



GCSE French

Revision Tips and Advice

Tips and advice

- **Know the exam!** Know what is expected of you for each papers.
- Revise the **vocabulary** of each topics and create flashcards.
- Try using a language learning app such as **Duolingo** in your free time to extend your vocabulary.
- Make sure you **know all your tenses** very well!.
- Revise all your **grammar points** (use of articles, preposition and partitives / adjectival agreement / gender / position / etc.)
- Use the time given to you to prepare at the beginning of the exam to **translate as many words in the questions** as you can (especially for part 2 – the questions and answers are in French)
- Get you ears used to **listening to French** (watch show on Netflix in French with subtitles/ listen to radio or podcast in French)
- **Do not wait for the last minute to start revising!**

EXAM

LISTENING

Written exam:

35 minutes (Foundation Tier)

45 minutes (Higher Tier)

- **Section A – questions in English**
- **Section B – questions in French**

(You will have 5 minutes to read the questions before the recording starts)

WRITING

Written exam:

1 hour (Foundation Tier)

1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier)

FOUNDATION

- **Photo description**
- **40 word task**
- **Translation**

(English to French - 35 words)

- **90 word task**

choice from 2 questions

HIGHER

- **90 word task**

choice from 2 questions

- **150 word task**

choice from 2 questions

- **Translation**

(English to French)



READING

Written exam:

45 minutes (Foundation Tier)

1 hour (Higher Tier)

- **Section A – questions in English**
- **Section B – questions in French**
- **Section C – translation - French into English**

35 words Foundation Tier

50 words Higher Tier

SPEAKING

7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time

10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time

- **Photo card**

(2 minutes at Foundation; 3 minutes at Higher)

- **Role-play**

(2 minutes at Foundation & Higher Tier)

- **General conversation**

(3–5 minutes Foundation; 5–7 minutes Higher)

TOPICS

Theme 1: Identity and culture

- **Topic 1: Me, my family and friends**

Relationships with family and friends

Marriage/partnership

- **Topic 2: Technology in everyday life**

Social media

Mobile technology

- **Topic 3: Free-time activities**

Music, Cinema and TV, Food and eating out & Sport

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

- **Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region**

- **Topic 2: Social issues**

Charity/voluntary work and Healthy/unhealthy living

- **Topic 3: Global issues**

The environment and Poverty/homelessness

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

- **Topic 1: My studies**

- **Topic 2: Life at school/college**

- **Topic 3: Education post-16**

- **Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions**

