

GCSE French Exam Knowledge Organiser

If you want to learn more about the GCSE and how it is organised, you can read the specification [here](#).

You will take four exams, each worth 25%: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing. You can find past papers [here](#) if you want to practise. The GCSE is divided into 3 Themes

Theme 1 -

- Me, my family and friends
- Technology in everyday life
- Free-time activities
- Customs and festivals

Theme 2 –

- Home, town, neighbourhood and region
- Social issues
- Global issues
- Travel and tourism

Theme 3 –

- My studies
- Life at school and college
- Education Post-16
- Jobs, career choices and ambitions

How is the GCSE organised?

Paper 1 – Listening

Foundation – 35 minutes

Higher – 45 minutes

Paper 2 – Speaking

Foundation – role-play (2 minutes) + photo card (2 minutes) + general conversation (5 minutes)

Higher – role-play (3 minutes) + photo card (3 minutes) + general conversation (7 minutes)

Paper 3 – Reading

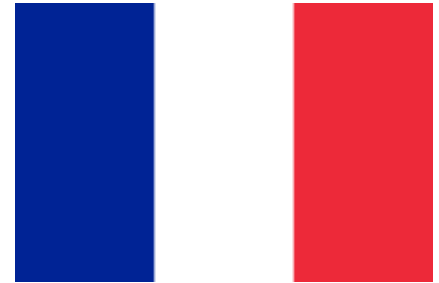
Foundation – 45 minutes

Higher – 1 hour

Paper 4 – Writing

Foundation – 1 hour: describe a photo + 40 word writing + 5 sentences to translate into Spanish + 90 word writing

Higher – 1 hour 15 minutes: 90 word writing + 150 word writing + paragraph to translate into Spanish



What work can I do at home?

	<i>Starting off</i>	<i>If you want to take it further</i>
<i>Learning vocabulary</i>	Play Nutty Tilez on www.thisislanguage.com . If you can complete all the levels, then you will know the majority of words likely to come up in the GCSE.	You could create an account on www.quizlet.com . This is free and has a huge number of courses to help you learn. You just need to search for GCSE French. This will also give you Theme specific vocabulary if you want to focus your revision.
<i>Learning grammar</i>	Watch videos from the intervention library accessible Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. and complete the tasks.	There is a huge range of resources out there to practise grammar. You could: go onto BBC Bitesize and work through the activities or go onto www.languagesonline.org.uk , which has lots of activities to practise.
<i>Practising phonics</i>	There is a really nice video here to practise difficult French nasal sounds that you could watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdMORya9Z_A	Go to www.forvo.com , which is a pronunciation dictionary. If you type in words, you can hear native speakers pronouncing them.
<i>Practising listening</i>	Go to www.thisislanguage.com and practise using the video exercises. You could search by topic if you wanted to focus on one specific area.	Complete a past Listening paper. You could use AQA, or Edexcel also do the Spanish GCSE. If you wanted to, you could try an A-Level past paper.

<i>Practising reading</i>	Complete a past Reading paper. You could use AQA, or Edexcel also do the Spanish GCSE. If you wanted to, you could try and A-Level past paper.	Edexcel have produced literacy texts and translation booklets for the GCSE. Try working through those.
<i>Practising speaking</i>	Complete the speaking questions in the GCSE booklet and send a recording of your answers to your teacher.	Ask someone to test you on the quick fire speaking questions in the GCSE booklet.
<i>Practising writing</i>	Complete a past Writing paper, making sure that you complete an AQA one.	Check out the SHINE intervention videos Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.
<i>General revision: Here are some revision tips to help you prepare for the exams</i>	<i>Learn the progress test phrases.</i>	<i>Make a mind map of vocabulary per topic to help you learn.</i>
	<i>Make flash cards of vocabulary</i>	<i>Make flash cards of how tenses work</i>
	<i>Complete past papers – AQA, Edexcel or A-Level if you’re aiming for Higher Tier.</i>	<i>Work through all of the intervention videos and make sure that you understand them.</i>
	<i>Make sure that your GCSE booklet is completed and that you know the answers.</i>	<i>Work through as many www.thisislanguage.com videos as you can</i>
	<i>Make sure that you have completed all levels on Nutty Tilez.</i>	<i>Ask someone to test you on your speaking and writing questions.</i>