

# Tips for Revising GCSE French



## SPECIFICATION



Pearson Edexcel GCSE French

**Paper 1:** Speaking in French (completed in school with your teacher, recorded and externally assessed). 25% of the qualification.

**Paper 2:** Listening and Understanding in French. 25% of the qualification.

**Paper 3:** Reading and Understanding in French. 25% of the qualification.

**Paper 4:** Writing in French. 25% of the qualification.

## EXAMS

	Foundation	Higher
Speaking	7-9 minutes	10-12 minutes
Listening	45 minutes	60 minutes
Reading	45 minutes	60 minutes
Writing	75 minutes	80 minutes

## TOPICS

- My personal world
- Lifestyle and wellbeing
- My neighbourhood
- Media and technology
- Studying and my future
- Travel and tourism

## HOW TO REVISE FOR READING AND LISTENING



WEBSITE LINKS

- Read lots! Go through texts we've looked at in class and make sure you understand them.
- Do the reading and listening tasks and practice questions on the BBC Bitesize website:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhkvkhv>
- Do the tasks set for you on ActiveHub - these are open tasks that you can do at any time and in any order. Link:  
[www.activehub.pearson.com](http://www.activehub.pearson.com)

## HOW TO REVISE FOR WRITING AND SPEAKING

- Make sure you know several verbs in the past, present and future tenses. These must be 100% accurate in the exam, so make these a priority for your revision cards
- You will be given a practice booklet to help you prepare for your speaking test. This is also useful preparation for writing. Test yourself and test a friend.
- Practise writing - 90-word questions are for both Higher and Foundation. 150-word questions are for Higher only. You are encouraged to write answers at home and bring them in for your teacher to mark. They will be more than happy to help you.

## MORE REVISION METHODS



REVISION

- Vocabulary: build it, don't cram it! Create themed lists (travel, technology etc.) so your brain links words together. Say the words out loud to strengthen pronunciation and memory.
- Grammar: make it stick! Conjugate 5 verbs a day in different tenses. Group verbs by patterns.
- Writing: practise the exam style. Use past paper questions and set a timer. Build a bank of reusable phrases.
- Listening: train your ear. Short, daily listening is far more effective than long, occasional sessions.