

French Revision Checklist

You will be sitting two papers, listening and reading. They are each worth 20 % of your final grade.

LISTENING: This exam will last approx 35 minutes at foundation level and 45 minutes at higher level. You will have an additional 5 minutes at the beginning of the exam to read the paper. You will hear each item twice and your answers and you will answer the questions in English. No dictionaries will be allowed.

READING: This exam will last 35 minutes at foundation level and 45 minutes at higher level. You will answer the questions in English. No dictionaries will be allowed.

You should revise vocabulary from the following topics:

- Personal and social life
 - Self, family, friends, home life, shopping, meals, healthy living, illness and accident, free time, fashion, relationships, future plans.
- Local community
 - Home town, school, education, local environment, pollution, recycling, local facilities, comparisons with other towns and regions, weather and seasons.
- The world of work
 - Work experience, part-time jobs, future careers, technology (sending messages, accessing information)
- The wider world
 - Travel and holidays, media, social issues (e.g. life of young people today, homelessness, crime, drugs, healthy living, religion, politics), life in the countries and communities where the language is spoken

You also need to be confident recognising the following grammar structures:

FOUNDATION TIER:

Nouns: gender singular and plural forms

Articles: definite, indefinite and partitive, including use of de after negatives

Adjectives: agreement position comparative and superlative: regular and meilleur demonstrative (ce, cet, cette, ces) indefinite (chaque, quelque) possessive interrogative (quel, quelle)

Adverbs: comparative and superlative: regular interrogative (comment, quand) adverbs of time and place (aujourd'hui, demain, ici, là-bas) common adverbial phrases

Quantifiers/Intensifiers: (très, assez, beaucoup, peu, trop)

Pronouns:

personal: all subjects including 'on'

relative: que

object: direct and indirect

position and order of object pronouns

disjunctive/emphatic demonstrative (ça, cela)

indefinite (quelqu'un)

interrogative (qui, que)

use of y, en

VERBS

Present tense - regular and irregular verbs, including reflexive verbs

Perfect tense – avoir and être

imperfect: avoir, être and faire other common verbs in the imperfect tense

immediate future future

conditional: vouloir and aimer

pluperfect

passive voice

HIGHER TIER – you should be confident with all of the foundation structures plus:

Adjectives: comparative and superlative, including meilleur, pire

Adverbs: comparative and superlative, including mieux, le mieux

Pronouns: use of y, en relative: que

relative: dont

object: direct and indirect position and order of object pronouns demonstrative (celui)

possessive (le mien)

VERBS

passive voice: future, imperfect and perfect tenses

perfect infinitive present participle, including use after en

subjunctive mood: present, in commonly used expressions

Ways to revise:

Complete your vocabulary revision booklet, past papers from the WJEC and other exam boards, ask family members or friends to test you on vocabulary, make mind maps or word palaces of useful vocabulary and stick them up around your room, use useful websites e.g. GCSE Bitesize, GCSEPod, <http://legacy.language-gym.com/>