



# 10 Things to Do to Prepare for...

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## **A Level French**

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# Activities

## 1. High Frequency Verbs

Learn high frequency verbs in a range of tenses.

aller	faire	être	avoir
Je vais - I go	Je fais - I do	Je suis - I am	J'ai - I have
Je suis allé(e) - I went	J'ai fait - I did	J'ai été - I have been	J'ai eu - I had
J'allais - I used to go	Je faisais - I used to do	J'étais - I was	J'avais - I used to have
J'irai - I will go	Je ferai - I will do	Je serai - I will be	J'aurai - I will have
J'irais - I would go	Je ferais - I would do	Je serais - I would be	J'aurais - I would have

-  Say and write these high frequency verbs from memory in French and English. Can you name each tense?
-  Next, research and learn the full declension for each of these verbs, in each of the tenses above.
-  Write a step by step explanation about how each tense is formed.









## 2. Modal Verbs

Learn some modal verbs in French in present tense.


pouvoir	vouloir	devoir	savoir
je peux = I can	je veux = I want	je dois = I must	je sais = I know
tu peux = you can	tu veux = you want	tu dois = you must	tu sais = you know
il peut = he can	il veut = he wants	il doit = he must	il sait = he knows
elle peut = she can	elle veut = she wants	elle doit = she must	elle sait = she knows
on peut = we/one can	on veut = we want/ one wants	on doit = we must/ one must	on sait = we know/ one knows
nous pouvons = we can	nous voulons = we want	nous devons = we must	nous savons = we know
vous pouvez = you can	vous voulez = you want	vous devez = you must	vous savez = you know
ils peuvent = they can	ils veulent = they want	ils doivent = they must	ils savent = they know
elles peuvent = they can	elles veulent = they want	elles doivent = they must	elles savent = they know


-  Write and say these verbs from memory.
-  Learn how to say and write them in the perfect tense, imperfect tense, simple future tense and conditional tense. Devise a test to ensure you know them.
-  Write twenty sentences using the modal verbs with familiar topics from GCSE.

## 3. Identifying Modal Verbs

-  Translate these sentences into English:
  - Je ne veux pas me marier, je préférerais rester célibataire car je voudrais garder ma liberté.
  - Je dois être clair, je déteste la séparation et le divorce. Le mariage devrait durer toute la vie.
  - Je ne peux pas imaginer ma vie sans la technologie même si on sait qu'il est tellement facile de devenir accro à son smartphone.
  - L'usage des téléphones portables peut entraîner des maladies dangereuses telles que certains cancers du cerveau.
  - Ils ont pu faire du bénévolat pendant les vacances.
  - Elle voudrait travailler avec les malades alors qu'il voudrait distribuer la nourriture chaude aux gens qui vivent dans les rues.
  - Nous devons être fiers du patrimoine de notre pays. Notre passé peut enrichir notre avenir.
  - On ne peut pas nier le fait que des immigrants contribuent à l'économie et à la culture de la France.




 Cover the French and use your English translations to translate the sentences back into French.


 Change an element of each sentence or add to it.

## 4. Key Expressions

Learn some key expressions to enhance your spoken and written French.

 Translate these expressions into English:

- Je suis convaincu que...
- Ce que je ne peux pas supporter c'est...
- Ce qui est choquant est...
- Grâce à...
- À cause de...
- Bien que je puisse comprendre que...
- Cela va sans dire que...
- D'après moi...
- Je suis d'accord...
- Je ne suis pas d'accord...
- Ce qui est bien c'est qu'on peut...
- L'avantage c'est qu'il y a...




 Create some French sentences about family relationships containing each of these expressions.

 Find ten more expressions like these ones.

## 5. Negatives




Negative	Example
ne...pas = not	Je ne chante pas.
ne ... que = only	Je ne mange que des légumes.
ne ... jamais = never	Je ne lis jamais.
ne ... personne = no one	Je ne vois personne.
ne ... rien = nothing	Je ne fais rien.
ne ... nulle part = nowhere	Je ne voyage nulle part.
ne ... aucun(e) = not a single	Je ne vois aucun arbre.
ne ... plus = anymore	Je ne parle plus.
ne ... ni ... ni ... = neither / nor	Je ne bois ni de vin, ni de bière.



-  Learn the negatives off by heart.
-  Translate the negative sentences.
-  Change the negative sentences from first person to first person plural (the nous form).




## 6. Family

Do some research on the changing role of the family in France or in a French speaking country/community.

-  Draw up a list of key words in French around this topic.
-  Write down five changes that your chosen French speaking society has seen over the past ten years.
-  Note down your opinion on these changes.




## 7. Immigration

Do some research on immigration in relation to France or a French speaking country/community.

-  Draw up a list of key words in French around this topic.
-  Write down the advantages and disadvantages of immigration.
-  Write down five opinions you have about immigration.

## 8. Music

Do some research on the importance of music in France or a French speaking country/community.




-  Draw up a list of key words in French around this topic.
-  How does music influence or impact the culture of France or the French speaking country you are researching?
-  Give five opinions about the importance of music in society.








## 9. Culture and Heritage

Choose one aspect of culture or heritage in France or a French speaking country/ community. Do some research on it.

-  Draw up a list of key words in French around this topic.
-  Why is this aspect of culture so interesting? Where does it originate from? What impact does it have on society?
-  Write down five opinions about the importance of culture and heritage.

## 10. Text and Film

As part of your A Level you will have to study either two texts or a text and a film. Find out which books or films you will be studying and begin to read and watch them. Make notes and annotations as you go.

-  Draw up a list of the main characters and their role in the story.
-  What are the main themes of the text or film?
-  Write a summary in English of the text or film.