



Student Guide to the Y10 Exams – French



Speaking		10 mins (+ 12 minutes' preparation time) - 60 marks		Off-timetable	25% of overall grade
Section	Marks	Length	What you have to do		
Preparation Time	N/A	12 mins	<p>Before you start the exam, you will be given a Role Play and a Photo Card to prepare. You will not be allowed to use a dictionary or any other resources.</p> <p>You will have 12 minutes to write a script, which you will take into the exam and read aloud in order to answer four of the five Role Play tasks and the three Photo Card questions (Describe the photo /past tense question / future tense question).</p> <p>Make sure you bring a pen (and a spare).</p>		
Role Play	15	2 mins	<p>In the Role Play you will have to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read aloud three statements (-) that you wrote in your preparation time - read aloud a question (?) that you wrote in your preparation time - answer one surprise question (!), which you did not prepare. <p>The role play can be on any topic you have covered in KS3 or KS4 – it is usually straight forward and a topic which is easily accessible.</p> <p>Answer each bullet point in a <u>short, simple and correct</u> sentence, do not expand!</p>		
Photo Card	15	3 mins	<p>In the Photo Card you will have to, in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read aloud the description of the photo that you wrote in the prep time - read aloud two more answers that you wrote in your prep time - answer two further surprise questions, which you did not prepare. <p>ENSURE THAT YOU EXPAND FULLY AND YOU ARE SPEAKING FOR THE FULL 3 MINS USING A RANGE OF TENSES, STRUCTURES AND TOPIC VOCAB!</p> <p>The topics for the photo card will be a random choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and friends (Module 1) • Free Time activities (Module 2) • Celebrations (Module 3) • Town and region (Module 4) • Holidays (Module 5) • Technology (Bonus topic) 		
General Conversation - two topics covered	30	5 mins	<p>You will be asked questions on two of the topics you have studied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and friends (Module 1) • Free Time activities (Module 2) • Celebrations (Module 3) • Town and region (Module 4) • Holidays (Module 5) • Technology (Bonus topic) <p><u>Your teacher will ask the questions that you have already prepared in your green books.</u> The information / PowerPoints for the writing weeks are on Teams, under class materials.</p> <p>In the first lesson after half term, you will choose the topic that you would like to be questioned on in the first half of the general conversation. If you are not able to choose by the first lesson back, your teacher will choose for you randomly.</p> <p>YOU MUST ASK ONE QUESTION IN FRENCH TO THE TEACHER</p> <p>You will be assessed on communication, accuracy, pronunciation and fluency.</p>		

The Photo Card and General Conversation will not be on the same topic, so choose your General Conversation topic strategically.

Listening		5 minutes' reading time 45 minutes' exam time	In class	25% of overall grade
Section	Questions	What you have to do		
Preparation Time	N/A	Before the CD is played, you will have five minutes to read through the paper. You should make notes during this time. Translate the questions that are in French, so you know what information you are listening for. Read everything in the paper very carefully.		
A	English	Answer questions non-verbally (e.g. multiple choice questions) or in English. Leave no answers blank.		
B	French	Answer questions non-verbally (e.g. multiple choice questions) or in French. Leave no answers blank.		

Reading		60 mins	In Class	25% of overall grade
Section	Questions	What you have to do		
A	English	Answer questions non-verbally (e.g. multiple choice questions) or in English. Leave no answers blank.		
B	French	Answer questions non-verbally (e.g. multiple choice questions) or in French. Leave no answers blank.		
C	Translation (around 50 words) from French into English.	As you write this translation you should cross off the words on the question paper as you translate them, so that you are sure you don't miss anything. Think carefully about tenses and accuracy, underline tenses before you begin. Make sure it sounds like real English.		

Writing		45 mins	As per exam timetable	25% of overall grade
Question	What you have to do:		Time allocation	Marks (total 44)
Structured Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are three essay questions in this section. You must choose one to answer. To write the essay, you answer four bullet points (one paragraph per bullet point). In total, you should write 120 words, so that's about 40 words for each bullet point. - Attempt all four bullets points - Include opinions and justifications - Write in the past, present and future time frames - Use steps to success - Do not repeat or waffle 		Around 20 minutes (5 minutes per bullet point)	32
Translation	You must write a translation from English into French (around 50 words). You should cross off the words in the text as you translate them, you are sure you don't miss anything. Think about your tenses and accuracy: underline each verb before you start, annotating what tense it is in.		Around 15 minutes	12

How to revise:

- Make sure your green book questions are excellent and learnt by heart.
- Review the Memrise courses linked to your Memrise groups and classwork.
- You should also do the steps to success, key vocab and photo card memrise courses.