



L'introduction au français

A-Level



How to prepare for French at A Level

You have a few weeks in which to really prepare for your A Level in French. This booklet will help you bridge the gap between GCSE and A-Level. This booklet contains links to a huge range of media, most of which is available for free online as well as tasks to complete before the start of term. We do not expect you to understand everything, it is still very early. The aim is to keep you listening and reading some French, little and often...and do things you enjoy!

Watch...

TELEVISION

- <http://www.tv5monde.com/> Watch this channel to gain access to the last episodes of all of their TV shows. Check out their French language learning section at <http://apprendre.tv5monde.com/> where you can watch clips and answer comprehension questions on what you have seen with accompanying grammar exercises.
- Download an app called *6play* on your iPad(<https://www.6play.fr>)– search in the App Store for M6. This is a popular French TV channel. Not all programmes are available outside of France, but there is a good selection and these help with listening skills.

MOVIES (watch with subtitles/ some are available on Netflix)

- **La Haine**
- **Chocolat**, dir. Claire Denis (1988) (on netflix)
- **La Vie en Rose**, dir. Olivier Dahan (2007)
- **Les Choristes**, dir. Christophe Barratier (2004)
- **Intouchables** dir Eric Toledano (2011) (OnNetflix)
- **Le Petit Prince** dir Mark Osborn (2016) (Netflix)

FRENCH SERIES ON NETFLIX (watch with subtitles/ some are available on Netflix)

- “**Lupin**” (a French mystery thriller streaming television series that premiered on Netflix on 8 January 2021)
- “**Call my agent**” (is a French comedy-drama television series that premiered on France 2 on 14 October 2015.

Listen...

TO THE RADIO

The great thing about listening to the radio is that you can get on with something else at the same time. Listen live using the *Radio France* or the *Europe 1*. It sometimes takes a while to buffer so be patient.

- **NRJ** (<https://www.nrj.fr>)
- **Le mouv** (www.mouv.fr) (this is the French equivalent to Kiss FM or Capital)

TO MUSIC:

Listen to some French songs and try to work out the lyrics

- **Lyricstraining:** a free app to listen to music and work out the lyrics (www.lyricstraining.com)
- **Teachvid:** create a free account to listen to videos and do activities. (<https://www.teachvid.com>)

HERE ARE SOME ARTISTS AND SONGS YOU MAY WANT TO LISTEN TO:

- **Dadju** “Django” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jE6uax01bUU>)
- **Soprano et Black M** “Fréro” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmG2Ea_tYIE)
- **Louanne** “Jour un” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLeB8fUXudw>)
- **Vianney** “Beau-papa” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yOuNrT0dOw>)
- **Angèle** “Flou” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6Wi3SmmnAE>)
- **Boulevard des Airs** “Allez reste” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IM3R1vkb21s>)

Read...

Keep your own vocabulary book for new expressions you come across. This will seem difficult at first but remember, we do not expect you to understand everything.

- **“Un jour une actu”**, is aimed at French children. <https://www.1jour1actu.com/>
It explains some facts which are often relevant to the AS topics in a simple way. It is supported by a video.
- **“La librairie Canal BD”**, here are some comic strips that were put online during lockdown. It is a good way to read in French as you have the support of the drawings (https://www.canalbd.net/canal-bd_plibre_123-2_restezchezvous-BD-gratuites#albert-rene)
- **“Asterix et Obélix”** a popular and well-known comic strip (https://www.asterix.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Magazine_Asterix_Avril_01.pdf)

On-line dictionary

A good on-line dictionary is: <http://www.wordreference.com/>

Links to Grammar Practice Exercises •

- **Languagesonline:** The Grammar Revision resources on www.languagesonline.org.uk are great as you can then select what tense you want to revise, read the explanations and complete the exercises. You can do these as often as you like and it gives you a percentage. Another useful tactic is to translate the examples and exercises into English to ensure you understand the meaning of each tense.

Primary Vocabulary | Encore Tricolore 1 Topics | Encore Tricolore 2 Crosswords and Quizzes | Tricolore Total 4 AS Resources | Grammar A2 Resources

Either choose to practice your grammar or work through some of the AS Resources.

- **Conjuguemos:** a great website for practicing your verb conjugations. Find it here: <https://conjuguemos.com/>

Start by using the Conjuguemos library

French
French verbs
French vocab (book)
French vocab (theme)
New! French grammar

German
German verbs
German vocab (book)
German vocab (theme)

Italian

What is Conjuguemos?
Think of Conjuguemos as an online workbook for your Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese or Latin language students. The site stores a large amount of practice activities, with more exercises added during the year by our users. Teachers can also create their own activities.

Click here to access the French verb exercises.

- **Language skills:** this website is free after 4pm and really comes into its own with its A level section. Practice your verbs, pronouns, do practice translations and review other grammar points. Find it here <http://zut.languageskills.co.uk/advanced/year12.html>.