

The Themes

1. Identity and culture

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

- Relationships with family and friends
- Marriage/partnership

Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

- Social media
- Mobile technology

Topic 3: Free-time activities

- Music
- Food and eating out
- Cinema and TV
- Sport

Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities

2. Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

- Charity/voluntary work
- Healthy/unhealthy living

Topic 3: Global issues

- The environment
- Poverty/homelessness

Topic 4: Travel and tourism

3. Current and future study and employment

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post-16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Assessment: Foundation tier (grades 1-5)

1. Listening (25%)

Written exam

30 mins + 5 mins
reading time

40 marks

Section A

Questions in
English,
Answers in
English

Section B

Questions in
French,
Answers in
French

2. Speaking (25%)

Oral exam

7-9 mins + 12 mins
preparation time

60 marks

Part 1 – Role play

15 marks – 2 mins

Part 2 – Photo card

15 marks – 2 mins

Part 3 – General conversation

30 marks – 3-5 mins

3. Reading (25%)

Written exam

45 mins

60 marks

Section A

Questions in
English, Answers in
English

Section B

Questions in
French, Answers in
French

Section C

Translation from
French to English
(minimum of 35
words)

4. Writing (25%)

Written exam

1 hour

50 marks

Question 1

Produce 4 sentences in
response to a photo (8
marks)

Question 2

Write approx. 40 words
in response to 4 bullet
points (16 marks)

Question 3

Translation from
English to French (min.
35 words) (10 marks)

Question 4

Write approx. 90 words
in response to 4 bullet
points, choice of 2 (16
marks)

Assessment: Higher tier (grades 4-9)

1. Listening (25%)

Written exam

40 mins + 5 mins
reading time

50 marks

Section A

Questions in
English,
Answers in
English

Section B

Questions in
French,
Answers in
French

2. Speaking (25%)

Oral exam

10-12 mins + 12
mins preparation
time

60 marks

Part 1 – Role play

15 marks – 2 mins

Part 2 – Photo card

15 marks – 3 mins

Part 3 – General conversation

30 marks – 5-7 mins

3. Reading (25%)

Written exam

1 hour

60 marks

Section A

Questions in
English, Answers in
English

Section B

Questions in
French, Answers in
French

Section C

Translation from
French to English
(minimum of 50
words)

4. Writing (25%)

Written exam

1 hour 15 mins

60 marks

Question 1

Write approx. 90
words in response to
4 bullet points, choice
of 2 (16 marks)

Question 2

Write approx. 150
words in response to
2 bullet points, choice
of 2 (32 marks)

Question 3

Translation from
English to French
(min. 50 words) (12
marks)