

## 3.5 Vocabulary

The minimum core vocabulary lists are primarily intended as a guide for teachers to assist in the planning of schemes of work.

The assessment tasks at Foundation Tier will require students to understand and respond to common or familiar words and/or forms of words that are not on the vocabulary list.

The assessment tasks at Higher Tier will require students to understand and respond to words and/or forms of words that are not on the vocabulary list and which are less common or familiar than those used in relation to Foundation Tier assessments.

Vocabulary listed under a particular theme should be considered transferable, as appropriate, to the other themes.

Students will be expected to be familiar with feminine forms of nouns/adjectives where these are not given.

The vocabulary lists reflect the spelling rules in force before the changes approved by the Académie française were introduced. Examiners will accept both versions of the spellings affected by this reform, ie old and new.

### 3.5.1 Rubrics and instructions

The following is a guide to the sort of rubrics and instructions which will be used in Section B of the Listening and Reading exams. The list is indicative, not exclusive.

French	English
<b>Attention !</b> Vous pouvez utiliser la même lettre plus d'une fois.	<b>NB</b> You can use the same letter more than once.
C'est quelle personne ? Ecrivez le nom de la bonne personne.	Which person is it? Write the name of the correct person.
C'est qui ? Ecrivez le nom de la bonne personne.	Who is it? Write the name of the correct person.
Choisissez (deux) phrases qui sont vraies.	Choose (two) correct sentences.
Choisissez la réponse correcte/la bonne réponse.	Choose the correct answer.
Complétez ... en <b>français</b> .	Complete... in <b>French</b> .
Complétez la grille.	Complete the grid.
Complétez le texte suivant avec les mots de la liste ci-dessous.	Complete the following text with words from the list below.
Complétez les phrases avec les mots de la liste.	Complete the sentences with words from the list.
Décidez si c'est Vrai ( <b>V</b> ), Faux ( <b>F</b> ) ou Pas Mentionné ( <b>PM</b> ). Ecrivez V, F ou PM.	Decide if it is True ( <b>V</b> ), False ( <b>F</b> ) or Not Mentioned ( <b>PM</b> ). Write V, F or PM.
Donnez ( <b>deux</b> ) détails.	Give ( <b>two</b> ) details.
Ecoutez ce passage/cette conversation/cette interview/ce reportage...	Listen to this passage/this conversation/this interview/this report...

French	English
Ecrivez la bonne lettre dans chaque case.	Write the correct letter in each box.
Ecrivez la bonne lettre dans la case.	Write the correct letter in the box.
Ecrivez les bonnes lettres dans les cases.	Write the correct letters in the boxes.
Identifiez la bonne personne.	Identify the correct person.
Il n'est pas nécessaire d'écrire en phrases complètes.	It is not necessary to write in full sentences.
Lisez ...	Read...
Mentionnez un aspect positif/négatif/avantage/inconvénient.	Mention one positive aspect/negative aspect/advantage/disadvantage
Pour une opinion négative, écrivez <b>N</b> Pour une opinion positive, écrivez <b>P</b> Pour une opinion positive et négative, écrivez <b>P +N</b>	For a negative opinion, write <b>N</b> For a positive opinion, write <b>P</b> For a positive and negative opinion, write <b>P+N</b>
Quelle est la réponse correcte ?	Which is the correct answer?
Qui ... ?	Who...?
Remplissez les blancs.	Fill in the blanks.
Répondez à ces questions.	Answer these questions.
Répondez (aux questions) en <b>français</b> .	Answer (the questions) in <b>French</b> .

The following is a guide to the sort of rubrics and instructions which will be used in the Writing exam. The list is indicative, not exclusive.

French	English
Décrivez ...	Describe...
Ecrivez ...	Write...
Ecrivez environ <b>40</b> mots en <b>français</b> .	Write approximately <b>40</b> words in <b>French</b> .
Ecrivez environ <b>90</b> mots en <b>français</b> . Répondez à chaque aspect de la question.	Write approximately <b>90</b> words in <b>French</b> . Write something about each bullet point.
Ecrivez environ <b>150</b> mots en <b>français</b> . Répondez aux deux aspects de la question.	Write approximately <b>150</b> words in <b>French</b> . Write something about both bullet points.
Ecrivez <b>quatre</b> phrases en <b>français</b> sur la photo.	Write <b>four</b> sentences in <b>French</b> about the photo.
Mentionnez ...	Mention...

### 3.5.2 General vocabulary

Students will be expected to use and understand the general vocabulary listed below. This vocabulary is not restricted to specific settings and can occur in any of the themes listed in the specification.

### 3.5.2.1 Comparisons

French	English
plus/moins	more/less
plus que/moins que	more than/less than
bon/meilleur/le meilleur	good/better/best
mauvais/pire/le pire	bad/worse/worst
bien/mieux/le mieux	well/better/best
mal/plus mal/le plus mal	badly/worse/worst
beaucoup/plus/le plus	lots/more/the most
peu/moins/le moins	few, little/less/the least

### 3.5.2.2 Conjunctions and connectives

French	English
à cause de	because of
à part	apart from
ainsi	so, therefore
alors	so, therefore, then
aussi	also
car	because
cependant	however
c'est-à-dire	that is to say, i.e.
comme	as, like
d'un côté/de l'autre côté	on the one hand/on the other hand
donc	so, therefore
ensuite	next
évidemment	obviously

French	English
mais	but
même si	even if
ou	or
par contre	on the other hand
par exemple	for example
pendant que	while
pourtant	however
puis	then
puisque	seeing that, since
quand	when
sans doute	undoubtedly, without doubt, probably
si	if
y compris	including

### 3.5.2.3 Prepositions

French	English
à	to, at
à côté de	next to
à travers	across, through
au bord de	at the side/edge of
au bout de	at the end of (ie length, rather than time)
au-dessous de	beneath, below
au-dessus de	above, over
au fond de	at the back of, at the bottom of
au lieu de	instead of

French	English
au milieu de	in the middle of
autour de	around
contre	against
de	of, from
depuis	since, for
derrière	behind
devant	in front of
en	in, within (time)
en dehors de	outside (of)
en face de	opposite
entre	between
jusqu'à	up to, until
malgré	despite, in spite of
parmi	amongst
pour	for, in order to
près de	near
sans	without
selon	according to
sous	under
sur	on
vers	towards

### 3.5.2.4 Negatives

French	English
ne...jamais	never

French	English
ne...pas	not
ne...personne	nobody, no-one
ne...plus	no more, no longer
ne...que	only, nothing but
ne...rien	nothing
ni...ni	neither....nor
pas encore	not yet

### 3.5.2.5 Alphabet and accents

Students are expected to know the letters of the alphabet and appropriate accents.

### 3.5.2.6 Numbers

Students are expected to know the cardinal numbers 0–1,000 and the word for 1,000,000 (million le).

They are also expected to know the ordinal numbers first-tenth (premier/première–dixième).

#### Other number expressions

French	English
dizaine une	about 10
douzaine une	dozen
nombre de	number of

### 3.5.2.7 Asking questions

French	English
combien ?	how much, how many?
comment ?	how?
est-ce que ?	expression put before a verb to make sentence into a question
où ?	where?
pourquoi ?	why?

French	English
quand ?	when?
que ?	what?
quel/quelle ?	which?
qu'est-ce que ?	what?
qu'est-ce qui ?	what?
qu'est-ce que c'est ?	what is it?
qui ?	who?
quoi ?	what?

### Common questions

French	English
à quelle heure ?	at what time?
ça s'écrit comment ?	how is that written?
c'est combien ?	how much is it?
c'est quelle date ?	what is the date?
c'est quel jour ?	what day is it?
de quelle couleur ?	what colour?
d'où ?	from where?
pour combien de temps ?	for how long?
que veut dire... ?	what does... mean?
quelle heure est-il ?	what time is it?

### 3.5.2.8 Greetings and exclamations

French	English
à bientôt	see you soon
à demain	see you tomorrow

French	English
à tout à l'heure	see you soon/later
allô	hello (on phone)
amitiés	best wishes
au secours	help
bien sûr	of course, certainly
bienvenue	welcome
bon anniversaire	happy birthday
bon appétit	enjoy your meal
bon voyage	have a good trip
bonne année	happy new year
bonne chance	good luck
bonne idée	good idea
bonne nuit	good night
bonnes vacances	have a good holiday
bonsoir	good evening
d'accord	ok
de rien	don't mention it
désolé (e)	sorry
excusez-moi	excuse me
félicitations	congratulations
joyeux Noël	Merry Christmas
meilleurs voeux	best wishes
pardon	excuse me
quel dommage	what a pity



French	English
salut	hi
santé	cheers
s'il te/vous plaît	please

### 3.5.2.9 Opinions

French	English
à mon avis	in my opinion
absolument	absolutely
affreux	awful
agréable	pleasant
amusant	funny
barbant	boring
bien entendu	of course
bien sûr	of course
ça dépend	that depends
ça m'énerve	it gets on my nerves
ça me fait rire	it makes me laugh
ça me plaît	I like it
ça m'est égal	it's all the same to me
ça ne me dit rien	it means nothing to me/I don't fancy that/I don't feel like it
ça suffit	that's enough
casse-pieds	annoying
certainement	certainly
cher	dear, expensive
chouette	great

French	English
comme ci comme ça	so-so
compliqué	complicated
content	happy
croire	to believe
désagréable	unpleasant
désirer	to want
détester	to hate
dire	to say
drôle	funny
embêtant	annoying
en général	in general
enchanté	delighted
ennuyeux	boring
espérer	to hope
étonné	astonished, amazed
facile	easy
faible	weak
formidable	great
franchement	frankly
généralement	generally
génial	great
grave	serious
habile	clever
intéressant	interesting

French	English
(s')intéresser à	to be interested in
inutile	useless
incroyable	incredible
inquiet/inquiète	worried
marrant	funny
marre (en avoir)	(to be) fed up
mauvais	bad
merveilleux/merveilleuse	marvellous
mignon/mignonne	cute
moche	ugly
(moi) non plus	nor me neither, nor do I
nouveau	new
nul	rubbish
parfait	perfect
passionnant	exciting
peine la	the bother
penser	to think
peut-être	perhaps
pratique	practical
préférer	to prefer
promettre	to promise
ridicule	ridiculous
rigolo	funny
sage	well behaved

French	English
sembler	to seem
sensass	sensational
supporter	to put up with
utile	useful
vouloir	to wish, want
vraiment	really, truly

### 3.5.2.10 Expressions of time

#### Seasons

French	English
printemps le	spring
été l' (m)	summer
automne l' (m)	autumn
hiver l' (m)	winter

#### *Time expressions*

French	English
à la fois	at the same time
à l'avenir	in the future
à l'heure	on time
à temps partiel	part-time
an l' (m)	year
année l' (f)	year
après	after
après-demain	the day after tomorrow
après-midi	afternoon

French	English
aujourd'hui	today
auparavant	formerly, in the past
avant	before
avant-hier	the day before yesterday
bientôt	soon
d'abord	at first, firstly
d'habitude	usually
de bonne heure	early
début le	start
demain	tomorrow
dernier/dernière	last
de temps en temps	from time to time
déjà	already
de nouveau	again
en attendant	whilst waiting (for), meanwhile
en avance	in advance
en ce moment	at the moment
en retard	late
en train de (faire...)	(to be) doing
en même temps	at the same time
encore une fois	once more, again
enfin	at last, finally
environ	about, approximately
fin la	end

French	English
hier	yesterday
il y a	ago
jour le	day
journée la	day
lendemain le	the next day
longtemps	for a long time
maintenant	now
matin le	morning
mois le	month
normalement	normally
nuit la	night
parfois	sometimes
passé le	past
pendant	during
plus tard	later
presque	almost, nearly
prochain	next
quelquefois	sometimes
rarement	rarely
récemment	recently
semaine la	week
seulement	only
siècle le	century
soir le	evening

French	English
soudain	suddenly
souvent	often
suivant	following
sur le point de (être)	(to be) about to
tard	late
tôt	early
toujours	always, still
tous les jours	every day
tout à coup	suddenly, all of a sudden
tout de suite	immediately
vite	quickly

### 3.5.2.11 Location and distance

French	English
à droite	on/to the right
à gauche	on/to the left
banlieue la	suburb
centre-ville le	town centre
campagne la	countryside
chez	at the house of
de chaque côté	from each side
de l'autre côté	from the other side
en bas	down(stairs)
en haut	up(stairs)
est l' (m)	east

French	English
ici	here
là	there
là-bas	over there
loin de	far from
nord le	north
nulle part	nowhere
ouest l' (m)	west
par	by
partout	everywhere
quelque part	somewhere
situé (e)	situated
sud le	south
tout droit	straight ahead
tout près	very near
toutes directions	all directions
ville la	town

### 3.5.2.12 Colours

French	English
châtain	light brown
clair	light
foncé	dark
marron	brown
noisette	hazel
pourpre	purple



French	English
rose	pink
roux	ginger

### 3.5.2.13 Weights and measures

French	English
assez	enough, quite
bas	low
boîte la	box, tin, can
bouteille la	bottle
court	short
demi le	half
encore de	more
étroit	narrow
gros	fat
haut	high
large	wide
maigre	skinny, thin
mince	slim, thin
moitié la	half
morceau le	piece
moyen/moyenne	medium, average
nombre le	number
paquet le	packet
pas mal de	lots of
peser	to weigh

French	English
plein de	full of, lots of
pointure la	size (for shoes)
suffisamment	sufficiently
taille la	size (for clothes)
tranche la	slice
trop	too (much)

### 3.5.2.14 Shape

French	English
carré	square
rond	round

### 3.5.2.15 Weather

French	English
averse l' (f)	shower
briller	to shine
brouillard le	fog
brume la	mist
chaleur la	heat
ciel le	sky
climat le	climate
couvert	overcast
doux	mild
éclair l' (m)	lightning
éclaircie l' (f)	bright spell
ensoleillé	sunny

French	English
faire beau	to be fine (weather)
faire mauvais	to be bad (weather)
geler	to freeze
glace la	ice
humide	humid, wet
météo la	weather forecast
mouillé	wet
neiger	to snow
nuage le	cloud
nuageux	cloudy
ombre l' (m)	shade, shadow
orage l' (m)	storm
orageux	stormy
pleuvoir	to rain
pluie la	rain
sec/sèche	dry
tempête la	storm
temps le	weather
tonnerre le	thunder
tremper	to soak
vent le	wind

### 3.5.2.16 Access

French	English
complet/complète	full

French	English
entrée l' (f)	entry, entrance
libre	free, vacant, unoccupied
fermer	to close
interdit	forbidden, not allowed
occupé	taken, occupied, engaged
ouvert	open
ouvrir	to open
sortie la	exit

### 3.5.2.17 Correctness

French	English
avoir raison	to be right
avoir tort	to be wrong
corriger	to correct
erreur l' (f)	error, mistake
faute la	fault, mistake
faux/fausse	false
il (me) faut	you (I) must
juste	correct
obligatoire	compulsory
parfait	perfect
sûr	certain, sure
se tromper	to make a mistake
vrai	true

## 3.5.2.18 Materials

French	English
argent l' (m)	silver
béton le	concrete
bois le	wood
cuir le	leather
fer le	iron
laine la	wool
or l' (m)	gold
soie la	silk
verre le	glass

## 3.5.2.19 Common abbreviations

French	English
CDI centre de documentation et d'information le	resource centre
CES collège d'enseignement secondaire le	secondary school
EPS éducation physique et sportive l' (f)	PE (physical education)
HLM habitation à loyer modéré l' (f)	council/social housing accommodation
SAMU service d'aide médicale d'urgence le	emergency medical services
SDF sans domicile fixe le	homeless person
SNCF société nationale des chemins de fer français la	National Rail Service
TGV train à grande vitesse le	high-speed train
TVA taxe sur la valeur ajoutée la	VAT (Value Added Tax)
VTT vélo tout terrain le	mountain bike

## 3.5.3 Theme-based vocabulary (Foundation Tier)

### 3.5.3.1 Identity and culture

#### Me, my family and friends

French	English
aimable	kind
aîné	elder
amour l' (m)	love
s'appeler	to be called
avoir...ans	to be...years old
barbe la	beard
bavard	chatty/talkative
beau/belle/bel	beautiful
beau-père le	step-father
belle-mère la	step-mother
bête	stupid, silly
bouclé	curly
célibataire	single
cheveux les (m)	hair
copain le/copine la	friend, mate
court	short
demi-frère le	half-brother
demi-sœur la	half-sister
se disputer	to argue
dire	to say, tell
égoïste	selfish
ensemble	together

French	English
s'entendre (avec)	to get on (with)
fâché	angry
se faire des amis	to make friends
femme la	wife/woman
fille la	daughter/girl
fils le	son
frisé	curly
généreux/généreuse	generous
gentil/gentille	kind, nice
grand-mère la	grandmother
grand-père le	grandfather
grands-parents les (m)	grandparents
gros/grosse	fat
heureux/heureuse	happy
injuste	unfair
jeune	young
joli	pretty
laid	ugly
long/longue	long
lunettes les (f)	glasses
mari le	husband
se marier	to get married, marry
méchant	naughty
mi-long	medium length

French	English
mort	dead
naissance la	birth
né(e) le...	born on the...
nom le	name
paresseux/paresseuse	lazy
partager	to share
partenaire le/la	partner
pénible	annoying
petit ami le	boyfriend
petite amie la	girlfriend
petite-fille la	grand-daughter
petit-fils le	grandson
prénom le	first name
raide	straight
rapports les (m)	relationships
sens de l'humour le	sense of humour
séparé	separated
sortir	to go out
sportif/sportive	sporty
sympa	kind, nice
de taille moyenne	medium height
tante la	aunt
timide	shy
tranquille	quiet, calm



French	English
travailleur/travailleuse	hard-working
triste	sad
unique	only
vieux/vieil/vieille	old
yeux les (m)	eyes

### Technology in everyday life

French	English
acheter	to buy
avantage l' (m)	advantage
chercher	to look for
clavier le	keyboard
cliquer	to click
dangereux	dangerous
désavantage le	disadvantage
écran l' (m)	screen
envoyer	to send
faire des achats	to shop
forum le	chat room
imprimante l' (f)	printer
inconvenient l' (m)	disadvantage, drawback
jeu le	game
lecteur DVD le	DVD player
lecteur MP3 le	MP3 player
en ligne	online

French	English
mettre	to put
mettre en ligne	to upload
mot de passe le	password
ordinateur l' (m)	computer
ordinateur portable l' (m)	laptop
ordinateur tablette l' (m)	tablet
passer du temps	to spend time
portable le	mobile (phone)
recevoir	to receive
réseau social le	social network
rester en contact	to stay in contact
site internet/web le	website
souris la	mouse
surfer sur Internet	to surf the internet
taper	to type
tchater	to talk online
télécharger	to download
texto le	text
touche la	key

### Free-time activities

French	English
actualités les (f)	news
agneau l' (m)	lamb
argent l' (m)	money

French	English
assiette l' (f)	plate/dish
basket le	basketball
beurre le	butter
bière la	beer
billet le	ticket
bœuf le	beef
boire	to drink
boisson la	drink
canard le	duck
la carte	menu
centre sportif le	sports centre
cerise la	cherry
champignon le	mushroom
chanter	to sing
chanteur le/chanteuse la	singer
chanson la	song
cheval le	horse
choisir	to choose
chou le	cabbage
chou-fleur le	cauliflower
citron le	lemon
club des jeunes le	youth club
commander	to order
commencer	to start

French	English
confiture la	jam
courir	to run
coûter	to cost
crêpe la	pancake
crudités les (f)	raw chopped vegetables
débuter	to begin
dessin animé le	cartoon
dinde la	turkey
eau (minérale) l' (f)	(mineral) water
équitation l' (f)	horse riding
escalade l' (f)	rock climbing
escargot l' (m)	snail
essayer	to try
fana de (le)	a fan of
feuilleton le	soap opera
film de guerre le	war film
film policier le	detective film
fraise la	strawberry
framboise la	raspberry
fruits de mer les (m)	seafood
glace la	ice cream
goûter	to taste
haricots verts les (m)	green beans
hors d'œuvre le (m)	starter

French	English
s'intéresser à	to be interested in
jambon le	ham
jeu télévisé le	game show
lait le	milk
légumes les (m)	vegetables
natation la	swimming
nourriture la	food
œuf l' (m)	egg
oignon l' (m)	onion
passé-temps le	hobby
pâtes les (f)	pasta
patinage à glace le	ice skating
patinoire la	ice rink
payer	to pay (for)
pêche la	fishing/peach
petits pois les (m)	peas
planche à voile la	wind-surfing
plat principal le	main meal/dish
poire la	pear
poisson le	fish
poivre le	pepper
pomme la	apple
pomme de terre la	potato
potage le	soup

French	English
poulet le	chicken
piscine la	swimming pool
pourboire le	tip
prendre	to take
promenade la	walk
publicité la	adverts
raisins les (m)	grapes
rencontrer	to meet
repas le	meal
riz le	rice
saucisse la	sausage
saumon le	salmon
sel le	salt
série la	series
serveur le/serveuse la	waiter, waitress
skate le	skateboarding
ski (nautique) le	(water) skiing
sports d'hiver les (m)	winter sports
stade le	stadium
steak haché le	burger
sucre le	sugar
tasse la	cup
télé réalité la	reality television
temps libre le	free time

French	English
thé le	tea
thon le	tuna
truite la	trout
vedette la	film star
viande la	meat
voile la	sailing
voir	to see
volley le	volleyball
vouloir	to wish, want
yaourt le	yoghurt

#### Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities

French	English
cadeau le	present
église l' (f)	church
fête la	festival, celebration, party
fête des mères la	Mother's Day
fête des rois la	Twelfth Night/Epiphany
fête du travail la	May Day
fêter	to celebrate
feux d'artifice les (m)	fireworks
Jour de l'An le	New Year's Day
juif/juive	Jewish
mosquée la	Mosque
musulman	Muslim

French	English
Pâques	Easter
poisson d'avril	April Fools' Day, April Fool!
religieux/religieuse	religious
Saint-Sylvestre la	New Year's Eve
Saint Valentin la	St. Valentine's Day
Toussaint la	All Saints' Day
veille de Noël la	Christmas Eve

### 3.5.3.2 Local, national, international and global areas of interest

#### Home, town, neighbourhood and region

French	English
aider	to help
animé	lively
arbre l' (m)	tree
armoire l' (f)	wardrobe
bâtiment le	building
besoin le (avoir....de)	need (to need)
bibliothèque la	library
boucherie la	butcher's shop
baskets les (f)	trainers
boulangerie la	bakery
bijou le	jewel, jewellery
bijouterie la	jeweller's shop
blouson le	coat/jacket
bon marché	cheap



French	English
bruit le	noise
bureau le	office, study
bryant	noisy
caisse la	till
calme	quiet
campagne la	countryside
carte bancaire la	bank card
cave la	cellar
ceinture la	belt
célèbre	famous
centre commercial le	shopping centre
champ le	field
chapeau le	hat
charcuterie la	delicatessen
chaussette la	sock
chaussure la	shoe
chemise la	shirt
choix le	choice
chose la	thing
circulation la	traffic
commerces les (m)	shops
colline la	hill
commissariat le	police station
cravate la	tie

French	English
cuisine la	kitchen/cooking
déménager	to move house
démodé	old-fashioned
dépenser	to spend (money)
devoir	to have to
économiser	to save
escalier l' (m)	staircase
essayer	to try on
étage l' (m)	floor, storey
fenêtre la	window
ferme la	farm
fleur la	flower
gare la	railway station
gare routière la	bus station
gens les (m)	people
gilet le	waistcoat
grand magasin le	department store
gratuit	free (of charge)
habitant l' (m)	inhabitant
hôtel de ville l' (m)	town hall
immeuble l' (m)	block of flats
jardinage le	gardening
jupe la	skirt
laver	to wash

French	English
librairie la	bookshop
livrer	to deliver
maison la (individuelle/jumelée/mitoyenne)	house (detached/semi-detached/terraced)
mairie la	town hall
manteau le	overcoat
marché le	market
meubles les (m)	furniture
mode la	fashion
(à la) montagne la	(in the) mountain(s)
mur le	wall
musée le	museum
nettoyer	to clean
pantalon le	trousers
parc le	park
parfum le	perfume
pâtisserie la	cake shop
pauvre	poor
perdre	to lose
pièce la	room
place la	square
portefeuille le	wallet
porte-monnaie le	purse
poser	to put down
poste la	post office

French	English
pouvoir	to be able
prix le	price
propre	clean, tidy
pull le	jumper
quartier le	quarter, area
quitter	to leave
ranger	to tidy
réduire	to reduce
réduit	reduced
rez-de-chaussée le	ground floor
risque le	risk
robe la	dress
sale	dirty
salle à manger la	dining room
salle de bains la	bathroom
salon le	living room, lounge
sécurité la	safety
soldes les (m)	sale
sous-sol le	basement
station-service la	service station
tabac le	newsagent's
transport en commun le	public transport
travailler	to work
se trouver	to be situated

French	English
usine l' (f)	factory
vendeur le/vendeuse la	shop assistant
vendre	to sell
veste la	jacket
vêtements les (m)	clothes
vie la	life
ville la	town
vitrine la	shop window
vivre	to live
voisin le	neighbour
zone piétonne la	pedestrian zone

### Social issues

French	English
alcool l' (m)	alcohol
alimentation l' (f)	food
aller bien	to be well
aller mieux	to be better
(s') arrêter	to stop
association caritative l' (f)	charity
bonbon le	sweet
bonheur le	happiness
chocolat le	chocolate
combattre	to combat
déjeuner le	lunch

French	English
se détendre	to relax
devenir	to become
dîner le	evening meal
dormir	to sleep
drogue la	drug
se droguer	to take drugs
eau potable l' (f)	drinking water
égalité l' (f)	equality
en bonne forme	fit
en bonne santé	in good health
équilibré	balanced
espace vert l' (m)	green area
éviter	to avoid
faible	weak
faire un régime	to be on a diet
fatigué	tired
forme la	fitness
fort	strong
fumer	to smoke
garder	to look after
gras	fatty
habitude l' (f)	habit
malade	ill, sick
maladie la	illness

French	English
malsain	unhealthy
matières grasses les (f)	fats
médecin le	doctor
médicament le	medicine
obésité l' (f)	obesity
odeur l' (f)	smell
petit déjeuner le	breakfast
pressé	in a hurry, rushed/squeezed
se relaxer	to relax
repas le	meal
rester	to stay
réussir	to succeed
sain	healthy
santé la	health
(se) sentir	to feel
sommeil le	sleep
sucré	sugary
suivre	to follow
tabac le	tobacco
travail bénévole le	voluntary work
tuer	to kill
vide	empty
vomir	to be sick

## Global issues

French	English
allumer	to switch on
bain le	bath
boîte la (en carton)	(cardboard) box
centre de recyclage le	recycling centre
chômage le	unemployment
chauffage central le	central heating
cultiver	to grow
en danger	in danger
déchets les (m)	rubbish
détruire	to destroy
disparaître	to disappear
douche la	shower
environnement l' (m)	environment
éteindre	to switch off
faire du recyclage	to recycle
gaspiller	to waste
inondation l' (f)	flood
jeter	to throw (away)
ordures les (f)	rubbish
pauvreté la	poverty
pétrole le	oil
piste cyclable la	cycle lane
pollué	polluted
poubelle la	dustbin



French	English
protéger	to protect
réchauffement de la Terre le	global warming
robinet le	tap
sac en plastique le	plastic bag
sans-abri le	homeless person
sauver	to save
utiliser	to use

### Travel and tourism

French	English
accueil l' (m)	welcome
aéroport l' (m)	airport
Afrique l' (f)/africain	Africa/African
agence de voyages l' (f)	travel agency
Algérie l' (f)/algérien	Algeria/Algerian
Allemagne l' (f)/allemand	Germany/German
Alpes les (f)	Alps
Angleterre l' (f)/anglais	England/English
arrivée l' (f)	arrival
ascenseur l' (m)	lift
s'asseoir	to sit down
attendre	to wait (for)
auberge de jeunesse l' (f)	youth hostel
auto l' (f)	car
autobus l' (m)	bus

French	English
autoroute l' (f)	motorway
aventure l' (f)	adventure
avion l' (m)	plane
bagages les (m)	luggage
(se) baigner	to bathe, swim
bateau le	boat
Belgique la/belge	Belgium/Belgian
bord de la mer le	seaside
bronzer	to sunbathe
car le	coach
carte la	map
carte postale la	postcard
casser	to break
chambre de famille la	family room
chercher	to look for
Chine la/chinois	China/Chinese
clé la	key
colonie de vacances la	holiday/summer camp
conduire	to drive
se coucher	to go to bed
crème solaire la	sun cream
départ le	departure
descendre	to stay
dortoir le	dormitory

French	English
Douvres	Dover
durer	to last
échange l' (m)	exchange
Ecosse l' (f)/écossais	Scotland/Scottish
en plein air	in the open air
Espagne l' (f)/espagnol	Spain/Spanish
essence l' (f)	petrol
Etats-Unis les (m)	USA
à l'étranger	abroad
étranger l' (m)	stranger/foreigner
expliquer	to explain
faire la connaissance	to get to know
faire du camping	to go camping
(se) garer	to park
Grande-Bretagne la/britannique	Great Britain/British
(s') habituer à	to get used to
horaire l' (m)	timetable
île l' (f)	island
lac le	lake
laisser	to leave
laver	to wash
(se) laver	to get washed
lentement	slowly
lever	to lift

French	English
(se) lever	to get up
lit le	bed
location de voitures la	car rental
logement le	accommodation
loger	to stay, lodge
loisir le	free time (activity)
Londres	London
louer	to hire, rent
lunettes de soleil les (f)	sun glasses
maillot de bain le	swimming costume
Manche la	English Channel
marcher	to walk
Maroc le/marocain	Morocco/Moroccan
Méditerranée la	Mediterranean
monde le	world
montagne la	mountain
monter	to go up/ascend
moto la	motor bike
nager	to swim
parc d'attractions le	theme park
partir	to leave
Pays de Galles le/gallois	Wales/Welsh
pièce d'identité la	means of identification
plage la	beach

French	English
plan de ville le	town plan
se présenter	to introduce oneself
prêt	ready
projet le	plan
se promener	to go for a walk
propriétaire le/la	owner
randonnée la	walk, hike
remercier	to thank
rendez-vous le	meeting
renseignements les (m)	information
réserver	to book, reserve
rester	to stay
retour le	return
retourner	to return
(se) réveiller	to wake up
revenir	to come back
rivière la	river
route la	road, way
salle de séjour la	lounge
sable le	sand
sac de couchage le	sleeping bag
séjour le	stay, visit
spectacle le	show
Suisse la/suisse	Switzerland/Swiss

French	English
tourisme le	tourism
tourner	to turn
Tunisie la/tunisien	Tunisia/Tunisian
vacances les (f)	holidays
valise la	suitcase
visite la (guidée)	(guided) visit
voiture la	car
vol le	flight
voler	to fly
voyager	to travel
vue de mer la	sea view

### 3.5.3.3 Current and future study and employment

#### My studies

French	English
chimie la	chemistry
dessin le	art
EPS l' (f)	PE (physical education)
français le	French
informatique (l') (f)	IT (information technology)
instituteur l' (m)	primary school teacher (male)
institutrice l' (f)	primary school teacher (female)
langue la	language
matière la	subject
physique la	physics

French	English
professeur le	teacher
religion la	religious studies

### Life at school/college

French	English
apprendre	to learn
calculatrice la	calculator
collège le	secondary school
comprendre	to understand
cours le	lesson
demander	to ask
devoirs les (m)	homework
difficulté la	difficulty
diplôme le	qualification
directeur le	headmaster
directrice la	headmistress
discuter	to discuss
distribuer	to give out
droit le	right
école l' (f) (primaire/secondaire)	(primary/secondary) school
élève l' (m/f)	pupil
emploi du temps l' (m)	timetable
en seconde	in year 11
études les (f)	study
étudiant l' (m)	student

French	English
examen l' (m)	examination
faire attention	to pay attention
leçon la	lesson
lecture la	reading
lire	to read
maquillage le	make up
note la	mark
oublier	to forget
passer un examen	to sit an exam
pause la	break, pause
penser	to think
permettre	to allow, permit
porter	to wear, carry
pression la	pressure
récré(ation) la	break
règle la	rule
règlement le	school rules
rentrée la	return to school
répéter	to repeat
réponse la	reply
résultat le	result
réussir un examen	to pass an exam
salle de classe la	classroom
savoir	to know



French	English
scolaire	school (adj)
tableau le	board
terrain de sport le	sports ground
trimestre le	term
trouver	to find

### Education post-16

French	English
année sabbatique l' (f)	gap year
apprenti(e) l' (m/f)	apprentice
avoir envie de	to want to
avoir l'intention (de)	to intend (to)
bac(calauréat) le	A-level(s)
en première	in year 12
en terminale	in year 13
étudier	to study
laisser tomber	to drop
liberté la	freedom
lycée le	sixth form college, grammar school

### Jobs, career choices and ambitions

French	English
agent de police l' (m)	policeman
avenir l' (m)	future
boucher le	butcher
boulangier le	baker

French	English
boulot le	job
candidat le	candidate
coiffeur le	hairdresser
compter (sur)	to count (on)
employé(e) l'	employee
employeur l'	employer
espérer	to hope
facteur le	postman
fermier le	farmer
gagner	to earn, win
idée l' (f)	idea
infirmier l' (m)	nurse
informaticien l'	IT worker
ingénieur l' (m)	engineer
journal le	newspaper
livre la (sterling)	pound (sterling)
maçon le	builder
mécanicien le	mechanic
mettre de l'argent de côté	to save money
patron le; patronne la	boss
petit job le	part-time job
plombier le	plumber
policier le	policeman
rêve le	dream

French	English
rêver	to dream
recevoir	to receive
varié	varied
vétérinaire le	vet

### 3.5.4 Theme-based vocabulary (Higher Tier)

#### 3.5.4.1 Identity and culture

##### Me, my family and friends

French	English
bague la	ring
bouton le	spot, pimple
compréhensif/compréhensive	understanding
confiance la	trust
connaître	to know (a person)
de mauvaise humeur	bad tempered
épouser	to marry
esprit l' (m)	mind
étonnant	amazing
étrange	strange
fiançailles les (f)	engagement
fier/fière	proud
fou/folle	mad, crazy
gâter	to spoil
gêner	to annoy
jaloux/jalouse	jealous

French	English
jumeau le/jumelle la	twin
jeunesse la	youth
marre (en avoir)	(to be) fed up
mépriser	to despise
se mettre en colère	to get angry
mourir	to die
naître	to be born
neveu le	nephew
les noces (f)	wedding
ondulé	wavy
se rendre compte	to realise
(se) séparer	to separate
vif/vive	lively

### Technology in everyday life

French	English
blogueur le	blogger
caméscope le	camcorder
compte le	account
console de jeux la	games console
courrier électronique le	email
écran tactile l' (m)	touch screen
effacer	to delete
enregistrer	to record
fichier le	file

French	English
genre le	type, kind
imprimer	to print
internaute l' (m)	internet user
logiciel le	software
moniteur le	monitor
numérique	digital
page d'accueil la	welcome page
pile la	battery
remplir	to fill (in)
sauvegarder	to save
traitement de texte le	word processing

#### Free-time activities

French	English
s'abonner	to subscribe
ado l' (m/f)	adolescent
ail l' (m)	garlic
amer/amère	sour
ananas l' (m)	pineapple
bien cuit	well cooked
chorale la	choir
course la	race
échecs les (m)	chess
effets spéciaux (m) les	special effects
épicé	spicy

French	English
espèce l' (f)	type, kind
féliciter	to congratulate
lieu le (avoir lieu)	place (to take place)
marquer un but/un essai	to score a goal/try
noix la	nut
pamplemousse la	grapefruit
piquant	spicy
prune la	plum
séance la	performance
tournée la	tour
tournoi le	tournament
veau le	veal

#### Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities

French	English
défilé le	procession
jour férié le	public holiday
messe la	mass
Pentecôte la	Whitsuntide
réunion la	meeting

#### 3.5.4.2 Local, national, international and global areas of interest

##### Home, town, neighbourhood and region

French	English
bricolage le	DIY (do it yourself)
distractions les (f)	things to do

French	English
écharpe l' (f)	scarf
embouteillage l' (m)	traffic jam
endroit l' (m)	place
fermeture la	closure
foulard le	scarf
four le	oven
foyer le	home
garder	to look after
grande surface la	superstore
lèche-vitrine le (faire du)	window shopping (to go window shopping)
loyer le	rent
lumière la	light
marque la	make, label, brand
pelouse la	lawn
pull à capuche le	hoodie
rayon le	department
rembourser	to reimburse
surchargé	overcrowded
tâche la	task

### Social issues

French	English
accro	addicted
agir (il s'agit de)	to act (it's a question of)
alcoolique	alcoholic

French	English
avertir	to warn
avoir sommeil	to be sleepy
cache	to hide
cancer (des poumons) le	(lung) cancer
coupable	guilty
casse-croûte le	snack
conseil le	advice
consommation la	consumption, usage
crise cardiaque la	heart attack
dégoûtant	disgusting
déprimé	depressed
désintoxiquer	to detox
dette la	debt
douleur la	pain
s'enivrer	to get drunk
enquête l' (f)	enquiry
entraînement l' (m)	training
épuiser	to exhaust
s'entraîner	to train
essoufflé	breathless
foie le	liver
hors d'haleine	out of breath
ivre	drunk
mannequin le	model



French	English
mener	to lead
musculation la	weight training
nourriture bio la	organic food
peau la	skin
quotidien(ne)	daily
personnes défavorisées les (f)	disadvantaged people
renoncer	to give up
respirer	to breathe
salé	salty
sida le	AIDS
soigner	to care for
soin le	care
surveiller	to watch
tabagisme le	addiction to smoking
tatouage le	tattooing
tenter	to attempt
tousser	to cough
toxicomane le/la	drug addict
valoir mieux	to be better, preferable
voix la	voice

### Global issues

French	English
agresser	to attack
améliorer	to improve

French	English
attaque l' (f)	attack
augmenter	to increase
bande la	gang
campagne la	campaign
charbon le	coal
couche d'ozone la	ozone layer
croire	to believe
déboisement le	deforestation
effet de serre l' (m)	greenhouse effect
effrayant	frightening
égal	equal
emballage l' (m)	packaging
empêcher	to prevent
endommager	to damage
énergie renouvelable l' (f)	renewable energy
ennui l' (m)	problem, worry
entouré	surrounded
état l' (m)	state
gaz carbonique le	carbon dioxide
gaz d'échappement le	exhaust fumes
guerre la	war
harceler	to bully, harass
harcèlement le	bullying, harassment
immigré l' (m)	immigrant

French	English
incendie l' (m)	fire
inonder	to flood
s'inquiéter	to worry
lourd	heavy, serious
lutter	to struggle
manifestation la	demonstration
marée la	tide
mentir	to lie
mondial	worldwide
niveau le	level
paix la	peace
paysage le	countryside/landscape
(se) plaindre	to complain
produire	to provide
produits bio les (m)	green products
ramasser	to pick up
reconnaissant	grateful
réfugié le	refugee
supporter	to tolerate, put up with
supprimer	to suppress/eliminate
souci le	worry, concern
témoin le	witness
trou le	hole
vague la	wave

French	English
voler	to steal
voyou le	yob, hooligan

### Travel and tourism

French	English
aire de jeux l' (f)	play area
atterrir	to land
avis l' (m)	opinion
chambre d'hôte la	bed and breakfast
chemin le	way, path
chemin de fer le	railway
climatisation la	air conditioning
concours le	competition
se débrouiller	to get by, to cope
décoller	to take off
déranger	to disturb
donner sur	to overlook
dresser	to put up (tent)
emplacement l' (m)	pitch (tent)
événement l' (m)	event
faire la grasse matinée	to lie in, sleep in
foire la	fair
frontière la	border, frontier
héberger	to lodge, accommodate
herbe l' (f)	grass

French	English
inconnu	unknown
jardin zoologique le	zoo
jumelé	twinned
lavabo le	wash basin
lits superposés les (m)	bunk beds
manquer	to miss
se mettre en route	to set off
moquette la	carpet
paraître	to seem
permis de conduire le	driving licence
la perte	loss
plaire	to please
plongée sous-marine la	underwater diving
ralentir	to slow down
remarquer	to notice
sommet le	summit
station balnéaire la	seaside resort
tour la	tower, tour
traduire	to translate
trajet le	journey
traversée la	crossing

### 3.5.4.3 Current and future study and employment

#### My studies

French	English
couture la	sewing
langues vivantes les (f)	modern languages
instruction civique l' (f)	citizenship
proviseur le	head teacher

#### Life at school/college

French	English
bien équipé	well equipped
bulletin scolaire le	school report
car de ramassage le	school bus
couloir le	corridor
doué	gifted
échouer	to fail
enseigner	to teach
incivilités les (f)	rudeness
injure l' (f)	insult
mal équipé	badly equipped
maternelle la	nursery school
redoubler	to repeat the year
retenue la	detention

#### Education post-16

French	English
conseiller d'orientation le	careers adviser

French	English
épreuve l' (f)	test
établissement l' (m)	establishment
faculté la	university, faculty
former	to train
licence la	degree

### Jobs, career choices and ambitions

French	English
à peine	scarcely
assis	sitting
avocat l' (m)	lawyer
comptable le	accountant
croisière la	cruise
débouché le	prospect/job prospect/opportunity
debout	standing
dessinateur de mode le	fashion designer
disponible	available
élargir	to widen
entreprise l' (f)	firm, enterprise
entretien l' (m)	interview
enrichissant	enriching, rewarding
espoir l' (m)	hope
interprète l' (m)	interpreter
outil l' (m)	tool
venir de	to have just





# 4 Scheme of assessment

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This specification is designed to be taken over two years.

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GCSE exams and certification for this specification are available for the first time in May/June 2018 and then every May/June for the life of the specification.

All materials are available in English only.

Our GCSE exams in French include questions that allow students to demonstrate their ability to:

- draw together their knowledge, skills and understanding from across the full course of study
- provide extended responses.

## 4.1 Aims and learning outcomes

Courses based on this specification should encourage students to develop their ability and ambition to communicate with native speakers in speech and writing. The study of French should also broaden their horizons and encourage them to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries and develop new ways of seeing the world.

Courses based on this specification should enable students to:

- develop their ability to communicate confidently and coherently with native speakers in speech and writing, conveying what they want to say with increasing accuracy
- express and develop thoughts and ideas spontaneously and fluently
- listen to and understand clearly articulated, standard speech at near normal speed
- deepen their knowledge about how language works and enrich their vocabulary to increase their independent use and understanding of extended language in a range of contexts
- acquire new knowledge, skills and ways of thinking through the ability to understand and respond to authentic spoken and written material, adapted and abridged, as appropriate, including literary texts
- develop awareness and understanding of the culture and identity of the countries and communities where French is spoken
- make appropriate links to other areas of the curriculum to enable bilingual and deeper learning, where the language may become a medium for constructing and applying knowledge
- develop language learning skills both for immediate use and prepare them for further language study in school, higher education or employment
- develop language strategies, including repair strategies.