will depend on a number of factors, including:

- the needs of the student with the disability
- the effectiveness of the adjustment
- the cost of the adjustment; and
- the likely impact of the adjustment on the student with the disability and other students.

An adjustment will not be approved if it involves unreasonable costs to the awarding organisation, or affects timeframes or the security or integrity of the assessment. This is because the adjustment is not 'reasonable'.

## Special consideration

Special consideration is a post-examination adjustment to a student's mark or grade to reflect temporary injury, illness or other indisposition at the time of the examination/ assessment, which has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a student's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate their level of attainment in an assessment.

## Further information

Please see our website for further information about how to apply for access arrangements and special consideration.

For further information about access arrangements, reasonable adjustments and special consideration, please refer to the JCQ website: www.jcq.org.uk.

## Malpractice

## Candidate malpractice

Candidate malpractice refers to any act by a candidate that compromises or seeks to compromise the process of assessment or which undermines the integrity of the qualifications or the validity of results/certificates.

Candidate malpractice in non-examined assessments discovered before the candidate has signed the declaration of authentication form does not need to be reported to Pearson.

Candidate malpractice found in non-examined assessments after the declaration of authenticity has been signed, and in examinations must be reported to Pearson on a JCQ Form M1 (available at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice). The form should be emailed to candidatemalpractice@pearson.com. Please provide as much information and supporting documentation as possible. Note that the final decision regarding appropriate sanctions lies with Pearson.

Failure to report candidate malpractice constitutes staff or centre malpractice.

## Staff/centre malpractice

Staff and centre malpractice includes both deliberate malpractice and maladministration of our qualifications. As with candidate malpractice, staff and centre malpractice is any act that compromises or seeks to compromise the process of assessment or undermines the integrity of the qualifications or the validity of results/certificates.

All cases of suspected staff malpractice and maladministration must be reported immediately, before any investigation is undertaken by the centre, to Pearson on a JCQ Form M2(a) (available at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice). The form, supporting documentation and as much information as possible should be emailed to pqsmalpractice@pearson.com. Note that the final decision regarding appropriate sanctions lies with Pearson.

Failure to report malpractice itself constitutes malpractice.
More detailed guidance on malpractice can be found in the latest version of the document General and Vocational Qualifications Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments Policies and Procedures, available at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-
office/malpractice.

## Awarding and reporting

This qualification will be graded, awarded and certificated to comply with the requirements of Ofqual's General Conditions of Recognition.

This GCSE qualification will be graded and certificated on a nine-grade scale from 9 to 1 using the total subject mark where 9 is the highest grade. Individual papers are not graded. For Foundation tier, grades 1-5 are available and for Higher tier, grades 4-9 are available, however if the mark achieved is a smaller number of marks below the 4/3 grade boundary, then a grade 3 may be awarded.

Students whose level of achievement is below the minimum judged by Pearson to be of sufficient standard to be recorded on a certificate will receive an unclassified U result.

The first certification opportunity for this qualification will be 2026.

## Student recruitment and progression

Pearson follows the JCQ policy concerning recruitment to our qualifications in that:

- they must be available to anyone who is capable of reaching the required standard
- they must be free from barriers that restrict access and progression
- equal opportunities exist for all students.


## Prior learning and other requirements

There are no prior learning or other requirements for this qualification. Because no vocabulary is specified for KS2 or KS3, the Vocabulary List proposed for GCSE must be comprehensive and should make no assumptions about vocabulary previously taught.

## Progression

The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French offers a suitable progression route as just as at Key Stages 2 and 3, these qualifications focus on the development of all four language skills, listening, speaking, reading and writing. Grammar and the mastering of linguistic features are key elements as is continually improving the accuracy of pronunciation.

The grammar and vocabulary lists illustrate the level required for this qualification. The broader range of thematic contexts promotes a clear progression in grammar and vocabulary from Key Stage 3 and will increase linguistic and cognitive demand.

Students will understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources and will be able to write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt.

This qualification offers a suitable progression route to GCE AS and GCE A Level in French language. The integration of productive and receptive skills across the assessment objectives, replicates the approach that is used in the A level qualifications. At A level there is an additional assessment objective that focusses on cultural knowledge. In our GCSE we actively reference cultural aspects as relevant to the age group, allowing progression on to this aspect of the A level qualification.

In addition, the study of one language at GCSE can facilitate and help promote the learning of other languages. The qualification may also add to an individual's employability profile. Students will be able to apply their knowledge, skills and understanding to authentic, real-life contexts. They will develop transferable skills that support higher education study and the transition to employment, together with an understanding and appreciation of French speaking countries and their cultures.

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## Appendix 1: Vocabulary

The following vocabulary list is the full vocabulary content that will be assessed by this qualification, in both receptive and productive tasks.

We have created a vocabulary list in collaboration with teachers and students which allows them to engage with subjects that they have told us are meaningful and interesting, as well as providing a strong linguistic and cultural foundation. The vocabulary list includes many of the basic and familiar words which you will already cover across key stage 3, as well as adding new and up-to-date content to reflect the diversity of our students and their diverse range of interests such as social equality, gaming, social media and the environment.

The vocabulary list comprises 1200 words to be used at both Foundation and Higher tier and an additional 500 words to be used at Higher tier only.

Our considerations when selecting the 500 words for Higher tier included:

- linguistic complexity (e.g. cybercriminalité, renseignement)
- conceptual complexity (e.g. économie, s'identifier)
- the grammatical requirements of the course at each tier (e.g. depuis is required for Higher tier-only grammatical constructions)
- enrichment of Higher tier students' vocabulary, by providing synonyms or nearsynonyms of words in the Foundation tier list. Where we have done this, we have placed at Foundation tier the word most likely to be familiar to students from previous study (e.g. Foundation ami vs Higher copain/copine) or that is more similar to a common English term (e.g. Foundation délicieux vs Higher savoureux).

There are also 20 additional cultural or geographical words and 30 short phrases.
85\% of the vocabulary, at each tier, is taken from the top 2000 most frequent words according to the corpus published by Routledge ${ }^{1}$.

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## Reading assessments

In our reading assessments, any vocabulary that is not listed below will be glossed and this will be no more than $2 \%$ of words in any text.

Additionally, up to $2 \%$ of words in any text can be cognates ${ }^{1}$ which are not included in the vocabulary list below.

## Speaking and writing assessments

In our speaking and writing assessments, we have designed the tasks so that they elicit vocabulary from the list below and full marks can be gained if students respond with vocabulary taken exclusively from the vocabulary listed. However, teachers and students should not feel limited to this vocabulary list and if they wish to supplement the list with additional vocabulary during teaching and learning, the use of any additional vocabulary in productive tasks will be equally rewarded.

[^1]
## Organisation of the vocabulary

We have presented the vocabulary list in the way that will be the most useful and supportive to teachers to access the content and organise it for teaching needs.

We will also be providing the list in an interactive, editable format on our website.
We begin with a section on the basic vocabulary that you may expect to have already covered with students during KS3, if they have studied the language prior to this GCSE qualification. This section includes:

- greetings
- numbers
- days of the week
- months of the year
- seasons
- times of the day
- colours.

We then list the words we have selected for our allowance of:

- cultural and geographical words and
- short phrases.

The remainder of our vocabulary is then organised by grammatical function:

- articles and pronouns
- conjunctions
- prepositions
- adverbs
- adjectives
- nouns
- verbs.

This vocabulary is organised in alphabetical order by English. Some words have multiple English meanings listed; in these cases, students are required to know all of these meanings.

There are a small number of words for which more than one spelling is in common use, such as événement/évènement or words where a hyphen or circumflex accent has been dropped (week-end/weekend; chaîne/chaine) as part of spelling reforms. We have marked these words with a $\wedge$ in the vocabulary list. Although we have only used one spelling in the vocabulary list, we will accept both spelling options for these words in assessments.

## University of York MultiLingProfiler

During the development of our Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs), we have been grateful to University of York for providing us with access to their MultiLingProfiler tool ${ }^{1}$ to assist us with ensuring all our texts comply with the requirements set out in this Appendix 1: Vocabulary and Appendix 2: Grammar.

[^2]
## Basic vocabulary

## Foundation and Higher

| Basic vocabulary: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| bye, goodbye | au revoir |
| good evening | bonsoir |
| hello | bonjour |
| hi, bye | salut |
| madam, Mrs | madame |
| no, not | non |
| ok(?) | d'accord(?) |
| please | s'il te plaî^^, s'il vous plaît^ |
| sir, mister, Mr | monsieur |
| sorry | désolé |
| thank you, thanks | merci |
| yeah | ouais |
| yes | oui |
| zero | zéro |
| one | un |
| two | deux |
| three | trois |
| four | quatre |

Basic vocabulary: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| five | cinq |
| six | six |
| seven | sept |
| eight | huit |
| nine, new | neuf |
| ten | dix |
| eleven | onze |
| twelve | douze |
| thirteen | treize |
| fourteen | quatorze |
| fifteen | quinze |
| sixteen | seize |
| seventeen | dix-sept |
| eighteen | dix-huit |
| nineteen | dix-neuf |
| twenty | vingt |
| thirty | trente |
| forty | quarante |
| fifty | cinquante |
| sixty | soixante |
| seventy | soixante-dix |
| eighty | quatre-vingts |


| Basic vocabulary: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| ninety | quatre-vingt-dix |
| a hundred | cent |
| a thousand | mille |
| a million | million (m) |
| first | premier |
| second | deuxième |
| second, year 11 (in France) | seconde |
| third, year 10 (in France) | troisième |
| fourth, year 9 (in France) | quatrième |
| last | dernier |
| Monday(s) | lundi (m) |
| Tuesday(s) | mardi (m) |
| Wednesday(s) | mercredi (m) |
| Thursday(s) | jeudi (m) |
| Friday(s) | vendredi (m) |
| Saturday(s) | samedi (m) |
| Sunday(s) | dimanche (m) |
| January | janvier (m) |
| February | février (m) |
| March | mars (m) |
| April | avril (m) |

## Basic vocabulary: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| May | mai (m) |
| June | juin (m) |
| July | juillet (m) |
| August | août (m) |
| September | septembre (m) |
| October | octobre (m) |
| November | novembre (m) |
| December | décembre (m) |
| season | saison (f) |
| autumn | automne (m) |
| spring | printemps (m) |
| summer | été (m) |
| winter | hiver (m) |
| week | semaine (f) |
| weekend | week-end (m)^ |
| month | mois (m) |
| year | année (f) |
| year | an (m) |
| afternoon | après-midi (m) |
| day | jour (m) |
| day | journée (f) |

## Basic vocabulary: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| end | fin (f) |
| evening | soir (m) |
| half past | et demie |
| hour, o'clock | heure (f) |
| midday, lunchtime | midi (m) |
| midnight | minuit (m) |
| minute | minute (f) |
| morning | matin (m) |
| night | nuit (f) |
| start, beginning | début (m) |
| time | fois (f) |
| black | noir |
| blue | bleu |
| brown | marron (m, f, mpl, fpl) |
| colour | couleur (f) |
| green | vert |
| grey | gris |
| orange | orange |
| pink | rose |
| red | rouge |
| white | blanc (m) |

Basic vocabulary: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| white | blanche (f) |
| yellow | jaune |

Higher ONLY


## Cultural and geographical words

## Foundation and Higher

| Cultural and geographical: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| Algeria | Algérie (f) |
| Canada | Canada (m) |
| England | Angleterre (f) |
| France | France (f) |
| Madagascar | Madagascar (m) |
| Martinique | Martinique (f) |
| United Kingdom | Royaume-Uni (m) |
| Africa | Afrique (f) |
| America | Amérique (f) |
| Asia | Asie (f) |
| Europe | Europe (f) |
| Bastille Day | 14 juillet (m) |
| French-speaking world | francophonie (f) |
| New Year's Day | nouvel An (m) |
| New Year's Eve | Saint-Sylvestre (f) |
| overseas France | France d'Outre-mer (f) |
| Paris | Paris (m) |
| The Eiffel Tower | tour Eiffel (f) |
| The Tour de France | Tour de France (m) |
| World Music Day | Fête de la Musique (f) |

## Short phrases

## Foundation and Higher

| Short phrases: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| as...as | aussi...que |
| at the moment | en ce moment |
| enjoy your meal! | bon appétit ! |
| from time to time | de temps en temps |
| how are you? | (comment) ça va? |
| I agree with | je suis d'accord avec |
| I am good/ well, it fits | ça va bien |
| I don't mind, l'm not bothered |  |
| in the background | ça m'est égal |
| in the foreground |  |
| it is/it's (+ time) | à l'arrière plan |
| it is/it's necessary + verb, must + verb | au premier plan |
| it is/it's (nice) | il est (+ time) |
| it rains \| it's raining faut + infinitive |  |
| it snows \| it's snowing |  |
| it's (foggy) | il fait (beau) |
| next to | il pleut |
| of course | il neige y a du (brouillard) |

Short phrases: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| there is, there are, ago \\| there was, there | il y a \| il y avait | il y aura |
| were, there used to be \\| there is going to |  |
| be, there will be |  |
| what's wrong? | qu'est-ce qui ne va pas? |
| you are welcome | de rien |

Higher ONLY
Short phrases: Higher only

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| (to) be in the middle of + verb | être en train de + infinitive |
| (to) have just + past participle | venir de + infinitive |
| ...is missing | il manque... |
| it is/it's (difficult) + verb | il est (difficile) de + infinitive |
| it is/it's better + verb | il vaut mieux + infinitive |
| it is/it's worth + verb | il vaut la peine de + infinitive |
| on one hand | d'un côté |
| on the other hand | d'un autre côté |

## Articles and pronouns

## Foundation and Higher

| Articles and pronouns: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| a, an | une (f) |
| $a, ~ a n$ | un (m) |
| everyone, you, one, we (subj) | on |
| everyone, all of them | tous |
| everyone, everybody | tout le monde |
| everything, all | tout |
| he, it (subj) | il (m) |
| her, it (obj) | la, I' (f) |
| him, it (obj) | le, I' (m) |
| himself, herself, itself, oneself, ourselves (reflex) | se, s' |
| how much(?), how many(?), how long (with time)(?) | combien (?) |
| how(?) | comment (?) |
| I (subj) | je |
| indefinite article following a verb in negative or expression of quantity, partitive article following a verb in negative or expression of quantity | de, d' |
| me (obj) \| to/for me (indirect obj) | myself (reflex) | me, m' |

Articles and pronouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| not anyone, no-one | (ne...) personne |
| not anything, nothing | (ne...) rien |
| plural indefinite article, some (of the) | des (pl) |
| she, it (f) (subj) | elle |
| some (of the) (f) | de la, de I' (f) |
| some (of the) (m) | du, de l' (m) |
| someone, somebody | quelqu'un |
| that, it | ça, cela |
| the | $l a, l^{\prime}(f)$ |
| the | le, I' (m) |
| the | les (pl) |
| they (subj) | elles (f) |
| they (subj) | ils (m, mixed gender) |
| to/for him, to/for her, to/for it (indirect obj) | lui (m, f) |
| (to) me (emph) | (à) moi |
| (to) you (emph) | (à) toi |
| we (subj) | nous |
| what(?), that | que (?), qu' (?) |
| what(?) | quoi (?) |
| when(?) | quand (?) |
| where(?) | où (?) |
| who(?), that | qui (?) |

Articles and pronouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| why(?) | pourquoi (?) |
| you (pl, sing formal) (subj) \| you (sing |  |
| formal) (obj) \| to/for you (sing formal) |  |
| (indirect obj) | vous |
| you (sing informal) (obj) \| to/for you (sing <br> informal) (indirect obj), yourself (sing <br> informal) (reflex) | te, t' |
| you (subj) | tu |

Higher ONLY


| Articles and pronouns: Higher ONLY |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| us (obj) \| to/for us (indirect obj) | ourselves (reflex) | each other (recip) | (to) us (emph) <br> what, that <br> yours <br> yourselves <br> to/for you (pl) (indirect obj) \| yourselves (reflex) | yourself (formal) (reflex) | each other (recip) | (to) you (pl, sing formal) (emph) | (à) nous <br> que/qu' <br> le tien, la tienne, les tiens, les tiennes <br> vous-mêmes <br> (à) vous |

## Conjunctions

## Foundation and Higher

| Conjunctions: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| and | et |
| as, like, in terms of | comme |
| because | car |
| because | parce que, parce qu' |
| but | mais |
| if | si |
| or | ou |
| therefore, so | que, qu' |
| than, that |  |

Higher ONLY

| Conjunctions: Higher ONLY |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| although | quoique |
| however | cependant |
| otherwise | sinon |
| since, because | puisque |
| who, whom, which, what | que |
| when, while | lorsque |
| yet, nonetheless | pourtant |

## Prepositions

## Foundation and Higher

| Prepositions: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| against | contre |
| at the, to the, in the, on the (f) | à la/à l' |
| at the, to the, in the, on the (m) | au/à l' |
| at the, to the, in the, on the (pl) | aux |
| at, to, in, on | à |
| at (the house of), to (the house of), with | chez |
| before; before + verb | avant; avant de + infinitive |
| behind, at the back | derrière |
| between | entre |
| during, for | pendant |
| for, in order to |  |
| here (is/are/you go) | pour |
| in, inside |  |
| in, by, to |  |
| in front of | voici |
| near, nearby, close by | dans |
| of the, from (the) (f) | devant |


| Prepositions: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| of, from | de/d' |
| on, upon | sur |
| there, there you are | voilà |
| under | sous |
| with | avec |
| without | sans |

Higher ONLY

| Prepositions: Higher ONLY |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| according to | selon |
| after having + past participle | après avoir + past participle |
| amongst | parmi |
| around | autour |
| as soon as | dès |
| by, for, per | par |
| despite | malgré |
| except | sauf |
| for, since | depuis |
| in order to | afin de |
| thanks to | grâce à |
| towards | vers |
| towards | envers |

## Adverbs

## Foundation and Higher

| Adverbs: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| a long time | longtemps |
| a lot | beaucoup |
| abroad | à l'étranger |
| absolutely | absolument |
| after, afterwards | après |
| again, still, yet | encore |
| already | déjà |
| also, as well | aussi |
| always | toujours |
| badly | mal |
| before | avant |
| better | assez |
| certainly, surely |  |
| clearly | mieux |
| completely | certairectly, straight away |
| early | cairementent |

Adverbs: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| even | même |
| exactly | exactement |
| extremely | extrêmement |
| far (from) | Ioin (de) |
| few, little | peu |
| finally | finalement |
| generally | généralement |
| hard | dur |
| here | ici |
| however | par contre |
| late | en retard |
| late | tard |
| less (...than) | moins (...que) |
| more (...than), adj + -er (...than) | plus (...que) |
| near | proche |
| never, not ever | (ne...) jamais |
| normally, usually | normalement |
| not, no | (ne...) pas |
| now | maintenant |
| often | souvent |
| online | en ligne |
| only | seulement |

Adverbs: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| on top, above | dessus |
| outside, outdoors | (en) dehors |
| over there | là-bas |
| perfectly | parfaitement |
| probably | probablement |
| quickly, fast | rapidement |
| quickly, fast | vite |
| really | vraiment |
| really | réellement |
| recently | récemment |
| simply | simplement |
| so, then, well | alors |
| sometimes | quelquefois |
| soon | bientôt |
| standing | debout |
| then | ensuite |
| there | là |
| today | aujourd'hui |
| together | ensemble |
| tomorrow | demain |
| too (much, many) | trop |
| totally | totalement |

Adverbs: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| underneath, below | dessous |
| unfortunately | malheureusement |
| very | très |
| well, a lot | bien |
| yesterday | hier |

Higher ONLY

| Adverbs: Higher ONLY |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| about, approximately | environ |
| also, too, as well, equally | également |
| apparently | apparemment |
| currently, at the moment | actuellement |
| differently | différemment |
| either | soit |
| entirely, completely | entièrement |
| especially | surtout |
| everywhere | partout |
| finally | enfin |
| firstly | d'abord |
| from now on | désormais |
| immediately | immédiatement |
| in other words | c'est-à-dire |
| maybe, perhaps | peut-être |
| nearly | presque |
| neither... nor | ne...ni...ni |
| not yet | ne...pas encore |
| obviously | évidemment |
| only | uniquement |
| only, nothing but | ne...que |

Adverbs: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| partherwise, in a different way, differently | autrement |
| previously, before, formerly | particulièrement |
| rather | auparavant |
| seriously | plutôt |
| so much | sérieusement |
| so much, so many | tellement |
| so, thus | tant |
| sometimes | parfois |
| somewhere else, besides, by the way | ailleurs |
| then, next | puis |
| usually | d'habitude |
| yet | toutefois |

## Adjectives

This is the complete list of adjectives included in our vocabulary list, in their base form (usually masculine singular). Students should be able to agree in gender and number all of the adjectives in this list that follow one of the patterns laid out in the 'Adjectives' section of Appendix 2: Grammar. For any adjectives that do not follow one of those patterns, after the masculine singular form we have listed all the other forms students are expected to learn.

## Foundation and Higher

| Adjectives: Foundation and Higher | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | beaucoup |
| a lot, many | actif |
| active | tout (m) |
| all, the whole | tous (mpl) |
| all, the whole, every | allergique |
| allergic | seul |
| alone, only, lonely | maien |
| ancient, old, former | mal |
| bad | beau (m)/bel ; beau- |
| bad | beaux (mpl) |
| beautiful, handsome, nice (weather); |  |
| step- | belle (f) ; belle- |
| beautiful, handsome, nice (weather) |  |
| beautiful, handsome, nice (weather); |  |
| step- |  |
| better, best |  |
| big, large, lots of | gros (m) |

Adjectives: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| big, large, lots of | grosse (f) |
| bisexual | bisexuel |
| blond | blond |
| boring | ennuyeux |
| born | né |
| British | britannique |
| brown | châtain |
| busy | occupé |
| Canadian | canadien |
| central | central |
| certain | certain |
| classic, classical | classique |
| clean, proper, own | propre |
| closed | fermé |
| cold | froid |
| comfortable | confortable |
| common | commun |
| crazy, wild | fou (m) |
| crazy, wild | folle (f) |
| cultural | culturel |
| dangerous | dangereux |
| dead | mort |

Adjectives: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| delicious | délicieux |
| different | différent |
| difficult | difficile |
| direct | direct |
| disabled | handicapé |
| diverse, various | divers |
| double | double |
| each, every | chaque |
| easy | facile |
| electric | électrique |
| empty | vide |
| English | anglais |
| enormous, big | énorme |
| equal | égal |
| essential | essentiel |
| European | européen |
| exact | exact |
| excellent | excellent |
| exciting | passionnant |
| expensive, dear | cher |
| extraordinary | extraordinaire |
| extreme | extrême |

Adjectives: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| fair, just, only | juste |
| false | faux (m) |
| false | fausse (f) |
| family | familial |
| famous | célèbre |
| fashionable, trendy | tendance |
| fast, quick | rapide |
| favourite | préféré |
| final | final |
| francophone | francophone |
| free | gratuit |
| good | libre |
| free, available | gra |
| French | français |
| gull, complete | complet (m) |
| full, complete | gampà |
| ganny, fun | genéral |
| general |  |

Adjectives: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| good | bonne (f) |
| great | génial |
| great, big, tall; grand- | grand; grand- |
| happy, lucky, fortunate | heureux |
| hard, difficult | dur |
| hardworking | travailleur (m) |
| hardworking | travailleuse (f) |
| healthy | sain |
| heavy | lourd |
| high, tall | haut |
| his, her, its, your | instant |
| his, her, its, your (m) |  |
| independant |  |
| his, her, its, everyone's, ones, your | sa (f) |
| historical | ses (pl) |
| hot | historique |
| ideal | impóal |
| imporlus |  |
| important | important |

Adjectives: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| interesting | intéressant |
| international | international |
| large, wide, big | large |
| lesbian | lesbien |
| less (...than); less, fewer (than + num) | moins (...que) |
| light | léger |
| light, bright, clear | clair |
| local | local |
| long | Iong (m) |
| long | longue (f) |
| Iow | bas (m) |
| low | basse (f) |
| main, principal | principal |
| medical | médical |
| mental | mental |
| modern | moderne |
| more (...than (+ num)), adj + -er (...than) | plus (...que) |
| my | mon (m) |
| my | ma (f) |
| my | mes (pl) |
| national | national |
| natural | naturel |

Adjectives: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| necessary, essential | nécessaire |
| negative | négatif |
| new | nouveau/nouvel (m) |
| new | nouveaux (mpl) |
| new | nouvelle (f) |
| next | prochain |
| next, following | suivant |
| nice, kind | sympa |
| nice, pleasant | agréable |
| non-binary | non-binaire |
| normal, usual | normal |
| old | vieux (m) |
| old | vieille (f) |
| open, opened | ouvert |
| ordinary | ordinaire |
| original | original |
| other, another | autre |
| our | notre (m, f) |
| our | nos (pl) |
| patient | patient |
| perfect | parfait |
| personal | personnel |

Adjectives: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| physical | physique |
| poor | pauvre |
| popular | populaire |
| positive | positif |
| possible | possible |
| practical, convenient | pratique |
| private | privé |
| public | public (m) |
| public | publique (f) |
| quiet | calme |
| real | réel |
| recent | récent |
| red, ginger | roux |
| regional | régional |
| regular | régulier |
| religious | religieux |
| responsible | responsable |
| rich | riche |
| right, straight | droit |
| rubbish, bad | nul (m) |
| rubbish, bad | nulle (f) |
| sad | triste |

Adjectives: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| same | même |
| school | scolaire |
| serious, important | sérieux |
| several, many | plusieurs |
| short | court |
| simple, plain | simple |
| sitting, seated | assis |
| slow | lent |
| small, little | petit |
| social | social |
| some (pis (pl) |  |
| special | quelque |
| their | spécial |
| sporty, sports | spors |
| straight | strif |
| strict | hétéro(sexuel) |
| strong, loud, good at | strict |

Adjectives: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| this, that, it | ce, cet (m), c' |
| this, that | cette (f) |
| tiring, exhausting | fatigant |
| traditional | traditionnel |
| transgender | transgenre |
| true, correct | vrai |
| unhealthy | malsain |
| unique, only (child) | unique |
| useful | utile |
| useless | inutile |
| usual | habituel |
| vegan | végan |
| vegetarian | végétarien |
| weak | faible |
| which(?), what(?) | quel (?) |
| worse, worst | pire |
| young | jeune |
| your | votre (m, f) |
| your | $\operatorname{vos}(\mathrm{pl})$ |
| your | ton (m) |
| your | ta (f) |
| your | tes (pl) |

Higher ONLY
Adjectives: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| available | disponible |
| brief | bref (m) |
| brief | brève (f) |
| capable | capable |
| civil | civil |
| climate | climatique |
| complex, difficult | complexe |
| conscious, aware | conscient |
| contrary | contraire |
| current, present | actuel |
| daily | quotidien |
| dark | sombre |
| exseptional | enficace |
| deep, profound | sufofionnel |
| dry | sentient (m) |
| dry | senche (f) |

Adjectives: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| extra, additional | supplémentaire |
| foreign | étranger |
| fresh, cool | frais (m) |
| fresh, cool | fraîche (f)^ |
| full | plein |
| global, world | mondial |
| huge, enormous, vast | vaste |
| human | humain |
| immediate | immédiat |
| loyal, faithful | fidèle |
| major, main | majeur |
| medium, average size | moyen |
| moral | moral |
| multicultural | multiculturel |
| narrow | étroit |
| no, not one, not any | ne...aucun |
| numerous, many | nombreux |
| obvious | évident |
| old | âgé |
| older, oldest | aîné^ |
| permanent | permanent |
| previous, preceding | précédent |

Adjectives: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| professional | professionnel |
| proud | fier |
| prudent, careful, cautious | prudent |
| rare | rare |
| ready | prêt |
| renewable | renouvelable |
| same | pareil (m) |
| same | pareille (f) |
| serious, important, grave | grave |
| severe, strict, harsh | sévère |
| sour | aigre |
| stressed | stressé |
| sweet, sugary | sucré |
| tasty | savoureux |
| tight | moulant |
| twin | jumeau (m) |
| twin | jumeaux (mpl) |
| twin | jumelle (f) |
| unknown | inconnu |
| virtual | virtuel |
| wet, humid, moist | humide |
| worried, anxious | inquiet (m) |

Adjectives: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| worried, anxious | inquiète (f) |
| worrying | inquiétant |
| yearly | annuel |

## Foundation and Higher

| Nouns: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| accident <br> accommodation <br> action <br> activity <br> actor <br> address <br> adult <br> age <br> aid, help <br> air <br> airport <br> ambition <br> animal, pet <br> animals, pets <br> answer, response, reply <br> apartment, flat <br> app <br> appointment <br> arm | ```accident (m) logement (m) action (f) activité (f) acteur (m) adresse (f) adulte (m) âge (m) aide (f) air (m) aéroport (m) ambition (f) animal (m) animaux (mpl) réponse (f) appartement (m) appli(cation) (f) rendez-vous (m) bras (m)``` |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| art | art (m) |
| artist | artiste (m, f) |
| attention | attention (f) |
| attitude | attitude (f) |
| aunt | tante (f) |
| back | $\operatorname{dos}(\mathrm{m})$ |
| bag, sack | sac (m) |
| baguette, French stick | baguette (f) |
| bakery | boulangerie (f) |
| bank | banque (f) |
| bank note, ticket | billet (m) |
| basketball | basket (m); |
| beach | plage (f) |
| bed | lit (m) |
| bedroom | chambre (f) |
| being | être (m) |
| belly, stomach | ventre (m) |
| bike, bicycle, cycling | vélo (m) |
| birthday | anniversaire (m) |
| board, painting, picture | tableau (m) |
| boat | bateau (m) |
| body | corps (m) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| book, textbook | livre (m) |
| boss | chef (m) |
| boss | cheffe (f) |
| bottom, back | fond (m) |
| box, tin | boîte (f)^ |
| boy | garçon (m) |
| brand, mark | marque (f) |
| bread | pain (m) |
| break (time) | pause (f) |
| breakfast | petit-déjeuner (m) |
| bridge | pont (m) |
| brother | carrière (f) |
| card, map, credit card, menu |  |
| building (m) |  |
| cake | building, block of flats |
| bus | bâtiment (m) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| castle | château (m) |
| cat | chat (m) |
| catastrophe | catastrophe (f) |
| cause | cause (f) |
| celebrity, star | célébrité (f) |
| centre | centre (m) |
| change | changement (m) |
| change, currency | monnaie (f) |
| channel, chain | chaîne (f)^ |
| character | personnage (m) |
| checkout, till | caisse (f) |
| cheese | fromage (m) |
| child | enfant (mf) |
| chips, fries | frites (fpl) |
| chocolate | chocolat (m) |
| choice | choix (m) |
| cinema | cinéma (m) |
| classroom, class | classe (f) |
| clothes | vêtements (mpl) |
| club | club (m) |
| coach (transport) | car (m) |
| coast | côte (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| coffee, coffee house, café | café (m) |
| comedy | comédie (f) |
| comment, remark | commentaire (m) |
| communication | communication (f) |
| company, business | entreprise (f) |
| concert, gig | concert (m) |
| condition | condition (f) |
| console | console (f) |
| contact | contact (m) |
| conversation | conversation (f) |
| corner | coin (m) |
| cost | coût (m) |
| country | pays (m) |
| countryside | campagne (f) |
| couple | couple (m) |
| creation | création (f) |
| crime | crime (m) |
| crisis | crise (f) |
| cuisine, cooking, kitchen | cuisine (f) |
| culture | culture (f) |
| customer, client | client (m) |
| dance | danse (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| danger | danger (m) |
| date | date (f) |
| decision | décision (f) |
| definition | définition (f) |
| delay | retard (m) |
| departure | départ (m) |
| dessert | dessert (m) |
| destruction | destruction (f) |
| detail | détail (m) |
| difference | différence (f) |
| difficulty, issue, problem | difficulté (f) |
| direction | direction (f) |
| disability | handicap (m) |
| distance | distance (f) |
| doctor | médecin (mf) |
| dog | chien (m) |
| door | porte (f) |
| drama | tragédie (f) |
| dream | rêve (m) |
| dress | robe (f) |
| drug | drogue (f) |
| ear | oreille (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| earth, ground | terre (f) |
| east | est (m) |
| edge, side | bord (m) |
| education | éducation (f) |
| effect | effet (m) |
| effort | effort (m) |
| egg | œuf (m) |
| email | e-mail (m) |
| emotion, feelings | émotion (f) |
| energy | énergie (f) |
| entrance, starter | entrée (f) |
| environment | environnement (m) |
| equality | égalité (f) |
| equipment | équipement (m) |
| error, mistake | erreur (f) |
| euro | euro (m) |
| event | événement (m)^ |
| exam, test | examen (m) |
| example | exemple (m) |
| exchange | échange (m) |
| exercise | exercice (m) |
| exercise book | cahier (m) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| exit, outing | sortie (f) |
| experience, experiment | expérience (f) |
| eyes | yeux (mpl) |
| face | visage (m) |
| fact | fait (m) |
| family | famille (f) |
| fan, supporter | fan (m, f) |
| farm | ferme (f) |
| fashion; fashionable, trendy | mode (f); à la mode |
| fast food, fast food restaurant | fastfood (m) |
| father, dad | père (m) |
| favour | faveur (f) |
| festival | festival (m) |
| festival, party | fête (f) |
| film, movie | film (m) |
| finger | doigt (m) |
| fire, traffic light | feu (m) |
| fish | poisson (m) |
| floor, ground | sol (m) |
| foot | pied (m) |
| football | foot(ball) (m) |
| forest | forêt (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| friend | ami (m) |
| front, face, side | face (f) |
| fruit | fruit (m) |
| future | avenir (m) |
| future | futur (m) |
| game | jeu (m) |
| garden | jardin (m) |
| gender, sex | sexe (m) |
| genre, type, sort | genre (m) |
| girl, daughter | fille (f) |
| glasses | lunettes (fpl) |
| goal, aim, purpose | but (m) |
| grace | grâce (f) |
| group, band | groupe (m) |
| hair | cheveux (mpl) |
| half | moitié (f) |
| hand | main (f) |
| handball | handball (m) |
| head | tête (f) |
| health | santé (f) |
| heart | cœur (m) |
| holidays | vacances (fpl) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| homework | devoirs (mpl) |
| hope | espoir (m) |
| horror | horreur (f) |
| horse | cheval (m) |
| hospital | hôpital (m) |
| hotel | hôtel (m) |
| house, home | maison (f) |
| hunger | faim (f) |
| husband | mari (m) |
| ice, ice-cream | glace (f) |
| idea | idée (f) |
| illness | maladie (f) |
| identity | identité (f) |
| image, picture | image (f) |
| importance | importance (f) |
| independence | indépendance (f) |
| influence | influence (f) |
| influencer | influenceur (m) |
| instrument | instrument (m) |
| internet, web | Internet (m) |
| island | île ( f$)^{\wedge}$ |
| job, position, post; post office | poste (m); poste (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| journey, travel, trip | voyage (m) |
| jumper | pull (m) |
| key | clé (f) |
| kilometre | kilomètre (m) |
| lake | lac (m) |
| language, tongue | langue (f) |
| laptop | ordinateur portable (m) |
| leisure, leisure activity, hobby | loisir (m) |
| left | gauche (f) |
| leg | jambe (f) |
| lesson | leçon (f) |
| lesson, course | cours (m) |
| letter | lettre (f) |
| level | niveau (m) |
| life | vie (f) |
| link | lien (m) |
| list | liste (f) |
| love | amour (m) |
| luck | chance (f) |
| lunch | déjeuner (m) |
| majority | majorité (f) |
| man | homme (m) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| map, plan, project | plan (m) |
| mark, grade, note | note (f) |
| market | marché (m) |
| marriage, wedding | mariage (m) |
| match | match (m) |
| maths | maths (mpl) |
| matter, business; belongings, things | affaire (f); affaires (fpl) |
| maximum | maximum (m) |
| meal | repas (m) |
| means, way | moyen (m) |
| meat | viande (f) |
| media | médias (mpl) |
| medicine, pill | médicament (m) |
| member | membre (m) |
| message | message (m) |
| metre | mètre (m) |
| milk | lait (m) |
| minimum | minimum (m) |
| mobile phone | portable (m) |
| model, role model | modèle (m) |
| money | argent (m) |
| mother, mum | mère (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| mountain | montagne (f) |
| mouth | bouche (f) |
| movement | mouvement (m) |
| museum | musée (m) |
| music | musique (f) |
| name, surname | nom (m) |
| nature | nature (f) |
| necessity | nécessité (f) |
| neighbour | voisin (m) |
| neighbourhood | quartier (m) |
| network | réseau (m) |
| news; information | informations (fpl); information (f) |
| newspaper | journal (m) |
| noise | bruit (m) |
| north | nord (m) |
| nose | nez (m) |
| number | nombre (m) |
| number | numéro (m) |
| offer | offre (f) |
| office, desk | bureau (m) |
| office | office (m) |
| opinion | opinion (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| opinion | avis (m) |
| order | ordre (m) |
| organisation | organisation (f) |
| organisation, charity, club, association | association (f) |
| page | page (f) |
| paper | papier (m) |
| parent | parent (m) |
| park | parc (m) |
| part | partie (f) |
| partner | partenaire (mf) |
| passion | passion (f) |
| passport | passeport (m) |
| password | mot de passe (m) |
| past | passé (m) |
| pasta | pâtes (fpl) |
| patisserie, cake shop, pastry, cake | pâtisserie (f) |
| pen | stylo (m) |
| people | gens (mpl) |
| people, person, nobody | personne (f) |
| period | période (f) |
| personality | personnalité (f) |
| pharmacy, chemist | pharmacie (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| photo | photo (f) |
| pitch (sports), ground | terrain (m) |
| place | endroit (m) |
| plan, project | projet (m) |
| plane | avion (m) |
| planet | planète (f) |
| plastic | plastique (m) |
| player | joueur (m) |
| playground, court | cour (f) |
| pleasure | plaisir (m) |
| pocket | poche (f) |
| point | point (m) |
| police, police station | police (f) |
| police officer | policier (m) |
| police officer | policière (f) |
| pollution | pollution (f) |
| population | population (f) |
| port, harbour | port (m) |
| possibility | possibilité (f) |
| present | cadeau (m) |
| present | présent (m) |
| presentation | présentation (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| president | président (m) |
| price | prix (m) |
| prison | prison (f) |
| problem, issue | problème (m) |
| programme | programme (m) |
| (TV) programme, broadcast | émission (f) |
| progress | progrès (m) |
| promise | promesse (f) |
| protection | protection (f) |
| province | province (f) |
| pupil, student | élève ( $m$, f) |
| quality | qualité (f) |
| quantity | quantité (f) |
| quarter; quarter past; quarter to | quart (m) ; et quart ; moins le quart |
| question | question (f) |
| rabbit | Iapin (m) |
| racism | racisme (m) |
| reading | lecture (f) |
| reality | réalité (f) |
| reason, right, correct | raison (f) |
| recipe | recette (f) |
| recycling | recyclage (m) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| region | région (f) |
| relationship | relation (f) |
| religion | religion (f) |
| research | recherche (f) |
| resource | ressource (f) |
| respect | respect (m) |
| rest, remainder; leftovers | reste (m) ; restes (mpl) |
| restaurant | restaurant (m) |
| result | résultat (m) |
| return | retour (m) |
| return ticket | aller-retour (m) |
| rhythm | rythme (m) |
| rice | riz (m) |
| right | droit (m) |
| right | droite (f) |
| risk | risque (m) |
| road, way, route | route (f) |
| role | rôle (m) |
| room | salle (f) |
| room, space, square, place | place (f) |
| rule, ruler | règle (f) |
| salary | salaire (m) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| sale | vente (f) |
| school | école (f) |
| science | science (f) |
| sci-fi | science-fiction (f) |
| sea | mer (f) |
| secondary school | collège (m) |
| secret | secret (m) |
| security, safety | sécurité (f) |
| sense, meaning, direction | sens (m) |
| series, soap opera | série (f) |
| service | service (m) |
| sexism | sexisme (m) |
| shape; in shape, fit, healthy | forme (f); en forme |
| shirt | chemise (f) |
| shock, clash | choc (m) |
| shoe | chaussure (f) |
| shop, shopping | magasin (m) |
| shopping | courses (fpl) |
| shopping centre | centre commercial (m) |
| show | spectacle (m) |
| side | côté (m) |
| silence | silence (m) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| singer | chanteur (m) |
| single ticket | aller (m) |
| sister | sœur (f) |
| site | site (m) |
| situation | situation (f) |
| sixth form, college | lycée (m) |
| size | taille (f) |
| skirt | jupe (f) |
| sky | ciel (m) |
| snow | neige (f) |
| society | société (f) |
| sock | chaussette (f) |
| solution | solution (f) |
| son | fils (m) |
| song | chanson (f) |
| sort, kind, type | sorte (f) |
| south | sud (m) |
| souvenir, memory | souvenir (m) |
| space, room | espace (m) |
| sport | sport (m) |
| stadium | stade (m) |
| start of school year | rentrée (f) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| station | gare (f) |
| step-brother, half-brother | demi-frère (m) |
| step-sister, half-sister | demi-sœur (f) |
| (bus) stop, (tube) station | station (f) |
| story, history | histoire (f) |
| streaming | streaming (m) |
| street | rue (f) |
| strike | grève (f) |
| student (university) | étudiant (m) |
| studies | études (fpl) |
| style | style (m) |
| subject | matière (f) |
| subject, topic | sujet (m) |
| success | succès (m) |
| sugar | sucre (m) |
| sun | soleil (m) |
| supermarket | supermarché (m) |
| surprise | surprise (f) |
| swimming | natation (f) |
| swimming pool | piscine (f) |
| symbol | symbole (m) |
| system | système (m) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| table | table (f) |
| tablet | tablette (f) |
| taste | goût (m)^ |
| tea | thé (m) |
| teacher | professeur, prof (mf) |
| team | équipe (f) |
| technology | technologie (f) |
| teenager | adolescent (m) |
| telephone | téléphone (m) |
| television, TV | télé(vision) (f) |
| tennis | tennis (m) |
| tent | tente (f) |
| text | texte (m) |
| theatre, drama | théâtre (m) |
| theme, topic | thème (m) |
| thing | chose (f) |
| thing | truc (m) |
| thirst | soif (f) |
| throat | gorge (f) |
| tie | cravate (f) |
| time, weather, climate | temps (m) |
| title | titre (m) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| toilet(s) | toilettes (fpl) |
| tour; tower | tour (m); tour (f) |
| tourist | touriste (m) |
| tourism | tourisme (m) |
| town, city | ville (f) |
| tradition | tradition (f) |
| traffic | trafic (m) |
| train | train (m) |
| trainers | baskets (fpl) |
| training, apprenticeship | formation (f) |
| (public) transport, transportation | transport(s) (m) |
| treatment | traitement (m) |
| trend, tendency | tendance (f) |
| trousers | pantalon (m) |
| truth | vérité (f) |
| type, kind, sort | type (m) |
| uncle | oncle (m) |
| underground, tube | métro (m) |
| uniform | uniforme (m) |
| university | université (f) |
| value | valeur (f) |
| vegetables | légumes (mpl) |

Nouns: Foundation and Higher

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| version | version (f) |
| victim | victime (m, f) |
| victory, winning | victoire (f) |
| video | vidéo (f) |
| view | vue (f) |
| village | village (m) |
| violence | violence (f) |
| virus | virus (m) |
| visit, excursion | visite (f) |
| volume | volume (m) |
| wall | mur (m) |
| water | eau (f) |
| way, manner | manière (f) |
| west | ouest (m) |
| wheelchair | fauteuil roulant (m) |
| wind | vent (m) |
| window | fenêtre (f) |
| woman, wife | femme (f) |
| wood, woods | bois (m) |
| word | $\operatorname{mot}(\mathrm{m})$ |
| work | travail (m) |
| world | monde (m) |


| Nouns: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| wrong, incorrect | tort (m) |
| young person | jeune (m) |
| zone | zone (f) |

Higher ONLY

| Nouns: Higher ONLY |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| accent | accent (m) |
| access | accès (m) |
| act, gesture | acte (m) |
| advantage, pro | avantage (m) |
| advice | conseil (m) |
| agreement | accord (m) |
| ally | allié (m) |
| anger | colère (f) |
| apprentice | apprenti (m) |
| arrival | arrivée (f) |
| article | article (m) |
| aspect | aspect (m) |
| athletics | athlétisme (m) |
| behaviour | comportement (m) |
| the best | (le) meilleur, (la) meilleure, (les) meilleur(e)s |
| the best | le mieux |
| bill | addition (f) |
| birth | naissance (f) |
| blanket | couverture (f) |
| blood | sang (m) |

Nouns: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| border | frontière (f) |
| boss | patron (m) |
| boss | patronne (f) |
| boss, headteacher | directeur (m) |
| bottle | bouteille (f) |
| bullying, harassment | harcèlement (m) |
| care | soin (m) |
| citizen | citoyen (m) |
| (council) estate | cité (f) |
| code | code (m) |
| community | communauté (f) |
| company | compagnie (f) |
| competence, skill, ability | compétence (f) |
| competition | concours (m) |
| conflict | conflit (m) |
| consequence | conséquence (f) |
| consumption | consommation (f) |
| courage, bravery | courage (m) |
| crowd | foule (f) |
| cyber crime, online crime | cybercriminalité (f) |
| damage, (what a) pity | dommage (m) |
| data | données (fpl) |

Nouns: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| device, apparatus | appareil (m) |
| disadvantage, con, inconvenience | inconvénient (m) |
| discrimination | discrimination (f) |
| discussion | discussion (f) |
| dish, course | plat (m) |
| documentary | documentaire (m) |
| doubt | doute (m) |
| drink | boisson (f) |
| economy | économie (f) |
| emergency | urgence (f) |
| employee | employé (m) |
| employment | emploi (m) |
| explanation | explication (f) |
| excuse | excuse (f) |
| expression | expression (f) |
| failure | échec (m) |
| faith | foi (f) |
| fear, fright | peur (f) |
| feeling | sentiment (m) |
| field | champ (m) |
| fight | lutte (f) |
| film screening, session | séance (f) |

Nouns: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| flight, robbery | vol (m) |
| flood | inondation (f) |
| floor | étage (m) |
| flower | fleur (f) |
| food | nourriture (f) |
| fork | fourchette (f) |
| freedom | liberté (f) |
| friend, mate | copain (m) |
| friend, mate | copine (f) |
| friendship | amitié (f) |
| gap | écart (m) |
| generation | génération (f) |
| gift, talent, donation | don (m) |
| glass | verre (m) |
| gold | or (m) |
| government | gouvernement (m) |
| gym | gymnase (m) |
| happiness | bonheur (f) |
| hat | chapeau (m) |
| headphones, earbuds | écouteurs (m) |
| help, aid, assistance (in an emergency) | secours (m) |
| home | foyer (m) |

Nouns: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| impression | impression (f) |
| individual | individu (m) |
| industry | industrie (f) |
| inhabitant, resident | habitant (m) |
| intention | intention (f) |
| interview | entretien (m) |
| jacket | veste (f) |
| job | métier (m) |
| joy | joie (f) |
| judgement | jugement (m) |
| justice | justice (f) |
| knife | couteau (m) |
| knowledge | connaissance (f) |
| lack | manque (m) |
| landscape | paysage (m) |
| law | loi (f) |
| library | bibliothèque (f) |
| lift | ascenseur (m) |
| light | lumière (f) |
| loss, waste | perte (f) |
| mail | courrier (m) |
| memory | mémoire (f) |

Nouns: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| minority | minorité (f) |
| most | plupart (f) |
| need | besoin (m) |
| novel | roman (m) |
| object | objet (m) |
| objective | objectif (m) |
| occasion, chance, opportunity | occasion (f) |
| origin | origine (f) |
| path, way | chemin (m) |
| peace | paix (f) |
| piece of information | renseignement (m) |
| place | lieu (m) |
| plate | assiette (f) |
| platform | quai (m) |
| play, coin, room | pièce (f) |
| police station | commissariat (m) |
| power | pouvoir (m) |
| pressure | pression (f) |
| pride | fierté (f) |
| principle | principe (m) |
| product | produit (m) |
| protest, demonstration | manifestation (f) |

Nouns: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| public, audience | public (m) |
| purchase | achat (m) |
| rate | taux (m) |
| regime, diet | régime (m) |
| relationship | rapport (m) |
| representation | représentation (f) |
| responsibility | responsabilité (f) |
| review, criticism | critique (f) |
| river | rivière (f) |
| sand | sable (m) |
| scene, stage | scène (f) |
| scholarship, grant | bourse (f) |
| screen | écran (m) |
| seat | siège (m) |
| separation | séparation (f) |
| shame | honte (f) |
| sign | signe (m) |
| skin | peau (m) |
| smile | sourire (m) |
| sound | son (m) |
| species, type, kind, cash | espèce (f) |
| speech, word, speaking; lyrics | parole (f); paroles (fpl) |

Nouns: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| spirit | esprit (m) |
| spoon | cuillère (f) |
| stairs | escalier (m) |
| state, condition | état (m) |
| stop | arrêt (m) |
| subscription | abonnement (m) |
| suburb | banlieue (f) |
| success | réussite (f) |
| suitcase | valise (f) |
| support | soutien (m) |
| survey | enquête (f) |
| teaching | enseignement (m) |
| temperature, fever | fièvre (f) |
| test | épreuve (f) |
| third | tiers (m) |
| thought | pensée (f) |
| threat | menace (f) |
| timetable | emploi du temps (m) |
| track, trail | piste (f) |
| traffic | circulation (f) |
| tree | arbre (m) |
| trust, confidence | confiance (f) |

Nouns: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| unemployment | chômage (m) |
| unity | union (f) |
| vehicle | unité (f) |
| voice | véhicule (m) |
| waste, rubbish | voix (f) |
| way | déchets (mpl) |
| weight | façon (f) |
| will, desire | poids (m) |
| wish, desire, want | volonté (f) |
| work, task | envie (f) |
| worry | œouvre (f) |
| worry, anxiety | souci (m) |
| the worst | inquiétude (f) |
| youth | (le/la) pire, (les) pires |

## Verbs

Students are required to know the conjugated forms of these verbs following the regular patterns in the tenses outlined at each tier in the Verbs' section of Appendix 2: Grammar. They are also required to know some irregular inflected forms: where this is the case, we have marked the infinitive form with an asterisk (*) and then set out the required irregular inflected forms, per tier, in separate tables below.

For infinitives, as well as for the present and imperfect tenses, students are expected to know both the English simple (e.g. infinitive to do; present I do; imperfect I did, I used to do) and English continuous (e.g. infinitive to be doing; present I am doing; imperfect I was doing) translations. We have only listed the English simple translations in the table below for simplicity.

## Foundation and Higher

| Verbs: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| to accept | accepter |
| to ache, hurt | avoir mal à la/au/aux |
| to announce | annoncer |
| to answer, reply (to) | répondre (à) |
| to arrive; to manage | arriver; arriver à |
| to ask (someone to + verb); to wonder, | demander (à... de + infinitive); se |
| ask oneself |  |
| to ask, pose (a question) | demander |
| to be* | poser |
| to be able to, can* | pouvoir* |
| to be interested in | s'intéresser à |
| to be...years old | avoir...ans |
| to become | devenir |


| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| to believe* | croire* |
| to buy | acheter |
| to call; to be called | appeler; s'appeler |
| to cause | causer |
| to change; to get changed | changer; se changer |
| to choose | choisir |
| to close, shut (down) | fermer |
| to come | venir |
| to come back | revenir |
| to compare | comparer |
| to continue, go on, carry on | continuer (de) |
| to cost | coûter |
| to cross | traverser |
| to cry | pleurer |
| to cut, switch off | couper, se couper |
| to dance | danser |
| to decide (to) | décider (de) |
| to depend (on) | dépendre (de) |
| to describe | décrire |
| to deserve | mériter |
| to discuss, talk about, chat | discuter (de) |



| Verbs: Foundation and Higher | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | aller* |
| to go* | rentrer |
| to go back in, return | descendre |
| to go down | sortir |
| to go out | monter |
| to go up | détester |
| to hate | avoir* |
| to have* | devoir* |
| to have to, must* | entendre; s'entendre (avec) |
| to hear; to get on (with) | aider (à) |
| to help (to) | renire* |
| to leave | espérer |
| to hold | invirer |
| to laugh* | améliorer |
| to hope | informer |
| to inspirer |  |
| to invite | savoir* |
| to knowaire |  |


| Verbs: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| to leave | quitter |
| to let, leave behind | laisser |
| to lift, raise; to get up | lever; se lever |
| to like | aimer |
| to listen (to) | écouter (de) |
| to live | habiter |
| to load, charge | charger |
| to look for, search | chercher |
| to look for, search, collect | rechercher |
| to lose | perdre |
| to love | adorer |
| to mean | vouloir dire |
| to meet (up) | rencontrer |
| to miss (public transport) | manquer |
| to move | bouger |
| to open | ouvrir |
| to order | commander |
| to organise | organiser |
| to participate, take part (in) | participer (à) |
| to party, have fun | faire la fête |
| to pay | payer |
| to phone | téléphoner |


| Verbs: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| to play (+ noun e.g. sport/instrument) | jouer (à/de) |
| to practise | pratiquer |
| to prefer | préférer |
| to prepare | préparer |
| to pronounce | prononcer |
| to protect | protéger |
| to put (in, on)* | mettre* |
| to read* | lire* |
| to recall, remind; to remember | rappeler ; se rappeler de |
| to receive* | recevoir* |
| to recognise | reconnaître |
| to recommend | recommander |
| to recycle | recycler |
| to reduce | réduire |
| to regret | regretter |
| to repeat | répéter |
| to reserve, book | réserver |
| to respect, follow | respecter |
| to rest | se reposer |
| to return, come back | retourner |
| to return, hand in, give back | rendre |
| to run* | courir* |


| Verbs: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| to save, rescue | sauver |
| to say, tell | dire |
| to see* | voir* |
| to sell | vendre |
| to send | envoyer |
| to serve | servir |
| to share | partager |
| to show | montrer |
| to sing | chanter |
| to sleep | dormir |
| to smile | sourire |
| to speak, talk (about) | parler (de) |
| to spend (time), take (an exam); to happen, take place | passer; se passer |
| to start (to), begin (to) | commencer (à) |
| to stay | rester |
| to stop, arrest | arrêter (de) |
| to struggle, fight, battle | lutter |
| to study | étudier |
| to succeed, pass (an exam) | réussir (à) |
| to take, have | prendre |
| to take, remove; to take away | emporter ; à emporter |


| Verbs: Foundation and Higher |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| to think (of) | penser (à/de) |
| to throw away, out | jeter |
| to translate | traduire |
| to travel | voyager |
| to treat, handle, deal with | traiter |
| to try; to try on (clothes) | essayer; essayer de |
| to turn | tourner |
| to understand | comprendre |
| to use | utiliser |
| to visit | visiter |
| to wait | attendre |
| to walk, to function | marcher |
| to want (to)* | vouloir* |
| to watch, to look |  |
| to wear, to carry | écrire* |
| to work to earn | reailler |

Higher ONLY

| Verbs: Higher ONLY |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| to accompany, go with | accompagner |
| to act | agir |
| to adapt | adapter |
| to adopt | adopter |
| to advise | conseiller |
| to allow, permit | permettre |
| to apologise | s'excuser |
| to appreciate | apprécier |
| to attract | attirer |
| to avoid | éviter (de) |
| to be bored, get bored | s'ennuyer |
| to be quiet, keep quiet* | se taire* |
| to behave | se comporter |
| to belong (to) | appartenir (à) |
| to borrow | emprunter |
| to bring | apporter |
| to build | construire |
| to burn | brûler, se brûler^ |
| to call, name | nommer |
| to celebrate | fêter |
| to check | vérifier |


| Verbs: Higher ONLY |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| to check, control | contrôler |
| to communicate | communiquer |
| to complain* | se plaindre* |
| to concentrate | se concentrer |
| to concern, be relevant to | concerner |
| to consider | considérer |
| to contain | contenir |
| to contribute | contribuer |
| to convince | convaincre |
| to count (on), intend | compter (sur) |
| to create | créer |
| to dare | oser |
| to defend; to forbid, ban | défendre; défendre de |
| to desire | désirer |
| to destroy | détruire |
| to develop | développer |
| to disappear | disparaître^ |
| to disappoint | décevoir |
| to discover* | découvrir* |
| to encourage | encourager |
| to escape (from) | échapper (à) ; s'échapper (de) |
| to exist | exister |


| Verbs: Higher ONLY |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| to explain | expliquer |
| to express; to express oneself | exprimer; s'exprimer |
| to fight | combattre |
| to fill (in, out, up) | remplir |
| to finish, end | terminer |
| to follow* | suivre* |
| to free, set free, release | libérer |
| to get, obtain, get hold of | obtenir |
| to harm | nuire |
| to hide | cacher, se cacher |
| to hire | louer |
| to hurt, injure ; to hurt oneself, injure oneself | blesser; se blesser |
| to identify (with), relate (to) | s'identifier (à) |
| to ignore, not know | ignorer |
| to imagine | imaginer |
| to impose | imposer |
| to increase | augmenter |
| to integrate, to fit in | intégrer, s'intégrer |
| to introduce | introduire |
| to invent | inventer |
| to judge | juger |


| Verbs: Higher ONLY |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| to keep | garder |
| to keep, preserve | conserver |
| to lead | mener |
| to lend | prêter |
| to limit | limiter |
| to live | vivre |
| to look after, take care of | s'occuper de |
| to look like, resemble | ressembler à |
| to lower, turn down | baisser |
| to maintain | maintenir |
| to mean | signifier |
| to note, notice | noter |
| to observe, watch | observer |
| to offer | offrir |
| to own, have, possess | posséder |
| to please | plaire |
| to present; to introduce yourself | présenter; se présenter |
| to prevent | empêcher de |
| to produce | produire |
| to promise | promettre |
| to propose, suggest | proposer |
| to protest, show | manifester |


| Verbs: Higher ONLY |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| to provide, supply, give | fournir |
| to pursue | poursuivre |
| to rain* | pleuvoir* |
| to reach | atteindre |
| to record | enregistrer |
| to reflect | refléter |
| to refuse | refuser de |
| to rely on | se fier |
| to remember | se souvenir (de) |
| to replace, swap | remplacer |
| to represent | représenter |
| to require, oblige, force | obliger |
| to reuse | réutiliser |
| to risk | risquer |
| to see, notice | apercevoir |
| to seem | sembler |
| to separate | séparer ; se séparer |
| to settle, set | régler |
| to shout | crier |
| to show concern for | se soucier |
| to sign | signer |
| to sit | s'asseoir |


| Verbs: Higher ONLY |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | French |
| to situate, locate | situer, se situer |
| to smell; to feel | sentir; se sentir |
| to solve, resolve | résoudre |
| to spend (money) | dépenser |
| to steal, fly | voler |
| to stop | cesser |
| to suffer, be in pain | souffrir |
| to support, sustain | soutenir |
| to surprise | surprendre |
| to take advantage, profit, make the most of | profiter de |
| to taste, try | goûter^ |
| to teach | enseigner |
| to tell | raconter |
| to thank | remercier |
| to think about, reflect | réfléchir |
| to threaten | menacer |
| to tolerate | tolérer |
| to touch, affect | toucher |
| to train | s'entraîner^ |
| to try, attempt | tenter de |
| to vote | voter |


| Verbs: Higher ONLY |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | French |
| to warn | prévenir |
| to watch, keep an eye on | surveiller |
| to welcome | accueillir |
| to wish | souhaiter |
| to worry | inquiéter, s'inquiéter |

## Irregular inflected verb forms: Higher and Foundation

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| (to) be | être |
| (I) am \| (I) was | suis |
| (you) are \| (you) were | es |
| (she, he, it, one) is \| (she, he, it, one) was | est |
| \| (we) are | (we) were |  |
| (we) are \| (we) were |  |
| (you (pl, sing formal)) are \| (you (pl, sing | êtes |
| formal)) were |  |
| (they) are \| (they) were | sommes |
| was \| (have, has) been | sont |
| (l) was \| (I) used to be | (you) were | | étais |
| (you) used to be |  |
| (she, he, it, one) was \| (she, he, it, one) | était able to, can |
| used to be \| (we) were | (we) used to be |  |
| (to) be able to, can | poux) été |
| (I) am able to, can \| (you) are able to, can | peux |
| (she, he, it, one) is able to, can \| (we) are |  |
| able to, can | peut |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| (to) believe | croire |
| (I, you) believe \| believe! (sing informal) | crois \| crois ! |
| (she, he, it, one) believes \| (we) believe | croit |
| believed \| (have, has) believed | (aux) cru |


| English | French |
| :---: | :---: |
| (to) do, make, go on/for + noun; (to) do + -ing, go +-ing, play + noun | faire; faire de + noun |
| (l, you) do, make, go (on/for) + noun \| do!, make!, go (on/for) + noun! (sing informal); (I, you) do + -ing, go + -ing, play + noun | do + -ing!, go + -ing!, play + noun! (sing informal) <br> (she, he, it, one) does, makes, goes (on/for) + noun \| (we) do, make, go (on/for) + noun | did, made, went (on/for) + noun | (have, has) done, (have, has) made, (have, has) gone (on/for) + noun; (she, he, it, one) does + -ing, goes + -ing, plays + noun | (we) do + -ing, go + -ing, play + noun | did + -ing, went + -ing, played + noun | (have, has) done + -ing, (have, has) gone + -ing, (have, has) played + -ing <br> (we) do, make, go (on/for) + noun; (we) do + -ing, go + -ing, play + noun <br> you (pl, sing formal) do, make, go (on/for) + noun \| do!, make!, go (on/for) + noun! (pl, sing formal); you ( pl , sing formal) do + -ing, go + -ing, play + noun | do + -ing!, go + ing!, play + noun! (pl, sing formal) <br> (they) do, make, go (on/for) + noun; (they) do + -ing, go + -ing, play + noun <br> (I, you) used to do, used to make, used to go (on/for) + noun; (l, you) used to do + ing, used to go + -ing, used to play + noun <br> (she, he, it, one) used to do, used to make, used to go (on/for) + noun \| (we) used to do, used to make, used to go (on/for) + noun; (she, he, it, one) used to do + -ing, used to go + -ing, used to play + noun | (we) used to do + -ing, used to go + -ing, used to play + noun | fais \| fais !; fais de + noun | fais de + noun! <br> fait \| (aux) fait; fait de + noun | (aux) fait de + noun <br> faisons; faisons de + noun <br> faites \| faites !; faites de | faites de ! <br> font; font de <br> faisais; faisais de <br> faisait; faisait de |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to drink | boire |
| (I, you) drink \| drink! (sing informal) | bois \| bois ! |
| (she, he, it, one) drinks \| (we) drink | boit |
| drank \| (have, has) drunk | (aux) bu |
| to follow | suivre |
| (I, you) follow \| follow! (sing informal) | suis \| suis ! |
| (she, he, it, one) follows \| (we) follow | suit |
| followed \| (have, has) followed | (aux) suivi |
| to go | aller |
| (I) go |  |
| (you) go |  |
| (she, he, it, one) goes \| (we) go | go! (sing |  |
| informal) | va \| va ! |
| (they) go | vont |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to have | avoir |
| (I) have | ai |
| (you) have | as |
| (she, he, it, one) has \| (we) have | a |
| (we) have | avons |
| (you (pl, sing formal)) have |  |
| (they) have | avez |
| had \| (have, has) had | (aux) eu |
| (I, you) had \| (I, you) used to have |  |
| (she, he, it, one) had \| (she, he, it, one) |  |
| used to have \| (we) had | (we) used to |  |
| have |  |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to have to, must | devoir |
| (I, you) have to, must | dois |
| (she, he, it, one) has to, must \| (we) have | doit |
| to, must | devons |
| (we) have to, must |  |
| (you (pl, sing formal)) have to, must | devez |
| (they) have to, must | doivent |
| to know, be familiar with | connaître^ |
| (I) know, am familiar with \| (you) know, <br> are familiar with \| know! (sing informal) | connais \| connais ! |
| (she, he, it, one) knows, is familiar with \| | connait^ |
| (we) know, are familiar with | (aux) connu |
| knew, was familiar with \| (have, has) |  |
| known, (have, has) been familiar with | savoir |
| to know how to, can | sais |
| (I, you) know how to, can |  |
| (she, he, it, one) knows how to, can \| (we) |  |
| know how to, can |  |
| (we) know how to, can | savens |
| (you (pl, sing formal)) know how to, can | savez |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to laugh | rire |
| (I) laugh \| (you) laugh | laugh! (sing <br> informal) <br> (she, he, it, one) laughs \| (we) laugh <br> Iaughed \| (have, has) laughed | ris \| ris ! |
| to put (in, on) | (aux) ri |
| (I, you) put (in, on) | mettre |
| (he, she, it, one) puts (in, on) | mets |
| put (in, on) \| (has, have) put (in, on) | met |
| to laux) mis read |  |
| read \| (has, have) read has) run | lire |
| to he, it, one) runs \| (we) run | court |
| to receive | (aux) lu |
| (I, you) receive \| receive! (sing informal) | reçois \| reçois ! |
| (she, he, it, one) receives \| (we) receive | reçoit |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to see | voir |
| (I, you) see \| see! (sing informal) | vois \| vois ! |
| (she, he, it, one) sees \| (we) see | voit |
| saw \| (have, has) seen | (aux) vu |
| to want (to) | vouloir |
| (I, you) want (to) | veux |
| (she, he, it, one) wants (to) \| (we) want |  |
| (to) | veut |
| (we) want (to) |  |
| (you (pl, sing formal)) want (to) |  |
| (they) want (to) | voulons |
| (she, he, it, one) writes \| (we) write | |  |
| wrote \| (have, has) written | voulez |
| to write | veulent |
| (she, he, it, one) would like \| (we) would |  |
| like | voudrait (aux) écrit |
| (I, you) write \| write! (sing informal) | écris \| écris ! |

## Irregular inflected verb forms: Higher ONLY

| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| (to) be | être |
| (I) have been | suis |
| (you) have been | es |
| (she, he, it, one) has been \| (we) have | est |
| been | sommes |
| (we) have been |  |
| (you (pl, sing formal)) have been | êtes |
| (they) have been | sont |
| (I) would be \| (you) would be | serais |
| (she, he, it, one) would be \| (we (informal) | serait |
| would be | seing |
| be...! (sing informal) |  |
| be..! (pl, sing formal) | seraill be \| (I) am going to be |
| (you) will be \| (you) are going to be |  |
| (she, he, it, one) will be \| (she, he, it, one) |  |
| is going to be \| (we) will be | (we) are |  |
| going to be | sera |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to be able to, can | pouvoir |
| was/were able to, could \| (have, has) <br> been able to | (aux) pu |
| to be quiet, keep quiet | se taire |
| was quiet \| kept quiet | (aux) tu |
| to believe | croire |
| (I, you) have been believing |  |
| (she, he, it, one) has been believing \| (we) |  |
| have been believing | croit |
| to complain | se plaindre |
| complained \| (has, have) complained | (aux) plaint |
| to discover | découvrir |
| discovered \| (has, have) discovered | (aux) découvert |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to do | faire |
| (I, you) have been doing, have been <br> making, have been going on/for + noun; <br> (I, you) have been doing + -ing, have been <br> going + -ing, have been playing + noun | fais \| fais !; fais de + noun | fais de + |
| (she, he, it, one) has been doing, has | fait \| (aux) fait; fait de + noun | (aux) fait |
| been making, has been going on/for + | de + noun |
| noun \| (we) have been doing, have been |  |
| making, have been going on/for + noun; |  |
| (she, he, it, one) has been doing + -ing, |  |
| has been going + -ing, has been playing + |  |
| noun \| (we) have been doing + -ing, have |  |
| been going + -ing, have been playing + |  |
| noun |  |
| (we) have been doing, have been making, | faisons \| faisons !; faisons de + noun | |
| have been going on/for + noun \| let's | faisons de + noun! |
| do!, let's make!, let's go on/for + noun!; |  |
| (we) have been doing + -ing, have been |  |
| going + -ing, have been playing \| let's do |  |
| + -ing!, let's go + -ing!, let's play + noun! |  |
| (you (pl, sing formal)) have been doing, | faites \| faites !; faites de | faites de ! |
| have been making, have been going |  |
| on/for + noun \| do!, make!, go on/for + |  |
| noun! (pl, sing formal); (you (pl, sing |  |
| formal)) have been doing + -ing, have |  |
| been going + -ing, have been playing + |  |
| noun \| do + -ing!, go + -ing!, play + noun! |  |
| (pl, sing formal) |  |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to do | faire |
| (they) have been doing, have been <br> making, have been going on/for + noun; <br> (they) have been doing + -ing, have been <br> going + -ing, have been playing + noun |  |
| font; font de |  |
| (I, you) would do, would make, would go | ferais; ferais de |
| on/for + noun; (l, you) would do + -ing, |  |
| would go + -ing, would play + noun |  |
| (she, he, it, one) would do, would make, | ferait; ferait de |
| would go on/for + noun \| (we) would do, |  |
| would make, would go on/for + noun; |  |
| (she, he, it, one) would do + -ing, would |  |
| go + -ing, would play + noun \| (we) would |  |
| do + -ing, would go + -ing, would play + |  |
| noun |  |
| (I) will do, will make, will go on/for + noun | ferai; ferai de |
| l (I) am going to do, am going to make, |  |
| am going to go on/for + noun; (I) will do + |  |
| -ing, will go + -ing, will play + noun \| (I) am |  |
| going to do + -ing, am going to go + -ing, |  |
| am going to play + noun |  |
| (you) will do, will make, will go on/for + |  |
| noun \| (you) are going to do, are going to | feras; feras de |
| make, are going to go on/for + noun; |  |
| (you) will do + -ing, will go + -ing, will play |  |
| + noun \| (you) are going to do + -ing, are |  |
| going to go + -ing, are going to play + |  |
| noun |  |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to do | faire |
| (she, he, it, one) will do, will make, will go <br> on/for + noun \| (she, he, it, one) is going <br> to do, is going to make, is going to go <br> on/for + noun \| (we) will do, will make, <br> will go on/for + noun \| (we) are going to <br> do, are going to make, are going to go de <br> on/for + noun; (she, he, it, one) will do + - <br> ing, will go + -ing, will play + noun \| (she, <br> he, it, one) is going to do + -ing, is going <br> to go + -ing, is going to play + noun \| (we) <br> will do + -ing, will go + -ing, will make + <br> noun \| (we) are going to do + -ing, are <br> going to go + -ing, are going to play + <br> noun |  |
| doing, making, going on/for + noun; |  |
| doing + -ing, going + -ing, playing + noun |  |
| to drink | faisant; faisant de |
| (I, you) have been drinking | boire |
| (she, he, it, one) has been drinking \| (we) |  |
| have been drinking | boit |
| to follow | bois |
| (I, you) have been following |  |
| (she, he, it, one) has been following \| (we) |  |
| have been following | suit |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to go | aller |
| (I) have been going | vais |
| (you) have been going |  |
| (she, he, it, one) has been going \| (we) | va |
| have been going |  |
| (they) have been going | vas |
| (I) would go \| (you) would go | irais |
| (she, he, it, one) would go \| (we) would go | irait |
| (I) will go \| (I) am going to go | irai |
| (you) will go \| (you) are going to go |  |
| (she, he, it, one) will go \| (she, he, it, one) | ira |
| is going to go \| (we) will go | (we) are |  |
| going to go |  |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to have | avoir |
| (I) have been having | ai |
| (you) have been having | as |
| (she, he, it, one) has been having \| (we) | a |
| have been having |  |
| (we) have been having | avons |
| (you (pl, sing formal)) have been having | avez |
| (they) have been having | ont |
| (I, you) would have |  |
| (she, he, it, one) would have \| (we) would | aurait |
| have | aurais |
| having | aura |
| (I) will have \| (I) am going to have |  |
| (you) will have \| (you) are going to have | auras |
| (she, he, it, one) will have \| (she, he, it, | aura |
| one) is going to have \| (we) will have | |  |
| (we) are going to have | ayant |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to have to | devoir |
| (I, you) have been having to <br> (she, he, it, one) has been having to \| <br> (we) have been having to <br> (we) have been having to <br> (you (pl, sing formal)) have been having to | doit |
| devez |  |
| (they) have been having to, must | doivent |
| had to \| (have, has) had to | devons |
| to know how to, can | (aux) dû |
| knew how to, could \| (have, has) known <br> how to, (have, has) been able to | (aux) su |
| to laugh | savoir |
| (she, he, it, one) has been receiving \| (we) <br> have been receiving | reçoit |
| (I, you) have been laughing |  |
| (she, he, it, one) has been laughing \| (we) |  |
| have been laughing | rit |
| to rain | ris |
| (it) rained a) plu |  |
| to receive | recevoir |


| English | French |
| :--- | :--- |
| to run | courir |
| (I, you) have been running <br> (she, he, it, one) has been running \|(we) <br> have been running | court |
| to see | voir |
| (I, you) have been seeing |  |
| (she, he, it, one) has been seeing \| (we) |  |
| have been seeing | voit |
| to want (to) | vouloir |
| (I, you) have been wanting (to) <br> (she, he, it, one) has been wanting (to) \| <br> (we) have been wanting (to) <br> (we) have been wanting (to) <br> (you (pl, sing formal)) have been wanting <br> (to) <br> (they) have been wanting (to) <br> wanted \| (have, has) wanted | voulez |

## Appendix 2: Grammar

The following grammar list is the full grammar content that will be assessed by this qualification, in both receptive and productive tasks, at each tier.

Nouns, pronouns and determiners

| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :--- | :--- |
| Forming feminine nouns |  |
| - Add -e |  |
| - No change |  |
| - -eur $\rightarrow$-rice / -euse |  |
| - $\quad$-en $\rightarrow$-enne |  | | Forming plural nouns |
| :--- |
| - Add -s |
| - Add -x to masculine nouns ending in - |
| - $\quad$ No chan, -eu |
| Infinitives used as nouns |
| As equivalent of -ing (gerund) in English <br> (e.g. Manger trop de fastfood est mauvais <br> pour la santé) |
| Determiners <br> Articles <br> - Agreement of definite and indefinite <br> articles with noun for gender and <br> number |
| - Partitive articles with uncountable |
| nouns (e.g. du lait) |

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- le/la $\rightarrow$ /' before singular nouns that start with a vowel or $h$ muet
- Functions of definite and indefinite articles, including where their use or omission differs from English (e.g. La santé est importante; le mercredi)
- Use of definite article before an adjective to form a noun, including uninflected adjectives for languages and addition of a capital letter where the resulting noun is a nationality (e.g. seul $\rightarrow$ le seul; ang/ais $\rightarrow$ I'ang/ais, français $\rightarrow$ les Français)
- Partitive articles when distinguishing between parts and wholes (e.g. un pain vs du pain); after jouer with musical instruments (e.g. jouer du piano); after faire with sports (e.g. je fais de la danse)
- Use of de (and omission of article) before nouns following a verb in negative and after expressions of quantity (e.g. je n'ai pas de stylo; beaucoup de choses)
- Contraction of de to d' before a word beginning with a vowel (e.g. beaucoup d'animaux)


## Higher only

- Use of article with dans; omission of article with en (e.g. dans le restaurant; en France)


## Other determiners

- Use of negative adjective determiner aucun(e) (e.g. je n'ai aucune idée)


## Other determiners

- Demonstrative adjectives (ce, cet, cette, ces)

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- Possessive adjectives (mon, ma, mes, ton, ta, tes etc.)
- Interrogative adjectives (quel, quelle, quels, quelles)
- Agreement patterns for indefinite adjectives (e.g. chaque, plusieurs, autre(s), tout(e)(s), tous)


## Pronouns

- Subject pronouns, their agreement and position
- Position of singular direct object pronouns me, te, vous, le, la before verb, not juxtaposed with indirect object pronouns (e.g. je lai envoyé à mon père but not je le lui ai envoyé)
- Position of singular indirect object pronouns me, te, vous, lui before verb, not juxtaposed with direct object pronouns (e.g. il me donne un livre but not il me le donne)
- Position of singular reflexive pronouns (me, te, se) before verb
- me $\rightarrow m^{\prime}$, te $\rightarrow t^{\prime}$, le/l $/ a \rightarrow l^{\prime}$, se $\rightarrow s^{\prime}$ before a vowel or $h$ muet
- Use of emphatic pronouns moi and toi after prepositions
- Use of relative pronoun qui in subject relative clauses


## Pronouns

- Use of pronouns $y$ and en before verb (e.g. j'y vais, j'en veux), not juxtaposed with other object pronouns except in the phrases 'ily en a', 'il y en avait' and 'il y en aura'
- Position of plural direct object pronouns nous, vous, les before verb, not juxtaposed with indirect object pronouns (e.g. tu les montres à tes amis but not tu les leur montres)
- Position of plural indirect object pronouns nous, vous, leur before verb, not juxtaposed with direct object pronouns (e.g. elle vous achète des cadeaux but not elle vous les achète)
- Use of emphatic pronouns lui, elle, nous, vous, eux, elles after prepositions
- Position of plural reflexive pronouns nous, vous, se before verb
- Negative subject pronouns personne ne + verb and rien ne + verb as equivalent of English 'nobody + verb' and 'nothing + verb'

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|  | - Relative clauses using pronouns où, <br> quand and que |

## Verbs

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| :---: | :---: |
| Negation <br> Syntax of negation with: <br> - ne...pas <br> - ne...jamais <br> - ne...rien (as equivalent of 'not verb anything' and 'verb nothing') <br> - ne...personne (as equivalent of 'not verb anyone/anybody' and 'verb nobody') | Negation <br> Syntax of negation with: <br> - ne...plus <br> - ne...ni... (ni ...) <br> - ne... pas encore <br> - ne...que |
| Interrogatives and asking questions <br> Interrogatives expressed through: <br> - Intonation with SV word order, including when followed by a question word (qui, quand, quoi, pourquoi, comment, combien, où) (e.g. il vient quand?; tu veux aller où?) <br> - Est-ce que + SV word order (e.g. est-ce que tu veux aller au cinéma?), including when followed by a question word (qu', quand, pourquoi, comment, combien, où: e.g. quand est-ce qu'il vient?; où estce que tu veux aller?) <br> - Question word (que/qu', quand, pourquoi, comment, combien, où) + VS word order (e.g. quand vient-il?; où veux-tu aller?) |  |


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|  | Passive voice <br> In the present using par |
| Impersonal verbs <br> - il y a; il y avait; il y aura <br> - il fait + adjective <br> - il + weather expressions <br> - il faut + infinitive <br> - il est for telling the time | Impersonal verbs <br> - il est + adjective + de <br> - il manque + noun <br> - il vaut mieux + infinitive <br> - il vaut la peine de + infinitive |
| Reflexive verbs <br> $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular (using reflexive pronouns me, te, se) (e.g. je m'habille) | Reflexive verbs <br> $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ person plural (using reflexive pronouns nous, vous, se), with reflexive and reciprocal meanings (e.g. nous nous levons tôt; ils se donnent des cadeaux) |
|  | Periphrastic time expressions <br> - être en train de <br> - venir de |

## Verbs: Tenses

| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :---: | :---: |
| Present <br> Present indicative, as equivalent of: <br> - English simple (I walk) <br> - English continuous (I am walking) <br> - English simple and continuous with time adverbs to express the future (the holidays start tomorrow; I am working this evening) | Present <br> Present indicative with depuis, as equivalent of 'have been -ing for' + time period <br> $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular and plural: <br> - connaître, écrire and other verbs following the same two patterns |

$1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular and plural:

- -er verbs
- choisir, partir, venir, ouvrir and other -ir verbs following the same four patterns
- entendre, prendre, traduire and other re verbs following the same three patterns
- aller
- avoir (including avoir + noun as equivalent of English 'be + adjective', e.g. j'ai faim)
- être
- faire
- mettre

| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :--- | :--- |

- devoir + infinitive
- pouvoir + infinitive
- savoir + infinitive
- vouloir + infinitive
$1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular only:
- boire
- connaître
- courir
- croire
- écrire
- recevoir
- rire
- suivre
- voir


## Perfect

As equivalent of:

- English simple past (I walked, he went)
- present perfect (I have walked, he has gone)
- $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular and plural, including past participle formation:
- -er verbs


## Perfect

$1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular and
plural, including past participle
formation:

- connaître, écrire and other verbs following the same two patterns
- devoir + infinitive
- pouvoir + infinitive
- savoir + infinitive

| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :---: | :---: |
| - choisir, partir, venir, ouvrir and other -ir verbs following the same four patterns <br> - entendre, prendre, traduire and other re verbs following the same three patterns <br> - aller <br> - avoir (including avoir + noun as equivalent of English 'be + adjective') <br> - être <br> - faire <br> - lire <br> - mettre <br> - pleuvoir (il form only) | - vouloir + infinitive <br> - découvrir <br> - se plaindre <br> - convaincre <br> - taire |
| Imperfect <br> As equivalent of: <br> - habitual (I used to walk) <br> - continuous (I was walking) <br> $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular only, excluding 'you' formal: <br> - -er verbs <br> - choisir, partir, venir, ouvrir and other -ir verbs following the same four patterns <br> - entendre, prendre, traduire and other re verbs following the same three patterns | Imperfect <br> $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons plural: <br> - -er verbs <br> - choisir, partir, venir, ouvrir and other -ir verbs following the same four patterns <br> - entendre, prendre, traduire and other re verbs following the same three patterns <br> - aller <br> - avoir (including avoir + noun as equivalent of English 'be + adjective') <br> - être <br> - faire |


| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :---: | :---: |
| - aller <br> - avoir (including avoir + noun as equivalent of English 'be + adjective') <br> - être <br> - faire | $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular and plural: <br> - connaître, écrire and other verbs following the same two patterns |
| Periphrastic future <br> Aller + infinitive, as equivalent of: <br> - 'will' + verb (I will walk) <br> - 'be going to' + verb (I am going to walk) <br> $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular and <br> plural: <br> - -erverbs <br> - choisir, partir, venir, ouvrir and other -ir verbs following the same four patterns <br> - entendre, prendre, traduire and other re verbs following the same three patterns <br> - aller <br> - avoir (including avoir + noun as equivalent of English 'be + adjective') <br> - être <br> - faire | Periphrastic future <br> $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular and plural: <br> - connaître, écrire and other verbs following the same two patterns |


| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Inflectional future <br> As equivalent of: <br> - 'will' + verb (I will walk) <br> - 'be going to' + verb (I am going to walk) <br> $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular and <br> plural: <br> - -er verbs <br> - $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular only: <br> - aller <br> - avoir (including avoir + noun as equivalent of English 'be + adjective') <br> - être <br> - faire |
| Conditional $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular only, excluding 'you' formal: <br> - vouloir (meaning 'would like') | Conditional <br> $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular and plural: <br> - -er verbs <br> $1^{\text {stt }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ persons singular only: <br> - aller <br> - avoir (including avoir + noun as equivalent of English 'be + adjective') <br> - être <br> - faire |


| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :---: | :---: |
| Imperative <br> $2^{\text {nd }}$ person singular and plural only; not reflexive: <br> - -er verbs <br> - choisir, partir, venir, ouvrir and other -ir verbs following the same four patterns <br> - entendre, prendre, traduire and other re verbs following the same three patterns <br> - aller <br> - faire | Imperative <br> $2^{\text {nd }}$ person singular and plural; not reflexive: <br> - être <br> - connaître, écrire and other verbs following the same two patterns <br> $1^{\text {st }}$ person plural, not reflexive (meaning 'Let's + verb'): <br> - -er verbs <br> - choisir, partir, venir, ouvrir and other -ir verbs following the same four patterns <br> - entendre, prendre, traduire and other re verbs following the same three patterns |
|  | Present participle <br> After en, including adjectival use where relevant: <br> -er verbs <br> - choisir, partir, venir, ouvrir and other -ir verbs following the same four patterns <br> - entendre, prendre, traduire and other re verbs following the same three patterns <br> - connaître, écrire and other verbs following the same two patterns <br> - avoir <br> - être <br> - faire |

## Adjectives

| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :---: | :---: |
| Agreement in gender <br> - Add final -e <br> - No change with adjectives ending in mute -e <br> - $-x \rightarrow$-se <br> - -el $\rightarrow$-elle <br> - -en $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$-enne <br> - - $f \rightarrow$-ve <br> - -er $\rightarrow$-ère |  |
| Agreement in number <br> - Add final -s <br> - No change for masculine forms already ending in $-s$ and $-x$ <br> - -al $\rightarrow$-aux for masculine adjectives |  |
| Position <br> - Mostly after nouns <br> - Before nouns, sometimes with a specific meaning: ancien; bon; cher; dernier; grand; nouveau; propre; seul |  |
| Regular comparative adjectival structures (e.g. plus...que, moins...que, aussi...que) | Regular superlative adjectival structures (e.g. le meilleur, la meilleure, les meilleur(e)s) |

## Adverbs

| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :--- | :--- |
| Position of adverbs of time (e.g. tôt), <br> manner (e.g. vite), frequency (e.g. souvent), <br> place (e.g. ici) |  |
| Regular comparative adverbial structures <br> (e.g. plus...que, moins...que, aussi...que) | Regular superlative adverbial structures <br> (le mieux, le pire) |

## Prepositions

| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :--- | :--- |
| Use of à / de after some verbs, before a <br> noun or second verb (e.g. commencer à; <br> decider de) |  |
| Use of en / à with proper nouns for places |  |
| Contraction of definite article when used <br> with à and de to agree with the gender <br> and number |  |
| De to indicate possession | avant de + infinitive <br> après avoir + past participle |
| Pour / sans + infinitive |  |

## Derivational morphology

These grammar rules are only required for the Reading exam, as derived forms of any base words listed in our vocabulary list (for example, 'cinquième' as a derived form of 'cinq), or base words for any derived forms in our vocabulary list (for example, 'particulier' as a derived form of 'particulièrement'), may appear in the Reading exam.

| Foundation + Higher | Higher only |
| :---: | :---: |
| Prefixes <br> Adding in- or im- to adjectives, adverbs, and nouns, only where the English equivalent is un- or in-, or means 'opposite of' (e.g. également $\rightarrow$ inégalement; sécurité $\rightarrow$ insécurité; possible <br> $\rightarrow$ impossible) |  |
| Suffixes <br> - Ordinal numbers created by adding ième (or by dropping -e and adding ième) to cardinal numbers <br> - Adjectives created by adding -able or eable to the verb stem, only where the English equivalent is -able or -ible (e.g. changer $\rightarrow$ changeable) <br> - Nouns created by adding -ion or ation to the verb stem, only where the English equivalent is -ion or -ation (e.g. préparer $\rightarrow$ préparation) <br> - Only where the English equivalent is $l y$, adverbs created by adding -ment to the feminine form of adjectives (e.g. première $\rightarrow$ premièrement) or by dropping -ant(e) /-ent(e) from an adjective and adding -amment / emment (e.g. patient $\rightarrow$ patiemment) | Suffixes <br> - Agent nouns created by adding -eur or -ateur to a verb stem, e.g. porter $\rightarrow$ porteur |

## Sound-symbol correspondences (SSCs)

The list which follows specifies key differences in sound-symbol correspondences (SSCs) between French and English which students will need to learn at GCSE to be able to read out loud (Read aloud task in Paper 1, Speaking) and transcribe (Dictation task in Paper 2, Listening) with sufficient accuracy at this level, along with an example word from our vocabulary list containing the SSC. It is not an exhaustive list of all the SSCs in the French language. Where a letter or combination of letters is pronounced (or a sound spelt) in approximately the same way in French as in English, it is not listed.

Students will be expected to pronounce words with stress patterns that allow their speech to be clear and comprehensible.

The use of hyphens indicates the position of the letters in a word, when position is relevant to the sound: $x x$ - (at the beginning of a word); -xx- (in the middle of a word); -xx (at the end of a word).

| Sound-symbol correspondence | Example |
| :--- | :--- |
| silent final consonant | tout |
| a | aller |
| i/y | il/stylo |
| eu | peu |
| e | je |
| au/eau/closed o/ô | autre/eau/nos/tôt |
| ou | vous |
| u | tu |
| silent final e | elle |
| é/-er/-ez | été/parler/avez |
| en/an/em/am | entendre/dans/temps/jambe |
| on/om | mon/combien |


| Sound-symbol correspondence | Example |
| :---: | :---: |
| ain/in/aim/im | pain/fin/faim/important |
| è/ê/ai | collège/être/faire |
| oi/oy | moi/moyen |
| ch | cher |
| ç/soft 'c' | reçu/cette |
| qu | qui |
| j | jouer |
| -tion | pollution |
| -ien | bien |
| s-liaison | vous avez |
| t-liaison | on peut aller |
| n-liaison | on a |
| $x$-liaison | deux heures |
| h | hôtel |
| un | un |
| -gn- | gagner |
| r | rien |
| open eu/œu | leur/sœur |
| open o | notre |
| -S- | faisons |
| th | théâtre |
| -ill-/-ille | billet/famille |
| -aill-/ail | travailler/travail |

## Appendix 3: Names of people used in assessments

Assessments in this qualification will only use names taken from the following list, which is representative of the most popular French names in France and across the French speaking world, in the current GCSE level age group, as well as some names for older adults.

We hope students will all become familiar with these names during the course of teaching, so that all students come to the exams with the same knowledge and understanding. By committing to only use these names in our assessments, we aim to remove a barrier to understanding and avoid possible confusion over whether a proper noun is referring to a person or place. Ideally, if all students are familiar with these names before starting an assessment, all their comprehension focus can be on understanding the assessed content of the paper.

| 14-16-year-old girls' <br> names | 14-16-year-old boys' <br> names | 14-16-year-old names <br> used by both boys and <br> girls |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ana | Ahmed | Alex |
| Chloé | Alessandro | Axel(lle) |
| Clara | Clément | Camille |
| Diane | Enzo | Charlie |
| Emma | Hugo | Gabriel(lle) |
| Eva | Jules | Mauis(e) |
| Fathia | Louis | Morgan(e) |
| Fatima | Lucas | Sacha |
| Inès | Luis | Toni |
| Jade |  |  |


| 14-16-year-old girls' <br> names | 14-16-year-old boys' <br> names | 14-16-year-old names <br> used by both boys and <br> girls |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Léa | Mathis |  |
| Lola | Mehdi |  |
| Lucie | Nohamed |  |
| Manon | Rachid |  |
| Maria | Raphaël |  |
| Marie | Sofiane |  |
| Myriam | Théo |  |
| Nadia | Thomas | Tom |
| Sarah | Yanis |  |
| Yasmina |  |  |
| Zoé |  |  |


| Adult male names | Adult female names |
| :--- | :--- |
| Pierre | Sabrina |
| Richard | Sylvie |

## Appendix 4: Transferable skills

## The need for transferable skills

In recent years, higher education institutions and employers have consistently flagged the need for students to develop a range of transferable skills to enable them to respond with confidence to the demands of undergraduate study and the world of work.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) defines skills, or competencies, as 'the bundle of knowledge, attributes and capacities that can be learned and that enable individuals to successfully and consistently perform an activity or task and can be built upon and extended through learning.' ${ }^{[1]}$

To support the design of our qualifications, the Pearson Research Team selected and evaluated seven global 21st-century skills frameworks. Following on from this process, we identified the National Research Council's (NRC) framework as the most evidencebased and robust skills framework. We adapted the framework slightly to include the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) ICT Literacy and Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) Skills.

The adapted National Research Council's framework of skills involves: ${ }^{[2]}$

## Cognitive skills

- Non-routine problem solving - expert thinking, metacognition, creativity.
- Systems thinking - decision making and reasoning.
- Critical thinking - definitions of critical thinking are broad and usually involve general cognitive skills such as analysing, synthesising and reasoning skills.
- ICT literacy - access, manage, integrate, evaluate, construct and communicate. ${ }^{[3]}$

[^3]
## Interpersonal skills

- Communication - active listening, oral communication, written communication, assertive communication and non-verbal communication.
- Relationship-building skills - teamwork, trust, intercultural sensitivity, service orientation, self-presentation, social influence, conflict resolution and negotiation.
- Collaborative problem solving - establishing and maintaining shared understanding, taking appropriate action, establishing and maintaining team organisation.


## Intrapersonal skills

- Adaptability - ability and willingness to cope with the uncertain, handling work stress, adapting to different personalities, communication styles and cultures, and physical adaptability to various indoor and outdoor work environments.
- Self-management and self-development - ability to work remotely in virtual teams, work autonomously, be self-motivating and self-monitoring, willing and able to acquire new information and skills related to work.

Transferable skills enable young people to face the demands of further and higher education, as well as the demands of the workplace, and are important in the teaching and learning of this qualification. We will provide teaching and learning materials, developed with stakeholders, to support our qualifications.

## Appendix 5: Codes

| Type of code | Use of code | Code |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Discount codes | Every qualification eligible for <br> performance tables is assigned a <br> discount code indicating the subject <br> area to which it belongs. <br> Discount codes are published by DfE in <br> the RAISEonline library <br> (www.raiseonline.org) | FKF |
| Regulated <br> Qualifications <br> Framework (RQF) <br> codes | Each qualification title is allocated an <br> Ofqual Regulated Qualifications <br> Framework (RQF) code. <br> The RQF code is known as a <br> Qualification Number (QN). This is the <br> code that features in the DfE Section 96 <br> and on the LARA as being eligible for <br> 16-18 and 19+ funding, and is to be <br> used for all qualification funding <br> purposes. The QN will appear on <br> students' final certification <br> documentation. | The QN for this <br> qualification is: |
| Paper/Component | S10/2718/2 |  |
| codes | These codes are provided for reference <br> purposes. Students do not need to be <br> entered for individual <br> components/papers. | Non-examination <br> assessment: Paper 1: <br> 1 FR1/1F and 1H |
| Pualifications. | Paper 2: 1FR1/2F and 2H <br> The subject code is used by centres to <br> enter students for a qualification. <br> Centres will need to use the entry codes <br> only when claiming students' | GCSE - 1FR1 |
| Paper 3: 1FR1/3F and 3H |  |  |
| Paper 4: 1FR1/4F and 4H |  |  |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Lonsdale, D. \& Le Bras. Y. (2009). A frequency dictionary of French: Core vocabulary for learners. London: Routledge

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Cognates are words in which the substantial majority of letters are the same in English and the assessed language; they have the same meaning in both languages and any difference in spelling should not impede understanding for students entered for GCSE MFL (French, German, Spanish) qualifications. Examples of cognates in French include 'rugby',' électricité' and 'fantastique'.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Finlayson, N., Marsden, E., \& Anthony, L. (2022). MultilingProfiler (Version 3) [Computer software]. University of York. https://www.multilingprofiler.net/

[^3]:    [1] OECD - Better Skills, Better Jobs, Better Lives (OECD Publishing, 2012)
    ${ }^{[2]}$ Koenig J A, National Research Council - Assessing 21st Century Skills: Summary of a Workshop (National Academies Press, 2011)
    [3] PISA - The PISA Framework for Assessment of ICT Literacy (2011)

