

GCSE French (AQA 8652) PLC

Foundation Tier

Vocabulary

- Red – I don't understand this yet
- Amber – I'm getting there
- Green – I'm confident with this

Vocabulary	● Red	● Amber	● Green
Personal information (name, age, nationality)			
Family and relationships			
Free time and hobbies			
School and education			
Home and local area			
Holidays and travel			
Health and lifestyle			
Work and future plans			
Technology and social media			
Environment and global issues			
Refer to: AQA vocabulary list			

Grammar

Grammar	● Red	● Amber	● Green
Present tense (regular and irregular verbs)			
Perfect tense (avoir and être verbs)			
Near future tense			
Reflexive verbs			
Negatives (ne...pas, ne...jamais, etc.)			
Subject pronouns			
Basic prepositions and connectives			
Question words			
Refer to: AQA grammar guide			

Exam Components

Exam Components	● Red	● Amber	● Green
Paper 1: Listening (35 mins, 40 marks)			
Paper 2: Speaking (Role-play, Photo card, General conversation)			
Paper 3: Reading (45 mins, 60 marks)			
Paper 4: Writing (1 hour, 50 marks)			
Understand task types and timings			
Practice with past papers			

Higher Tier

● Red – I don't understand this yet

● Amber – I'm getting there

● Green – I'm confident with this

Vocabulary

Vocabulary	● Red	● Amber	● Green
Personal and social life			
Media and technology			
Cultural life and festivals			
School and future education			
Jobs and career ambitions			
Social and global issues			
Travel and tourism			
Environment and sustainability			
Refer to: AQA vocabulary list			

Grammar

Grammar	● Red	● Amber	● Green
Present, perfect, imperfect, future and conditional tenses			
Reflexive and modal verbs			
Negatives (ne...pas, ne...jamais, ne...que, etc.)			
Pronouns (subject, object, reflexive)			
Comparatives and superlatives			
Subjunctive mood (basic use)			
Complex connectives and time phrases			
Relative clauses			
Refer to: AQA grammar guide			

Exam Components

Exam Components	● Red	● Amber	● Green
Paper 1: Listening (45 mins, 50 marks)			
Paper 2: Speaking (Role-play, Photo card, General conversation)			
Paper 3: Reading (1 hour, 60 marks)			
Paper 4: Writing (1 hour 15 mins, 60 marks)			
Understand extended writing tasks			
Practice with past papers			

How to Revise Effectively for GCSE French (AQA 8652)

Revision activities and also how you can use AI to test you/mix things up

1. Vocabulary: Little and Often

• Use flashcards (paper or digital)	AI prompts you can use:
• Revise 10–15 words per day	<i>“Test me on AQA French Theme 1 vocabulary at Foundation level.”</i>
• Group vocab by theme (family, school, holidays, etc.)	<i>“Give me 10 random French words and ask me to translate them.”</i>
• Test yourself by covering the English or French side	<i>“Create a mini-quiz on French holiday vocabulary.”</i>

2. Grammar: Build Up Your Toolkit

• Focus on the tenses that appear most in the exam:	AI prompts you can use:
• Present	<i>“Explain the difference between the perfect and imperfect tense with examples.”</i>
• Perfect (passé composé)	<i>“Give me 5 sentences in English to translate into French using the near future.”</i>
• Imperfect	<i>“Correct my French sentences and explain the mistakes.”</i>
• Near future	
• adverbs	<i>“Create a paragraph about that does not contain any adverbs. Leave spaces for adverbs for me to add”</i>
• Connectives	<i>“Give me a connective quiz based on vocabulary in GCSE French AQA 8652”</i>
• Variety of opinions	

3. Listening: Train Your Ear

• Listen to short clips in French (songs, YouTube, GCSE listening clips)	AI prompts you can use:
• Focus on keywords , not every word	<i>“Give me a short French listening transcript and ask me comprehension questions.”</i>
• Practise recognising numbers, opinions, time phrases	<i>“Read me a short paragraph in French slowly so I can practise listening.”</i>

4. Reading: Spot the Clues

• Look for cognates (similar words)	AI prompts you can use:
• Highlight negatives (ne...pas, ne...jamais)	<i>“Give me a short French paragraph to translate into English.”</i>
• Practise translation regularly	<i>“Create a reading comprehension at Foundation/Higher level.” Add the topics that you want</i>

5. Writing: Build Reusable Phrases	
• Prepare a bank of phrases for:	AI prompts you can use:
• Opinions	<i>"Help me write a 40-word answer about my school."</i>
• Justifications	<i>"Give me feedback on my 90-word answer about holidays."</i>
• Time phrases	
• Connectives	<i>"Generate 10 complex French sentences I can reuse in my exam."</i>
• Tenses	

6. Speaking: Practise Out Loud	
Practise:	AI prompts you can use:
• Role-plays	<i>"Give me a Foundation/Higher French role-play to practise."</i>
• Photo cards	<i>"Ask me 5 general conversation questions on Theme 2."</i>
• General conversation	<i>"Show me a random photo card and ask me the three questions."</i>

7. Exam Breakdown (AQA 8652)	
Paper 1: Listening - Foundation: 35 mins - Higher: 45 mins Paper 2: Speaking - Role-play - Photo card - General conversation	Paper 3: Reading - Foundation: 45 mins - Higher: 1 hour Paper 4: Writing - Foundation: 1 hour - Higher: 1 hour 15 mins

Full Grammar List: [GCSE French 8652 | Specification | Subject Content | Grammar | AQA](#)

Full Vocabulary List: <https://classroom.google.com/c/ODE0NTM3NzlyMDM4/m/ODQwMDYzODc3NDU3/details>

Phonic Sounds (SSC's): [GCSE French 8652 | Specification | Appendix 1 Sound Symbol Correspondences Sscs | AQA](#)