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Resources to help you prepare for French A Level



Complete this booklet of Listening & reading activities

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Listen to some news in French. There are lots of radio stations

available on the internet but in this podcast, the key news stories each week are spoken a little slower and there are comprehension activities to help you understand and learn more: https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/



Read an article from the website, 1jour1actu. Search for

a topic that interests you. There are also little videos to watch on the website as well.

https://www.1jour1actu.com/



Watch the first episode of Extra in French. If you enjoy it, there are

13 episodes in total and all are available on Youtube.

https://youtu.be/EaNqp4FXh-s



Complete a review of your French grammar knowledge. Here is a

website with lots of grammar explanations and also some exercises to do.

You could also use <u>BBC Bitesize</u> or the <u>Oak National Academy</u> for more practice of your GCSE grammar/vocab

Listen to some French songs. A good place to find songs (and language activities) is lyricstraining but you can also find francophone singers by simply searching on Google.



Read this text about La francophonie and complete the

exercises at the bottom of the sheet. You could also research a francophone country (other than France)



Watch this TED talk which presents a compelling argument for

why you should bother to learn a new language.

4 reasons to learn a new language TED Talks – John McWhorter



Read some articles from the <u>Mary Glasgow</u> magazines.



Complete this interactive exercise on <u>Kerboodle</u>.
You will be sent a user

name and password. You will also be able to access other sections of the old A level textbook if you would like to.



Read a short story in French. Here is <u>a link</u> to a pdf book of short stories

and there are some comprehension questions as well.



Watch a French film or TV series; there are lots available on Amazon flix and Channel 4 also

prime or Netflix and Channel 4 also shows foreign language TV series. Here's <u>a list of film and TV</u> <u>programme</u> suggestions and a link to Channel 4's 'Walter Presents'



Watch this TED talk in which lexicographer Erin McKean explores

how we can manipulate language to express ourselves better.

Go ahead, make up new words!
TED Talks – Erin McKean



Watch this TED talk

which explores how we can communicate effectively in non-verbal ways, using pictures and 'maps' to represent meaning.

A word game to communicate in any language
TED Talks – Ajit Narayanan



Watch this TED talk about the benefits of bilingualism.

The benefits of a bilingual brain
TED Talks- Mia Nacamulli

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NOTES:

We have set up some Bitmoji Classrooms where we will aim to add additional resources and tasks each week. We would also advise you to ensure you are familiar with all your GCSE topics and grammar prior to starting the A level French course in September.

READING SUGGESTIONS:

French Novels: If you are up for the challenge, here are some French novels you might like to try reading. Sometimes reading a dual language edition is a good idea. Don't worry if you don't understand everything you read.

No et Moi Delphine de Vigan (A-Level set text)



Les petites Reines Clémentine Beauvais



Le petit Nicholas Sempé Goscinny



Le petit Prince Antoine de St-Exupéry



Grammar/Vocabulary books: If you want to improve your French grammar knowledge or get a head start on A level vocabulary, here are some suggestions:

Mot à mot (6th Edition)

Paul Humberstone



Complete French Grammar Anne Heminway



AQA French Grammar & translation work book

Steve Harrison



501 French Verbs *Christopher Kendris*



Newspapers/magazines/Twitter: There are also numerous magazines and newspapers that you might like to look at, as well as people and organisations to follow on twitter. <u>Click here</u> to look at a list of some of them.

French culture/history: Perhaps you'd like to read something in English about France. Click here for some suggestions that might be of interest or, alternative, Google will provide more ideas.