**Preparing for A LEVEL FRENCH**

*N.B. Google has a French equivalent which may be useful for this:*

[*www.google.fr*](http://www.google.fr) *for France*

**Week 1/Task 1:**

Listen to some French/German music on youtube. Find a song that you like and one that you don’t like and write a short paragraph in German/French on what you like/dislike about that song. You might choose to comment on:

* the style of music
* the lyrics
* the singer/band in general
* the music video
* how it compares to music that you normally listen to
* how it makes you feel

You can choose the band/singer yourself but here are some ideas for current artists:

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| **French speaking artists** |
| Christophe Maé |
| Stromae |
| Zaz |
| Yannick Noah |
| Superbus |
| Amel Bent |
| MC Solaar |
| Téléphone |
| Alliances Ethnikl |
| Sexion d’Assaut |
| Réné La Taupe |

**Find some extra ones yourself by browsing on YouTube**

**Week 2/Task 2:**

Find a French website about a hobby of yours, e.g. football, motorcross, travelling, ... anything at all that you are interested in and that you would read about on the internet in English. Research a few websites and then pick the one that is most interesting. Complete the table below with some of the information that you found.

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| **Web address:** |  | | |
| **A list of 10 French key words for the topic area that you have read on this website with their English translation.** | | |  | |
| *French* | *English* | | |
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| **In French write a paragraph about why you are interested in this hobby. Since when have you been interested in it? What do you do to pursue this interest?** | | |  | |
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| **In French write about whether you would recommend this website and why? Who would you recommend it to?** | |  | |
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**Week 3/Task 3**

**Watch a French movie! (You can of course watch it with English subtitles). Write a short English summary of the plot. What is your opinion on the film? Did you like it? Is it different to typical American/British films? Why?**

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE FILM YOU WATCH IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR AGE! This includes films on the list below as we were not able to check their certificate.

This movie should be a production from a German/French speaking country not an American film translated into the language.

For a small fee you should be able to watch these movies on the internet on [www.lovefilm.com/](http://www.lovefilm.com/) Netflix

You do not have to buy a movie. Many libraries stock foreign films and even if they don’t you can ask them to order it in. You might want to research the plot on the internet to find a film that you would be interested in. Successful movies from the countries are:

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| **France** |
| la boum |
| Amélie |
| Les choristes |
| La Haine |
| le chateau de ma mere |
| 8 femmes |
| Delicatessen |
| La grand Bleu |
| Tell no one |
| Mesrine |
| Taxi |
| Les Intouchables |
| La famille Belier |
| Indigenes |
| Les Heritiers |

**Week 4/Task 4**

**Read/Watch the news in French. This can be any news article whether sports, politics or entertainment news. Print the article and include it in your folder. Write a summary of the article in English and compile a vocabulary list of 10 key words that you have learned from this article.**

There are lots of APPs for this : *BRUT / France 24 /|RTB info.be/ 20 minutes/ RTS info/ France Inter/ La langue de Moliere* : they usually give you the French undertitles that go with the audio conversations or interviews- ( Info/ news / documentaries from French speaking Belgium and Switzerland as well as France )

**Week 5/Task 5**

**Revise a grammar topic of your choice. Include in your folder evidence of the revision you have done (exercises that you have completed, a summary of the rules). The internet is a great resource for this, and you will be able to find many grammar exercises and quizzes online.** [**http://german.about.com/**](http://german.about.com/)[**http://french.about.com/**](http://french.about.com/)[**www.languagesonline.org**](http://www.languagesonline.org) **are good websites for this.**

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| **Topics to choose from:French** |
| * present tense |
| * past tense |
| * future tense: The pure and the easy future |
| * adjective endings |
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**Week 6/ Task 6**

**Where is A-level Languages going to take you??? Have a look at university courses (**[**www.ucas.com**](http://www.ucas.com)**) and jobs to do with languages. Which of these are interesting for you? Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?**

**Bullet point your answers in English.**