

KSHS Key Stage 3 French Grade Descriptors



Listening / Reading			
Learning Path	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate an understanding of familiar words and phrases • pick out the main points in short passages • read familiar words and phrases aloud • show a basic understanding of authentic texts • understand speech at a slow pace • use a dictionary to check the spelling of words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate an understanding of a range of familiar phrases and opinions • pick out the main points in longer passages made up of familiar language • read familiar words and phrases aloud • show a basic understanding of authentic texts • transcribe familiar words • understand passages with little repetition • understand speech at a relatively slow pace • use a dictionary to check the spelling of words • use cognates and near-cognates to help understanding • work out the meaning of new vocabulary with some support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • begin to read and understand simple authentic materials • begin to work out the meaning of new vocabulary using context • demonstrate an understanding of detailed descriptions • pick out the details required by comprehension questions from longer passages • read aloud confidently • read and listen independently • recognise which tense has been used in a text • transcribe short phrases • understand speech at a relatively slow pace
Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate an understanding of a range of familiar phrases and opinions • match sound to spelling by reading aloud • pick out the main points in longer passages made up of familiar language • read aloud confidently • understand passages with little repetition • understand speech at a relatively slow pace • use cognates and near-cognates to help understanding • work out the meaning of new vocabulary with some support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • begin to read and understand simple authentic materials • begin to work out the meaning of new vocabulary using context • demonstrate an understanding of detailed descriptions • pick out the details required by comprehension questions from longer passages • read aloud confidently • read and listen independently • recognise which tense has been used in a text • understand passages containing vocabulary from different topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate an understanding of passages which contain opinions and descriptions in 2 tenses • identify the formality of language used in listening and reading passages • identify word families • understand passages containing vocabulary from different topics • understand passages with very little repetition • understand speech at a slower than native pace • use intonation to help understand

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Proficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • begin to read and understand simple authentic materials • begin to work out the meaning of new vocabulary using context • demonstrate an understanding of detailed descriptions • demonstrate an understanding of passages which contain opinions and descriptions • pick out the details required by comprehension questions from longer passages • read and listen independently • recognise the intonation of phrases • understand passages containing vocabulary from different topics • use intonation to help understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate an understanding of passages which contain opinions and descriptions in 2 tenses • identify the formality of language used in listening and reading passages • identify word families • understand passages with very little repetition • understand speech at a slower than native pace • use intonation to help understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify different tenses to check answers to questions • make use of clues to help answer questions about unfamiliar language • pick out specific details to answer comprehension questions • understand passages which contain 3 tenses • use grammar knowledge to aid understanding • use knowledge of cognates and context to decode longer passages
Exceptional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the formality of language used in listening and reading passages • make use of clues to help answer questions about unfamiliar language • understand passages with very little repetition • understand speech at a slower than native pace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve own listening and reading skills by accessing authentic materials in French • make use of clues to help answer questions about unfamiliar language • understand passages which contain 3 tenses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate an understanding of longer authentic materials • demonstrate an understanding of texts containing 3 time frames • read fiction and non-fiction • transcribe short passages accurately • understand speech at a relatively normal pace • use context to decode new vocabulary

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Speaking / Writing / Translation			
Grade	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present tense of avoir and être with je • use present tense singular forms of a few key verbs • include some connectives • use simple negative structures • use the conditional with the verb 'vouloir' with je • understand and use reflexive verbs in the present tense with je • attempt accurate word order • identify links between spelling and pronunciation • pronounce learnt vocabulary and phrases clearly • spell learnt words accurately • take part in simple conversations to gain and give short pieces information • translate words and short phrases into English • use support to write and say simple phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present tense of key verbs with je • use the near future with je • use the perfect tense with avoir + être with a couple of key verbs with je • use the imperfect tense: 'c'était' • use the conditional tense with aimer + vouloir with je • understand key verb + infinitive structures • understand key impersonal structures • understand modal verbs 'pouvoir and vouloir' in the present tense with je • ask and answer open and closed questions • express basic positive and negative opinions • show an awareness of specific pronunciation rules • translate familiar words and phrases into English • translate words and short phrases into French • write short sentences with some support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use the perfect tense with key verbs • use some variety expressions of quantity • use the near future tense with je • use the conditional tense with key verbs with je • use the imperfect tense with key verbs with je • use some negative structures • use the present tense with key irregular verbs • apply word order rules accurately • ask and answer some open questions • express and justify basic opinions • find and use new appropriate vocabulary in own work • show an awareness of specific pronunciation and intonation rules • translate sentences into English and French • use words learnt in previous and current topics

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Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present tense of key irregular verbs with je • mostly use accurate adjectival agreement • mostly use possessive pronouns accurately • include a variety of connectives • use some negative structures • use the conditional with the verb 'vouloir' with je • understand the structure 'il faut' + infinitive • understand the imperative form • understand and use reflexive verbs in the present tense with je • use accurate word order • ask and answer open and closed questions • show an awareness of specific pronunciation rules • translate familiar words and phrases into English • translate words and short phrases into French • write short sentences with some support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present tense of key verbs with je • use the near future with je • use the perfect tense with avoir + être with a couple of key verbs with je and on • use the imperfect tense: 'c'était' • use the conditional tense with aimer + vouloir with je • understand depuis + present tense • understand key verb + infinitive structures • understand key impersonal structures • use modal verbs 'devoir, pouvoir and vouloir' in the present tense with je • ask and answer some open questions • express and justify basic opinions • find and use new appropriate vocabulary in own work • show an awareness of specific pronunciation and intonation rules • take part in simple spoken exchanges • translate familiar words and phrases into French • translate sentences into English • use words learnt in previous and current topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use key impersonal structures with some accuracy • use the perfect tense with key verbs • use some variety expressions of quantity • use the future tense with je • use the near future tense with je • use the conditional tense with key verbs • use the imperfect tense with key verbs • use some negative structures • use the present tense with key irregular verbs • begin to check own work after completion • begin to speak spontaneously in a conversation • change the subject of sentences to generalise • choose the correct form of articles after prepositions • structure answers to longer tasks correctly • take part in short conversations using different tenses • translate short extracts into English and French • use accurate pronunciation and intonation in conversation and discussion
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Proficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present tense of key irregular verbs with je and on • use accurate adjectival agreement • use possessive pronouns accurately • recognise direct object pronouns • include a variety of connectives • recognise depuis + present tense • use some negative structures • use the conditional with the verb 'vouloir' with je and on • use the structure 'il faut' + infinitive • understand the imperative form • understand and use reflexive verbs in the present tense with je and on • use accurate word order • find and use new appropriate vocabulary in own work • show an awareness of specific pronunciation and intonation rules • translate familiar words and phrases into French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present tense of key irregular verbs • use the near future with je and on • use the perfect tense with avoir + être with key verbs • use the imperfect tense with a few key verbs • use the conditional tense with aimer + vouloir with je and on • use depuis + present tense • understand the past historic in written stories • use direct object pronouns with some accuracy • use key verb + infinitive structures with some accuracy • understand key impersonal structures • use modal verbs 'devoir, pouvoir and vouloir' in the present tense with je and on • begin to check own work after completion • begin to speak spontaneously in a conversation • express and justify a variety of opinions • find and use new appropriate vocabulary in own work • structure answers to longer tasks correctly • take part in short conversations using different tenses • translate short extracts into English and French • use accurate pronunciation and intonation in conversation and discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use key impersonal structures accurately • use the pronoun 'en' with some accuracy • use the perfect tense with key verbs • use some variety expressions of quantity • use the future tense with je and on • use the near future tense with je and on • use the conditional tense with key verbs • use the imperfect tense with key verbs • use a variety of negative structures • use the present tense with key irregular verbs • use the pronoun 'y' with some accuracy • understand 'si and quand' with the correct tense • demonstrate spontaneity in different situations • improve accuracy by checking sentence structure • perform in role plays convincingly • predict the pronunciation of new vocabulary • take part in conversations on different topics, expressing and justifying opinions • translate passages into English and French
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<p>Exceptional</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present tense of key irregular verbs • use accurate adjectival agreement • use possessive pronouns accurately • use direct object pronouns correctly • include a variety of connectives • use depuis + present tense • use a variety of negative structures • use the conditional with the verb 'vouloir' • use the structure 'il faut' + infinitive • use the imperative form • understand and use reflexive verbs in the present tense • use accurate word order • ask and answer some open questions • find and use new appropriate vocabulary in own work • show an awareness of specific pronunciation and intonation rules • translate some unfamiliar words and phrases into French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present tense of irregular verbs • use the near future • use the perfect tense with avoir + être • use the imperfect tense • use the conditional tense with aimer + vouloir • use depuis + present tense • understand the past historic in written stories • use direct object pronouns accurately • use verb + infinitive structures accurately • use impersonal structures • use modal verbs 'devoir, pouvoir and vouloir' in the present tense • demonstrate spontaneity in different situations • improve accuracy by critically checking own work • justify some opinions with comparisons • take part in conversations on different topics, expressing and justifying opinions • use a variety of vocabulary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use impersonal structures accurately • use the pronoun 'en' accurately • use the perfect tense with a variety of verbs • use expressions of quantity • use the future tense • use the near future tense • use the conditional tense • use the imperfect tense • use a variety of negative structures • use the present tense with a wide variety of irregular verbs • use the pronoun 'y' accurately • use 'si and quand' with the correct tense • accurately apply word order rules in complex sentences • apply grammar knowledge in new spoken and written contexts • apply spelling and pronunciation rules accurately • introduce hypothetical situations • respond to unexpected questions or situations spontaneously • structure longer pieces of writing in logical paragraphs • take part in discussions about key issues
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