



FRENCH

Improve Your Vocabulary

Memrise: Sign up to [Memrise Blooket](#) or [Quizlet](#) and look for AS/A level French activities to work through. Re-visiting the various topics studied at GCSE a little bit each day will improve your recall of words from memory. [Languages Online](#) is another excellent site.

Online dictionary: [Word Reference](#) is a good resource for individual words, and far more reliable than Google translate.

Grammar

You will ensure yourself a fabulous start to the A Level course if you brush up on the basic grammar over the summer. Return to the tenses that you learned at GCSE level (imperfect, past perfect, preterit, present, immediate future, simple future, conditional) both with the use of regular and irregular verbs.

If you prefer to practise using online and interactive resources, the following sites will be useful:
Conjugation of French verbs online:

- <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>
- www.thisislanguage.com (via school subscription)
- www.conjuguemos.com

Listening

[Brainpop](#) videos: Choose a subject and watch some videos – put the subtitles (les sous-titres) on, then try the quiz afterwards to test your comprehension.

Have the French radio open in the background when you are doing other things to get used to the intonation etc. Kiss and NRJ are aimed at younger people. Download the Radio Garden app for the choice of radio stations around the world! www.lyricstraining.com might also be useful to learn what you are singing along to.

If you enjoy reading, search an audiobook or listen to a podcast in French.

Current Affairs

Naturally, you should be taking an interest in current affairs in the French-speaking world and the following sites are recommended:

- [News in Slow French](#)
- News on international [French speaking TV channels](#)
- Follow popular people on Instagram such as Hugo Décrypte, as well as the main newspapers and news channels (le Figaro, le Monde, TF1, 20minutes)

Popular Culture

Music, fashion, art and cinema are topics studied at A Level and it is essential for you to find out who are the important singers or artists, designers and models as well as actors and directors of the moment, not only for your own interest but for access to the top band of the mark scheme.

- [Ministry of Culture](#)
- [Tourism and culture in France](#)

Music

Apple Music, Spotify and Youtube are great for finding French music - searching '*musique française 2022*' or '*les hits français du moment*' will bring up playlists of the latest music in the French charts.

Film

Watch films in French with subtitles (English or French) to get used to hearing the language. Even your old favourites will have a language selection in the settings!

We will be studying the film *Entre les Murs* by Laurent Cantet and you should watch it over the summer to familiarise yourself with the story line and the cultural, social and educational issues raised by this work.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lq5qNzm3w-U> (trailer)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Class_\(2008_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Class_(2008_film))
- <https://www.theguardian.com/film/2009/feb/27/the-class-entre-les-murs> (film review in *The Guardian*)

For award-winning foreign-language drama and film see [Walter Presents](#) via Channel 4. The Curzon cinema (subscription) features many foreign films that can be watched from home or a device. Also see www.netflix.com and www.amazon.co.uk (prime video) and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer> (subscription).