



10 Things to Do to Prepare for...

GCSE French

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Activities

1. Learn French Pronouns

Singular subject pronouns	Plural subject pronouns
je = I tu = you il = he/it elle = she/it on = we/one	nous = we vous = you ils = they elles = they



Say and write them from memory in French and English in this order.



Can you explain why there are two words for **you**, and what happens to **je** when it's followed by a vowel or an h?



Can you explain when to use *ils* and *elles*?

2. Present Tense Verbs

Learn some of the most frequently used verbs in French in present tense:

aller	faire	être	avoir
je vais = I go tu vas = you go il va = he goes elle va = she goes on va = we go/one goes nous allons = we go vous allez = you go ils vont = they go	elles vont = they go je fais = I do tu fais = you do il fait = he does elle fait = she does on fait = we do/one does nous faisons = we do vous faites = you do ils font = they do elles font = they do	je suis = I am tu es = you are il est = he is elle est = she is on est = we are/one is nous sommes = we are vous êtes = you are ils sont = they are elles sont = they are	j'ai = I have tu as = you have il a = he has elle a = she has on a = we have nous avons = we have vous avez = you have ils ont = they have elles ont = they have



Write and say these verbs from memory.



Can you make sentences with them?



Learn how to say them in past, present and future tense.




3. Modal Verbs


Learn some French modal verbs in first person, present tense.

- je veux = I want
- je peux = I can
- je pourrais = I could
- je voudrais = I would like
- j'aimerais = I would like
- je devrais = I should
- je dois = I must

 Say and write these verbs from memory once you have learnt them.


 Translate the following sentences:

- Je veux aller à la piscine.
- Je peux recycler le verre.
- Je pourrais regarder le film.
- Je voudrais utiliser mon portable.
- J'aimerais aller au cinéma.
- Je devrais faire du bénévolat.
- Je dois faire mes études.

 Do you notice that the modal verbs are followed by an infinitive? Explain what this is. Now make up two more sentences for each of the modal verbs above followed by an infinitive.

4. Present Tense *er* Verbs

Do some research on regular present tense *er* verbs in French.

 Learn the endings of regular *er* verbs in the present tense. Write and say them from memory.

 Translate the following verbs into French:

I listen

She visits

You dance

You speak


One thinks

They hate (mixed group)

He watches

We sing


They play (all girls)

 Find some more regular *er* verbs and conjugate them. Write sentences using them. Write an explanation about how to conjugate regular French *er* verbs.




5. Present Tense *ir* Verbs

Do some research on regular present tense *ir* verbs in French.

 Learn the endings of regular *ir* verbs in the present tense. Write and say them from memory.


 Translate the following verbs into French:

I finish	She obeys	You blush
You act	One establishes	They choose (mixed group)
He cures	We succeed	They build (all girls)

 Find some more regular *ir* verbs and conjugate them. Write sentences using them. Write an explanation about how to conjugate regular French *ir* verbs.


6. Present Tense *re* Verbs

Do some research on regular present tense *re* verbs in French.

 Learn the endings of regular *re* verbs in the present tense. Write and say them from memory.

 Translate the following verbs into French:

I sell	You lose
He descends	We answer
You claim	They hear (mixed group)


 Put the verbs above into sentences. Write an explanation about how to conjugate regular French *re* verbs.


7. Adjectives

Learn a wide range of adjectives to help you justify your opinions.


C'est divertissant	Ça me fait pleurer	C'est compliqué
C'est barbant	C'est amusant	C'est épuisant
C'est triste	C'est créatif	C'est fascinant
C'est passionnant	Ça me fait rire	C'est énergique
C'est marrant	C'est effrayant	C'est simple
C'est débile	C'est cool	C'est moche
C'est captivant	C'est moderne	C'est beau



 Translate the adjectives above. Guess or look up the meaning of the ones you don't know. Sort them into positive and negative. Find ten more.

 Learn them off by heart and write ten sentences using them along with these opinion phrases.

- Je pense que = I think that
- À mon avis = In my opinion
- Selon moi = According to me

 Explain why adjectives change in French. Can you write some sentences with adjectives in them which demonstrates this?

8. Perfect Tense

Do some research on the past tense in French called the Perfect Tense.

 How do you recognise the Perfect Tense? What two auxiliary verbs do you need?

 Can you write an explanation about how to formulate it?

 Write a short paragraph about a topic you know using this tense.

9. Near Future Tense

Do some research on the Near Future Tense.

 How do you recognise the Near Future Tense?


 Can you write an explanation about how to formulate it?

 Write a short paragraph about a topic you know using this tense.

10. Connectives

Learn these connectives and sequencing phrases to help structure and extend your French writing and speaking.

et	and	puis	then
mais	but	ensuite	next
parce que	because	après ça	after that
aussi	also	normalement	normally
pourtant	however	finalement	finally

 Learn these words and write them from memory.

 Add ten more connectives and sequencing words to this list.