

French A-level Summer Project

We are so excited to have you study French A-level with us. For the Summer Project we want you to complete two things:

- (1) ***La francophonie study*: Write about francophone culture.**
- (2) ***Grammar task*: Learn the 25 most common French verbs in the *je* form**

(1) *La Francophonie*

French is a global language. It is spoken in over 30 countries around the world as a first or second official language. Speaking French enables you to communicate with over half a billion people on the planet! But it's not just about vocab, verbs, tenses and grammar. Part of the fun is learning about the different cultures and histories out there. Do as much research as you can and be ready to summarise what you have discovered in the first lesson in September!

- (A) **Pick a French language singer, composer or musician. Alive or dead. Any genre. Write a 300 word short overview in French or English (your choice!) including:**
 - a. The story of their life, their origins and background.
 - b. One song that you love and what it's about (explain some key lyrics). Bring a copy of the lyrics to the first lesson back.
- (B) **Pick a francophone (French-speaking) country other than France. Write a speech (in French or English – your choice!) of about 300 words giving three reasons why this country is GREAT!**

(2) *Grammar Task*

Look, cover, write, check. Learn these 25 most common French verbs. They are in the Passé Composé (perfect past tense), Present, Simple Future and Infinitive.

- a. You will be tested on these in your first few lessons and will need to score above 80% to pass.
- b. Learn them Eng>French (e.g. your teacher will ask "*I will be*" and you will respond "*je serai*").

Verb 1

être

to be | being

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai été je suis je serai

(5)

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Verb 2


avoir

to have | having

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai eu j'ai j'aurai

(8)

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Verb 3

faire

to do, to make | doing, making

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai fait je fais je ferai

(25)

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Verb 4


aller

to go | going

perfect | present | simple future

je suis allé je vais j'irai

(53)

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Verb 5

trouver

to find | finding

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai trouvé je trouve je trouverai

(83)

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Verb 6

venir

to come | coming

perfect | present | simple future

je suis venu(e) je viens je viendrai

(88)

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Verb 7

passer

to spend (time) | spending (time)

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai passé je passe je passerai

(90)

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Verb 8

donner

to give | giving

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai donné je donne je donnerai

(45)

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Verb 9

dire

to tell, say | telling, saying

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai dit je dis je dirai

(37)

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Verb 10

prendre

to take | taking

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai pris je prends je prendrai

(43)

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Verb 11

mettre

to put | putting

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai mis je mets je mettrai

(27)

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Verb 12

porter

to wear, carry | wearing, carrying

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai porté je porte je porterai

(105)

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Verb 13

demander

to ask | asking

perfect | present | simple
futurej'ai demandé je demande je
demanderai

(80)

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Verb 14

rester

to stay | staying

perfect | present | simple
future

je suis resté(e) je reste je resterai

(100)

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Verb 15

penser

to think | thinking

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai pensé je pense je penserai

(116)

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Verb 16

pouvoir

to be able | being able

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai pu je peux je pourrai

(20)

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Verb 17

vouloir

to want | wanting

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai voulu je veux je voudrai

(57)

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Verb 18

devoir

to have to | having to

perfect | present | simple
future

j'ai dû je dois je devrai

(39)

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Verb 19

voir

to see | seeing

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai vu je vois je voudrai

(69)

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Verb 20

savoir

to know | knowing

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai su je sais je saurai

(67)

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Verb 21

tenir

to hold | holding

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai tenu je tiens je tiendrai

(104)

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Verb 22

montrer

to show | showing

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai montré je montre je montrerai

(108)

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Verb 23

parler

to speak | speaking

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai parlé je parle je parlerai

(106)

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Verb 24

falloir

to be necessary

perfect | present | simple future

il a fallu il faut il faudra

(68)

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Verb 25

comprendre

to understand | understanding

perfect | present | simple future

j'ai compris je comprends je comprendrai

(95)

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25 most common French verbs
Source: A Frequency Dictionary of French (Lévy & Lévy, 2009) compiled by Routledge

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