

# A LEVEL TRANSITION WORK

## A Level French Transition Work

**Specification** - Eduqas GCE French

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/french/as-a-level/eduqas-a-level-french-spec-from-2016-r.pdf>

## Course Overview

The following topics areas are studied during the 2 Year A level course:

<b>Social issues and trends</b>	<b>Political, intellectual and artistic culture</b>
<b>Being a young person in French-speaking society</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families and citizenship</li> <li>Youth trends and personal identity</li> <li>Education and employment opportunities</li> </ul>	<b>Understanding the French-speaking world</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional culture and heritage in France, French-speaking countries and communities</li> <li>Media, art, film and music in the French-speaking world</li> </ul>
<b>Diversity and difference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Migration and integration</li> <li>Cultural identity and marginalisation</li> <li>Cultural enrichment and celebrating difference</li> <li>Discrimination and diversity</li> </ul>	<b>France 1940-1950: The Occupation &amp; post-war years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 1940–May 1945</li> <li>The cultural dimension in occupied France</li> <li>1945-1950</li> </ul>

## Assessment information

The final examination is made up of three components covering two years' work:

<b>Component</b>	<b>Form of assessment</b>	<b>Length of exam</b>	<b>% of marks overall</b>
1	Speaking	21-23 minutes	30%
2	Listening, Reading and Translation	2 hours, 30 minutes	50%
3	Critical and analytical response in writing (closed book)	2 hours	20%

## The independent research project

The independent research project forms an important part of the speaking assessment at A level. It provides learners with the opportunity to choose an area of personal interest for independent study through which they will be encouraged to broaden their knowledge and appreciation of the countries or communities where French is spoken. This component gives opportunities for learners to select an aspect of study that interests them related to the countries or communities where French is spoken.

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### Transition work for French A level students

#### Core work

- 1 Have a go at completing the exercises in the grammar booklet below, checking your answers using the answer booklet as you go along. There are lots of websites that will explain grammar and there are some links to explore throughout the booklet.

#### **LINK TO BOOKLET AND ANSWER BOOKLET**

[https://www.nhgs.co.uk/storage/app/media/Sixth-Form/Transition\\_Work/MFL\\_Booklets/French\\_Booklets\\_2020/A-Level\\_TransitionWork\\_2020\\_French\\_Grammar\\_Booklet.pdf](https://www.nhgs.co.uk/storage/app/media/Sixth-Form/Transition_Work/MFL_Booklets/French_Booklets_2020/A-Level_TransitionWork_2020_French_Grammar_Booklet.pdf)

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Some good explanations of grammar can be found here:

<https://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/>  
<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html>  
<https://grammar.collinsdictionary.com/french-easy-learning>

- 2 Using the [Culture Booklet](#) for inspiration and research, please put together a short presentation in French about one or more of the following: You will be asked to present this at the start of the course in Year 12.

- youtubeur
- artiste et chanson
- station de radio
- film

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### **Additional non-compulsory work**

- Keep going practising grammar / vocabulary exercises using other websites such as:

<https://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/>

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html>

<https://www.memrise.com/courses/english/french>

<https://www.duolingo.com>

- Watch a French film or a series on Netflix

- **Find listening to French a challenge?**

**Enhance your French listening skills by doing some of the things below:**

Free online course: Intermediate French: Understanding spoken French

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/languages/intermediate-french-understanding-spoken-french/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Listen to the news in slow French on a weekly basis: with transcripts:

<https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwpLfzBRCRARIsAHuj6qXKpCbP>

[Y58P\\_LC43kVMPybdMJY9NIY09pv0n54X0JbsJP-sHR3saucaAk6NEALw\\_wcB](https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwpLfzBRCRARIsAHuj6qXKpCbPY58P_LC43kVMPybdMJY9NIY09pv0n54X0JbsJP-sHR3saucaAk6NEALw_wcB)

10 minute a day listening?

Journal en français facile (Newspaper in easy French)

It isn't very easy, but it is a 10 minute news report each evening

that you can just listen to when you like- You are not expected to understand everything.

<https://savoirs.rfi.fr/fr/apprendre-enseigner/langue-francaise/journal-en-francais-facile>

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France info en direct (France news live on the radio):

<https://www.francetvinfo.fr/en-direct/radio.html>

As above, but live on TV

<https://www.francetvinfo.fr/en-direct/tv.html>

Listen to French radio stations regularly: please see the list in the culture booklet.

Enjoy fairy tales?

Explore the following links to listen to fairy tales in French with English subtitles and translations:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCub5dBzD6H9Qc06ZJms9Ggg>

<https://www.thefablecottage.com/>