

How can parents help?

1. Check that your son/daughter is making full use of all the resources and support available.

There are a number of resources that will help with revision. Please check that your son/daughter is using these resources.

- Are they using the revision checklist provided by their teacher and doing practice exam questions for each exam paper?
- Are they following a realistic revision timetable?
- Are they making full use of lesson time and completing Go4Schools homework tasks?

2. Check that your son/daughter is using effective revision strategies.

It is crucial that pupils follow the advice they have been given about how to revise. Simply reading through notes is not enough. The key tips for successful revision in French are:

- Learning vocabulary – Encourage your son/daughter to revisit vocabulary from all the topics they have covered and vary the topics each time too. They can use flashcards, and/or websites such as memrise, cram and quizlet. They can do Mind Maps about topics and grammar points too. They could teach you about a key topic from the revision checklist or you could test them on their ability to recall key vocabulary from each topic.
- Regular self-testing – Testing tells you what you know and what you don't know and therefore where to focus further study.

3. Please encourage your son/daughter to:

- Regularly use websites, past papers and practice questions on the Edexcel GCSE French website, or they can use BBC Bitesize's GCSE French section to check their understanding of the key topics and also key grammar areas – such as tenses and connectives.
- Focus their revision on 'weaker' areas (these should be identified through regular self-testing).
- Ask for support from their teacher when they need it.

Further advice and support is available in the
'Learning' section of the school website



GCSE French Edexcel



Advice for Effective Revision

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What can you do to improve?



What do I need to revise?

REVISE VOCABULARY using:-

[https://quizlet.com/en-gb/content/gcse-french-revision:](https://quizlet.com/en-gb/content/gcse-french-revision)

Search for GCSE Edexcel French vocabulary lists

or using www.cram.com – search heading of GCSE Edexcel French

or using www.memrise.com – work on tasks in ‘GCSE French Pearson/Edexcel 2016’

REVISE GRAMMAR using the www.languagesonline.org.uk website

How it's assessed

- Three written exams – one listening, one reading and one writing exam, and then one spoken exam.
- Each exam = 25% of the GCSE.

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What can you do to improve?

Resource	What to do
Independent learning	Spend at least one hour per week revising weaker areas – whether vocabulary or grammar or skill (listening, reading, speaking or writing) related.
Identifying weaker areas	Identify the questions and topics you have struggled with / Use the Oak National Academy website:- https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4/subjects/french
Textbooks	Use the textbook, that all students have, to make notes on weaker areas. The textbooks also contain exam practice questions and advice on how to answer questions.
Learn vocabulary	Divide your vocabulary flashcards into 3 piles – red (still not confident), amber (I can remember most of this) and green (I feel confident). Aim to turn reds into ambers first, then ambers into greens. IF STILL NOT CONFIDENT – REVISE & TEST YOURSELF AGAIN !
Past Papers	Use the past paper questions that are on the Edexcel website. Students can find mark schemes online, or they can be handed in to your teacher. Always ask for feedback on how to improve.
BBC GCSE Bitesize	BBC Bitesize has good summaries of the key topics and quizzes where you can test your knowledge. Follow this link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhy647h