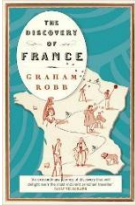


A Level French – Suggested Summer Activities

Welcome to A Level French – we are delighted that you have chosen it! The step from GCSE up to A Level is quite a big one, but if you prepare thoroughly over the summer then you shouldn't need to worry. Alongside completing your grammar workbook, here are some suggestions to improve your French...

Books



Speak the Culture - France by Andrew Whittaker is an excellent introduction to all aspects of French culture, including history, politics and regional identity. You might like to try **The Discovery of France** by Graham Robb as an alternative.

Action Grammaire by Phil Turk contains explanations of key grammar points, followed by exercises to test yourself. **Bescherelle Complete Guide to Conjugating 12000 French Verbs** is a fantastic book to help you with your tenses.

French Short Stories by Richard Coward is a parallel reader, with the story in French on one page and English on the facing page.

If you're feeling really adventurous, you could try: Anna Gavaldà - *Ensemble c'est tout*, Muriel Barbery - *L'Élégance du hérisson*, Sébastien Japrisot - *Un long dimanche de fiançailles*.

News in French



France 24 (www.france24.com) is a French TV website that you can watch online to keep up to date with international news in French. Alternatively try **TVSmonde** - 7 jours sur la planète (www.tvSmonde.com). A good radio station is www.franceinfo.fr.

Go to www.lingro.com and paste the URL of a webpage there - Lingro makes the page 'clickable', so that you can click on any vocabulary you don't know and it will look it up for you!

TV & Film



There is a good selection of films in the school library.

Otherwise you could try:

- *L'auberge espagnole* - Cédric Klapisch - if you like it the sequel is called *Les poupées russes*.
- *Coco before Chanel* - Anne Fontaine
- *Le fabuleux destin d'Amélie Poulain* - Jean-Pierre Jeunet

This website gives you some ideas as to the best French TV series 2016 - have a look!

<http://thevore.com/best-series/french-tv-series/>