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Introduction

This GCSE pack is designed to prepare students for their French speaking exam.

The pack has been updated for use with the AQA 2024 specification for GCSE French. Except in the 'teacher' questions, reading aloud section and exam practice questions, the language practised goes beyond the scope of the vocabulary and grammar lists as students will be credited for accurate use of words and constructions from outside the lists. While the role-play tasks are tailored to the AQA exam (being in social contexts only, with no requirement to use *vous*), the other sections of this pack may also be useful in preparing students for the Edexcel and Eduqas speaking exams.

The activities and ideas will help students develop confidence in preparing for the three tasks in the exam:

- Task 1: Role-play
- Task 2: Reading aloud and short conversation
- Task 3: Photo card discussion.

There is also a section in this pack that will help students prepare for the question-forming, conversation and discussion elements of all three tasks.

The pack contains worksheets, pair work speaking activities, games and exam practice tasks, along with revision materials. You'll also find teaching notes at the start of each section and answers at the end of each section. To save on printing, there is a PowerPoint containing the exam practice tasks from all three main sections. The slides for the reading aloud section contain audio files of the sentences as model answers.

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Role-plays

Teaching notes

This section of the pack consists of seven role-play resources on seven different topics:

1. Media and technology
 2. Free-time activities: music
 3. Free-time activities: sport
 4. The environment and where people live
 5. Healthy living and lifestyle
 6. Travel and tourism
 7. Education and work
- The resources include worksheet activities to revise key topic vocabulary and phrases.
 - These activities are designed to support students with the pair work role-play practice.
 - The student B card in each role-play is the teacher's part.
 - Foundation and Higher role-play exam-style tasks are also provided for teacher assessment purposes.
 - Answers are provided at the end of the role-play section.

D. Role-play practice

Work with a partner and decide who will be A and who will be B.

Prepare the prompts for student A or student B below.

- You should address each other as 'tu'.
- When you see this - ? - you will have to ask a question.
- When you are ready, practise acting out the role-play.

Student B will speak first. Take it in turns to say one thing at a time.

Role-play task – Foundation

Student A – Candidate

- You are talking to your French friend about new technologies.
- Prepare the following questions and responses.

In order to score full marks, you must include a verb in your response to each task.

1. Say **one** activity that you do online.
2. Say what your favourite website is. (Give **one** detail.)
3. Give **one** opinion about social networks.
4. ? Ask your friend when they use their mobile phone.
5. Give **one** advantage of using new technologies.

Role-play task – Foundation

Student B – Teacher

- You are talking to your French friend about new technologies.
- Prepare the following questions and responses.
- You will play the part of the teacher and will speak first.

1. Ask your friend what they do online.
2. Ask your friend what their favourite website is.
3. Ask your friend their opinion about social networks.
4. Say when you use your mobile phone. (Give **one** detail.)
5. Ask your friend about a disadvantage of using new technologies.

Look at the example role-play card and complete the mind-map.

Role-play task – Higher

- You are talking to your Belgian friend.
- Your teacher will play the part of your friend and will speak first.
- You should address your friend as 'tu'.
- When you see this - ? - you will have to ask a question.

In order to score full marks, you must include a verb in your response to each task.

1. Say what type of music you prefer and why. (Give **one** opinion and **one** reason.)
2. Say how you listen to music. (Give **one** detail.)
3. ? Ask your friend a question about music.
4. Describe a concert you went to recently. (Give **two** details.)
5. Say what else you do to relax. (Give **two** details.)

Role-play mind-map

1. Note useful verbs, nouns, adjectives and question words for this role-play card.
2. Try to predict what the French questions will be.
3. Compare and share your ideas with a partner or small group.

Types of music	Music	Different ways to listen to music
A concert in the past	Questions for your friend	Other activities to relax

Reading aloud and conversation

Teaching notes

This section of the pack is designed to help students prepare for the reading aloud task in the exam and is made up of the following parts:

1. Key ingredients

Activities to practise the key challenges of the task. These relate to:

- sound–symbol correspondences (SSCs)
- silent final consonants and CaReFuL consonants
- words ending in -ent
- liaison.

The activities include vocabulary that is relevant to the following topics:

- Identity and relationships with others
- Education and work
- Free-time activities
- Celebrity culture
- Travel and tourism, including places of interest.

Answers are provided at the end of the reading aloud section. The PowerPoint version of the exam practice questions contains audio recordings of the sentences spoken by native speakers – one male, one female. For more details on the rules of French pronunciation, with further games, activities and audio files, see our [Mastering pronunciation](#) pack.

2. Assessment tasks

Exam-style reading aloud tasks for practice and assessment purposes. These include four compulsory questions for the teacher to ask. There are three tasks at each tier:

- Foundation tier: Free-time activities
- Foundation tier: Celebrity culture
- Foundation tier: Travel and tourism, including places of interest
- Higher tier: Identity and relationships with others
- Higher tier: Education and work
- Higher tier: Celebrity culture.

Words ending in -ent

Rule

- ENT at the end of a noun **IS** pronounced – for example, *un appartement*, *un bâtiment*.
- ENT at the end of an adjective **IS** pronounced – for example, *récent*, *évident*.
- ENT at the end of an adverb **IS** pronounced – for example, *absolument*, *heureusement*.

However:

- ENT at the end of a verb is **NOT** pronounced – for example, when this is 3rd person plural (more than one person): *ils choisissent*, *mes parents partent*. Remember that verbs are words that express physical actions (e.g. to play), mental actions (e.g. to like) or states of being (e.g. to be).

E. Pronounced or not pronounced?

Look at the sentences below.

- Underline the words ending in **-ent**.
- Decide whether each underlined word is a verb or not a verb. (Tick the correct column.)
- Work in pairs to translate the sentences into English.

	Verb	Not a verb
1. J'habite dans un <u>appartement</u> .		✓
2. Tu joues d'un instrument?		
3. Mes amis n'aiment pas le sport.		
4. Je vais souvent au cinéma.		
5. Mon père et ma mère veulent partir en vacances en France.		
6. Normalement, le week-end, je vais en ville.		

Reading aloud

Celebrity culture

Foundation tier

When your teacher asks you, read aloud the following text **in French**.

En France, il y a beaucoup de célébrités.

J'aime regarder les chanteurs sur Internet.

Mon ami préfère les stars du cinéma.

On voit toujours des gens célèbres à la télévision.

À mon avis, c'est une bonne chose.



You will then be asked four questions **in French** that relate to the topic of **Celebrity culture**.

In order to score the highest marks, you must try to **answer all four questions as fully as you can**.

Celebrity culture

A. Write your answers for each question.

To support you, use or adapt the Foundation or Higher ideas on the following pages.



Parle-moi des photos.

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Est-ce que tu voudrais être célèbre? Pourquoi / Pourquoi pas?

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Est-ce que tu regardes les émissions de télé-réalité? Pourquoi / Pourquoi pas?

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Est-ce que tu aimes les influenceurs? Pourquoi / Pourquoi pas?

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Quelle célébrité voudrais-tu rencontrer?

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