

French

There are a range of different activities that you can do in order to prepare yourself for further study of French.

If you study French beyond GCSE then you will explore more about the culture of French speaking countries and current issues.

In preparation for A level there are many free websites with a wide range of activities you can do to keep up with the French knowledge and skills you have learnt for GCSE and get a head start on your A levels.

In this pack you will find a comprehensive list of websites, apps and activities that you can do.

At A level you are expected to be more independent with your learning so it is worth while taking the time to find activities that you enjoy doing to improve your French.

This resource pack is split into the different skill areas. Have a go at some of the activities suggested and check out some of the websites where you can practise in a fun way.

Grammar

Check that you know the grammar you have studied at GCSE as you will use these during A levels and beyond.

Start by Red, Amber and Green the structures below so that you can see which grammar points you need to revise.

	I don't know it	I need to revise this	I am confident with this
Nouns: gender, singular and plural forms			
Articles: definite (le, la, les...) and indefinite (un, une...)			
Articles: partitive (du, de la...)			
Adjectives: agreement			
Adjectives: position and word order			
Adjectives: possessive adjectives (mon, ma, mes...)			
Adjectives: comparative adjectives (plus ... que			
Adjectives: superlative adjectives (le plus...)			
Adjectives: interrogative adjectives (quel, quelle...)			
Adjectives: demonstrative adjectives (ce, cette...)			
Adjectives: indefinite adjectives (chaque, quelque...)			
Quantifiers and intensifiers (assez, trop)			
Adverbs: comparative and			
Adverbs: interrogative adverbs (comment, quand...)			
Adverbs: adverbs of time, frequency and place			
Pronouns: subject pronouns (je, tu...)			
Pronouns: emphatic pronouns (moi, toi...)			
Pronouns: relative pronouns (qui, que)			
Pronouns: direct object pronouns (me, le, les...)			
Pronouns: indirect object pronouns (me, lui, leur...)			
Pronouns: demonstrative (cela, celui)			
Pronouns: indefinite (quelqu'un)			
Pronouns: possessive (le mien)			
Pronouns : use of y, en			
Prepositions : common prepositions (à, au, à l', à la, aux; de, du, de l', de la, des; après)			
common compound prepositions (à côté de; près de; en face de)			
Conjunctions: coordinating conjunctions (car; donc; ensuite)			
Conjunctions: subordinating conjunctions (comme; lorsque; parce que; puisque)			
Verbs: present tense – regular verbs			
Verbs: present tense – irregular verbs			
Verbs: present tense – reflexive verbs			
Verbs: present tense – modal verbs			
Verbs: negatives			
Verbs: followed by the infinitive			
Verbs: the perfect tense			
Verbs: the imperfect tense			
Verbs: the near (immediate) future tense			
Verbs: the future tense (simple future)			
Verbs: the conditional			
Verbs: the pluperfect tense			
Verbs: impersonal verbs			
Verbs: the passive voice			
Verbs: the perfect infinitive			
Verbs: the imperative			
Verbs: the present participle			

Verbs: the subjunctive mood (present subjunctive)			
Using depuis			
Using si in complex sentences			

Websites to use to revise and practice grammar

- www.bbc.co.uk/languages
- <https://www.lawlessfrench.com/> another good site for interactive grammar activities
- www.lepointdufle.net comprehensive search engine for French grammar
- www.languagesonline.org.uk
- <http://french.about.com> (grammar explanations)
- www.verb2verbe.com (great online conjugation tool)

Grammar and revision sites

www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/french	good site, lots of resources
www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/french	good site with lots of materials (need to register but free)
www.languagesonline.org.uk	lots of grammar & exercises + topics at GCSE and AL
http://french.about.com	lots of grammar notes but no exercises
www.verb2verbe.com	site which translates any verb in any form (F>E & E>F)
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/gcse/french	<i>good site, lots of practice</i>
http://revisionworld.co.uk/gcse-revision/french	some good stuff here
www.laits.utexas.edu/fi/	<i>from beginners to advanced (grammar) & KS3/4 topics</i>
www.frenchexams.org	<i>useful site</i>
www.thegcsefrenchsite.com	<i>good practice</i>
www.realfrenchplus.net	<i>good interactive site for beginners to GCSE</i>
www.frenchinaclick.com	quite a good, general site
www.targetlanguage.co.uk/contents.html	good for grammar explanations
www.alevelfrench.com	click: move up to A Level transition good site
www.didieraccord.com	a good site for AS/A2, grammar & vocab
www.bonjourdefrance.com	a great site for AS/A2, lots of interactive materials
www.frenchexams.org	interactive revision materials
www.lepointdufle.net	a very comprehensive search engine for French grammar (menu is in French but many of the exercises are in English) really useful site, from quite basic to A2 so good general revision/learning site – all exercises are self-marking or interactive
www.synonymes.com	a good search engine for synonyms in French
www.uni.edu/becker/french31.html	a good site for lots of website links to French sites

Listening

There are many things you can use to practise listening skills.

www.lyricstraining.com This website is free which you can use to listen to all different types of French music as well as completing activities to improve your listening skills. It also has 4 different levels.

Youtube.com There are many French videos on youtube from songs to free movies use the search engine to look up topics you are interested and find videos to watch. Use this to find out about French politics, social issues etc

Listen to the radio from France or other French speaking countries, you can just have it on in the background whilst you are doing something else or you can listen to it and take notes about what you hear.

www.radiofrance.fr, www.europe1.fr

www.rfmusique.com music video channel

Download the **France Radio app** where you can choose a radio station with your preferred music style.

If you have Netflix or Amazon Prime there are many movies and TV series which you can watch with and without subtitles.

Try Lupin a story inspired by the adventures of Arsène **Lupin**, gentleman thief Assane Diop sets out to avenge his father for an injustice inflicted by a wealthy family.

<http://www.tv5monde.com>, <http://apprendre.tv5monde.com> where you can watch and complete exercises on what you saw.

Some film suggestions: Amélie, La Haine, La Vie en Rose, Intouchables – the original version of the recent American re-make: The Upside, Les Choristes

<https://www.1jour1actu.com/>

www.tf1.fr	good general fun channel (click REPLY for iplayer) + good news reports
www.france2.fr	lots of shows (A bit like ITV1) but the news is good
www.rtf.be	Belgian TV with lots of listening/articles
www.mtv.fr	French MTV with French & International songs/interviews
www.tv5monde.org	(serious) channel but good for AL type listening. Also a great section on the French language (click: langue française then click: découvrir le français for all sorts of games & exercise for foreigners leaning French)
www.rfi.fr	French international radio station with lots of listening exercises & podcasts (with exercises/answers - look at langue française)
www.rtl.fr	good music/news station in French (to listen online click: RTL en direct)
www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/07-langcoll/02-MFL-resources.shtml	great resources for listening, all levels
www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips	listening videos from basic to AS standard
www.ielanguages.com	good French section, a bit of everything
www.bonjourdefrance.com	try the karaoke section aimed at AS/A2
www.audio-lingua.eu/?lang=fr	advanced level mp3 recording on many topics (also German & Spanish)
www.pubstv.com	TV adverts from France and other countries
www.coerll.utexas.edu/cmaj/home	listening exercises with transcripts (in the form of interviews)

READING

Find news or blogs on topics you are interested in. Most newspapers have sections on environment, politics, health, and culture. Don't be worried that you cannot understand everything, try to get the gist of what you read.

Check out this blog on different newspaper websites <https://www.fluentu.com/blog/french/learn-french-news/>

<http://www.20minutes.fr> –gossip,global news

<https://www.20minutes.fr/dossier/video>

www.l-eco.fr

www.elle.fr

fashion magazine

www.premiere.fr

film/cinema magazine

www.voici.fr

gossip magazine

www.lemonde.fr

the French equivalent of the Times)

www.metronews.fr

like the free Metro newspapers in the UK, short articles on French & world news, more accessible than the more 'serious' papers

www.ados.fr

a general site for young people (music, articles, blogs, games, films etc)

www.fff.fr

French football union site

<http://www.gouvernement.fr/>

The French government website, see what the important issues are and what is happening in France.

www.twitter.com

Vocabulary

www.quia.com/shared/french

various language/vocab games

www.memrise.com/course/52220/aqa-gcse-french-vocabulary

quite good

www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/07-langcoll/02-MFL-resources.shtml

a bit of everything from Yr7 to GCSE

www.transparent.com/word-of-the-day/today/french.html

a new word a day (& sound)

www.vivenoel.com

Christmas games (& vocab) website

www.funwithlanguages.vacau.com

a great site with vocab games Yr7 to AS

www.quizlet.com

a useful site for vocab learning (up to GCSE)

www.voki.com

make your own speaking avatar

<http://zut.languageskills.co.uk/advanced/year12.html>

videos and vocabulary

www.francebienvenue1.wordpress.com lots of listening & reading AS/A2

<http://thefrenchblog.weebly.com/index.html> a good general site with a bit of everything for all year groups/abilities

Seneca.com

a useful website for learning grammar and vocabulary

APPS

Memrise, duolingo, French learning app

améliorez votre français (French grammar & vocab)

l'Équipe.fr French sports magazine

word crack (word game)

Culture

When learning a language, it is important to learn about its culture. Check out some of these interesting websites all about French and Francophonie culture.

www.lejdd.fr/top50 a series of articles on the top 50 most famous French people

<http://www.frenchculture.org/> culture

<http://www.bnf.fr/> museums

<http://www.francophonie.org/> language

<http://www.franceguide.com/> tourism

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/> government departments

Research a time in France's history that you don't know much about.

<https://www.expatica.com/fr/moving/about/france-facts-109142/>

<https://facts.net/world/countries/france-facts/>

<https://www.francetoday.com/learning-france/>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Organisation-Internationale-de-la-Francophonie>

Research a variety of francophone music styles and artists.

<https://www.okayafrica.com/francophone-female-singers-listen-to/>

<https://theculturetrip.com/europe/france/articles/top-10-french-musicians-you-should-know/>

<https://www.last.fm/tag/francophone/artists>

STUDY SKILLS FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING

<http://www.open.ac.uk/skillsforstudy/taking-notes-for-languages-students.php>

aimed at OU (Open University) students, but a good site to help you learn more efficiently & easily

www.frenchlevelhelp.hemscott.net former AL French student giving advice (v good)

www.wordreference.com a very reliable site with tons of examples; other languages also offered

www.reverso.net a great site with lots of idiomatic examples