

Year 11 French - Revision Guidance



Circulation	Year 11 Students
Title	GCSE Revision Guidance
Purpose	To provide revision information for GCSE French

You will sit four papers for your French GCSE:

- Paper 1: Speaking
- Paper 2: Listening
- Paper 3: Reading
- Paper 4: Writing

Topics to revise:

For all papers, you will need to know vocabulary and grammar relating to the following six thematic contexts:

1. My personal world
 - Family
 - Friends
 - Relationships
2. Lifestyle and wellbeing
 - Food & drink
 - Sports
 - Physical & mental wellbeing
3. My neighbourhood
 - Places in town
 - Shopping
 - The natural world & environmental issues
4. Media and technology
 - Social media & gaming
 - The internet
 - Music, TV and film
5. Studying and my future
 - School
 - Future opportunities
 - World of work
6. Travel and tourism
 - Transport
 - Accommodation
 - Tourist attractions & holidays

This is what you need to do for each paper:

Paper 1: Speaking (25%)

Preparation time: 15 minutes (the final minute to take place in the exam room)

Exam duration: 7-9 minutes Foundation Tier / 10-12 minutes Higher tier

Task 1 (12 marks)

Read aloud one short passage

Two follow-on questions



Task 2 (10 marks)

Role play with five prompts

Task 3 (28 marks)

Thematic context chosen in advance

One picture to describe

Two follow-on questions

Broader conversation

Paper 2: Listening (25%)

Section A: Listening, Section B: Dictation

45 mins Foundation Tier / 60 minutes Higher Tier

Paper 3: Reading (25%)

Section A: Reading and understanding, Section B: Translation into English

45 minutes Foundation Tier / 60 minutes Higher Tier

Paper 4: Writing (25%)

Writing responses of varying lengths and types to express ideas and opinions

1 hour 15 minutes Foundation Tier / 1 hour 20 minutes Higher Tier

Foundation Writing

Question 1 (8 marks)

Write four short sentences to describe a photo.

Question 2 (14 marks)

Two options from which students must select one.

Respond to three bullet points using present and future time frames.

Recommended word count: 40-50 words.

Question 3 (18 marks)

Two options from which students must select one.

Respond to four bullet points using present, past and future timeframes.

Recommended word count: 80-90 words.

Question 4 (10 marks) Translation:

Translate five sentences from English to French.

Higher Writing

Question 1 (18 marks)

Two options from which students must select one.

Respond to four bullet points using present, past and future timeframes.

Recommended word count: 80-90 words.

Question 2 (22 marks)

Two options from which students must select one.

Respond to four bullet points using present, past and future timeframes and showing an ability to explain, narrate and express pros and cons.

Recommended word count: 130-150 words.

Question 3 (10 marks) Translation:

Translate a short paragraph from English into French.

You will need a black pen for the exams.

Further detail and revision materials can be found here:

Revision: [GCSE French - Edexcel \(for exams from 2026\) - BBC Bitesize](#)

Sample assessments: [Sample Assessments](#)

Key vocabulary by subject: [Key Vocabulary By Subject](#)

Year 11 Spanish - Revision Guidance



Circulation	Year 11 Students
Title	GCSE Revision Guidance
Purpose	To provide revision information for GCSE Spanish

You will sit four papers for your Spanish GCSE

- Paper 1: Speaking
- Paper 2: Listening
- Paper 3: Reading
- Paper 4: Writing

Topics to revise:

For all papers, you will need to know vocabulary and grammar relating to the following six thematic contexts:

1. My personal world
 - Family
 - Friends
 - Relationships
2. Lifestyle and wellbeing
 - Food & drink
 - Sports
 - Physical & mental wellbeing
3. My neighbourhood
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This is what you need to do for each paper:

Paper 1: Speaking (25%)

Preparation time: 15 minutes (the final minute to take place in the exam room)

Exam duration: 7-9 minutes Foundation Tier / 10-12 minutes Higher tier

Task 1 (12 marks)

Read aloud one short passage

Two follow-on questions



Task 2 (10 marks)

Role play with five prompts

Task 3 (28 marks)

Thematic context chosen in advance

One picture to describe

Two follow-on questions

Broader conversation

Paper 2: Listening (25%)

Section A: Listening, Section B: Dictation

45 mins Foundation Tier / 60 minutes Higher Tier

Paper 3: Reading (25%)

Section A: Reading and understanding, Section B: Translation into English

45 minutes Foundation Tier / 60 minutes Higher Tier

Paper 4: Writing (25%)

Writing responses of varying lengths and types to express ideas and opinions

1 hour 15 minutes Foundation Tier / 1 hour 20 minutes Higher Tier

Foundation Writing

Question 1 (8 marks)

Write four short sentences to describe a photo.

Question 2 (14 marks)

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Two options from which students must select one.

Respond to four bullet points using present, past and future timeframes.

Recommended word count: 80-90 words.

Question 4 (10 marks) Translation:

Translate five sentences from English to Spanish.

Higher Writing

Question 1 (18 marks)

Two options from which students must select one.

Respond to four bullet points using present, past and future timeframes.

Recommended word count: 80-90 words.

Question 2 (22 marks)

Two options from which students must select one.

Respond to four bullet points using present, past and future timeframes and showing an ability to explain, narrate and express pros and cons.

Recommended word count: 130-150 words.

Question 3 (10 marks) Translation:

Translate a short paragraph from English into Spanish.

You will need a black pen for the exams.

Further detail and revision materials can be found here:

Revision: [GCSE Spanish - Edexcel \(for exams from 2026\) - BBC Bitesize](#)

Sample assessments: [Pearson Edexcel GCSE Spanish \(2024\) | Pearson qualifications](#)

Key vocabulary by subject: [GCSE Spanish \(2024\) Vocabulary and Grammar Guide](#)