

French

Listening and Reading

The purpose of this booklet is to support your child prepare for their GCSE French listening and reading exams.

This booklet is a summary of all the content that your child needs to revise vocabulary and structures for, and also includes ways of practising their French listening skills and improving their confidence in this skill. Although the booklet is by no means a guarantee and only a starting point to help you and your child manage their revision for this exam, it will make a significant contribution to their success.

This booklet should be used as a checklist so that you can help your child plan their revision and practice. Ideally topics should be worked through at random and use a priority red, amber, green system to prioritise areas to work on.

I hope that you enjoy using this booklet to help check your child's understanding of the topics that they have completed. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at Irichardson@whickhamschool.org

Merci et bonne chance from the French department!

Exam structure:

		Foundation	Higher
Listening	25% of GCSE	35 minutes / 40 marks	45 minutes / 50 marks
Reading	25% of GCSE grade	45 minutes / 60 marks	1 hour / 60 marks

Question styles:

The reading and listening exams feature a variety of question styles. Section B of the exam will have questions and answers in French so it is important that pupils have revised and can understand question words in French.

Question styles include:

Gapfill

Q&A in English

Q&A in French

Positive / negative / not mentioned

True / False

Advantages / disadvantages

In the listening and reading papers, pupils will be tested on their understanding of the vocabulary and structures from the following topics and subtopics.

Pupils have vocabulary notes and lists in their exercise books/folders. They also have booklets that are divided into these headings (a copy of these can be found on the GCSE French revision google classroom).

To help them prepare for their listening and reading exams, you can test them on the meanings of topic related vocabulary from French to English.

Use the checklists together to test pupils to name 10 items of vocabulary linked to each section.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Me, my family and friends:

Relationship with family and friends

Marriage and partnership

Technology in everyday life

Social media

Mobile technology

Free-time activities:

Music, cinema and TV

Food and eating out

Sport

Customs and festivals in French speaking countries

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

Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Social issues:

Charity/voluntary work

Healthy/unhealthy living

Global issues:

Poverty and homelessness

The environment

Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

My studies

Life at school

Education Post-16

Jobs, career choices and ambitions

What should your child do to practise and improve their listening skills in French?

At home:

- Watch videos and complete activities on BBC Bitesize
- Listen to music – French charts.
- Watch films / TV shows in French. Watch with subtitles.
- Past paper practice – complete full papers to get used to the timings.
- AQA workbook.
- Learn question words in French.
- Use memrise/quizlet/seneca every week to learn vocabulary

In the exam:

- Always read the questions first.
- Underline what the question is asking for, circle how many marks you get for each question.

What should your child do to practise and improve their reading skills in French?

At home:

- Read as much French as possible. Use exam papers, but also just articles / books that you are interested in, and look up some vocabulary.
- Use memrise / quizlet/seneca to learn vocabulary.
- Learn question words in French.
- Past paper practice – complete full papers to get used to the timings.
- AQA workbook.

In the exam:

- Always read the questions first.
- Underline key words / what the question is asking for, circle how many marks you get for each question.
- Use highlighter to show where the answer is in the text, remember they come in order.
- Make sure your answer makes sense in English.