

FRENCH

Exam	Duration	Marks available	% of GCSE	Topics/ content
Paper 1 Listening	45 minutes	60	25% of French GCSE	All GCSE topics and vocabulary
Paper 2 Speaking	12 minutes	60	25% of French GCSE	All units covered to date
Paper 3 Reading	1 hour	60	25% of French GCSE	All GCSE topics and vocabulary
Paper 4 Writing	1 hour 15 minutes	60	25% of French GCSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your home • Your free time • Your school • Holidays • Family & Friends

Before revising, students should complete personal learning checklists for their subjects. These ask students to RAG rate both the topics/ content of their exams and also the skills they are required to use. Doing this will help them to identify priorities and make effective use of their revision time.

Personal Learning Checklists

Topic (what I need to know)	R	A	G
<i>All role play and photo cards</i>			
<i>All general conversation questions</i>			
<i>Writing – Home, Free time, Weekends, School, Holidays, Family and Friends</i>			

Skill	R	A	G
<i>Recognise and form tenses</i>			
<i>Think around words I do not know</i>			
<i>Choose the right writing question and answer all bullet points</i>			
<i>Answer questions in French/German in sentences</i>			
<i>Use wow phrases</i>			
<i>Recognition of random vocabulary</i>			

TOP REVISION TIPS FOR FRENCH

GCSE Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects) is a great general revision tool. It provides explanations, quizzes and sample (self-checking) exam style questions.

For general revision of grammar and tenses (very important for the speaking and writing exams) go to languagesonline.org.uk

This provides an explanation of each grammar point and self-checking exercises.

Excellent vocabulary learning tools are memrise.com and quizlet.com. Both are available as an app on your device.

If you prefer the more traditional methods...

Write vocabulary lists. Use look, cover, write, check to learn.

Highlight the words you still don't know, reduce your lists down once you've learnt more words.

Write vocabulary or verb endings on posters or 'post it notes' around your room. When you have learnt them, take them down. Put them up again weeks later, do you still know them?

For the general conversation:

Record yourself asking the questions, then a pause, then your answer.

Next time, listen to the question, try to answer it during the pause and then listen to your recorded answer- how does it compare?