

How to revise for the languages exams?



How will students be assessed



The MFL Exams will take the following format:

Paper 1: Speaking	F: 7-9 mins (plus 15 mins prep) H: 10-12 mins (plus 15 mins prep)	50 marks	• Read aloud • Role play • Picture task with conversation
Paper 2: Listening	F: 45 mins (+ 5 mins reading) H: 60 minutes (+5 mins reading)	50 marks	• Listening comprehension (questions in English) • Dictation task
Paper 3: Reading	F: 45 mins H: 60 mins	50 marks	• Reading comprehension (questions in English) • Translation into English
Paper 4: Writing	F: 1 hour 15 H: 1 hour 20	50 marks	• F: Picture based task/40-50 word question/80-90 word question/translations into Spanish/French • H: 80-90 word question/130-150 word question/ translation into Spanish/French

When will students be assessed?

All the exams are worth 25% of the final grade regardless of the number of marks.

Final Both Languages Speaking exams end of April

French Reading Final Exam	4/6
French Listening Final Exam	20/5
French Writing Final Exam	8/ 6

Spanish Reading Final Exam	16/6
Spanish Listening Final Exams	9/6
Spanish Writing Final Exam	17/6



Other dates for your calendar

Mock exams will take place twice in Y11 before the final exams.

Why:

- Practice makes perfect
- Gives students a real experience of what the exams will be/feel like
- Gives students and teachers a clear picture of where they are and what we need to work on next.
- Supports staff and students to decide whether students are doing Foundation or Higher tier exams.

Speaking mocks 1 WC 24th of Nov

Reading/ Listening/ Writing Mocks 1 WC 1st of Dec

Speaking mocks 2 WC 9th of Feb

Reading/ Listening/ Writing Mocks 1 WC 23rd of Feb



So what can you expect to see them doing at home weekly?

1 - Vocab learning - they might ask you test them. :)

2 - Online platform based work - especially languagenut and seneca. But you may see them using quizlet also.

3. Learning speaking questions- they might again ask you test them!

What else can you encourage them to do?

Complete the revision tasks on the revision schedule, use BBC bitesize, complete additional tasks online.

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Revision- What else can they do?

- All students have access to a **revision guide** in tutor time and will be given an **accompanying document** today stating what to revise on a weekly basis. This document also highlights exam style questions that can be handed in for marking.
- Remember we also subscribed to **languagenut** so students can revise as well as complete homework easily from their phone or computer.
- On **Seneca** students can access all the premium resources including exam questions and predicted papers through their google account.
- The **BBC bitesize** website is full of brilliant resources that students can access without logging in too! They have a revise and test section for each module.
- Students should ensure they ask someone to test them to secure their subject knowledge. Testing is key!
- Lots of teachers use Google classroom/ forms to give out important information and give access to extra resources.



The important thing is to ensure you do this little and often, rather than cramming the night before.

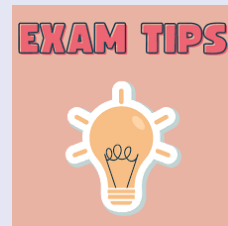


The Exam tips

In the December mocks, students will sit real Pearson specimen papers with a variety of different questions types.

In all papers, students should:

1. Scan for familiar language.
2. Look for cognates.
3. Use language you do know to decipher the meaning of unfamiliar language.
4. Where you are unsure, take an educated guess.
5. Leave no gaps (especially on gap fill or multiple choice)
6. On the listening paper use the 5 minutes preparation time - annotate and predict!
7. On the writing paper, for some questions students get to choose between two questions so choose wisely and don't waste time trying to complete all.
8. On the speaking exam students get to prepare the read aloud, the role play and photo card during your 15 minutes preparation time. The general conversation is based around the questions we are completing in class and learning at home. Students will be able to choose their topic out of the 2 allocated by the board, two weeks prior to the exams.





Speaking Exam General conversation tips for students

1. Make sure that you have chosen your topic for the general conversation 2 weeks prior to the exam and that you focus your revision on that topic..
2. Make sure that you have answered a range of questions (past/ present/ future) on that topic in your preparation booklet and have your teacher mark them for you. (about 8-10 questions)
3. Then little and often, start trying and learn them.
4. Make flashcards for each question.
5. Look, cover, write, say, check - anyone can help you do this.
6. Write post its and stick them around the house. Do them on different colours - this helps a visual learner.
7. Record yourself reading the questions and answers or listen to a recording done by your teacher .
8. Breaking the content down to learn a line each night - little and often does the trick.



Remember your teacher knows you and is picking each question to give you an opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge and shine!



Extra revision ideas

- ☐ Watch Netflix programs in French/Spanish.
- ☐ Complete game activities on languagenut.
- ☐ Complete the game/low effort activities on Seneca.
- ☐ Compete in the quizlet live competitions on Quizlet.
- ☐ Watch youtube videos in French/ Spanish.
- ☐ Put flashcards with key vocab around your room/house.
- ☐ Read a French/Spanish magazine/newspaper/social media post.
- ☐ Listen to Spanish/French music on youtube.
- ☐ Listen to English songs adapted in French/Spanish on youtube.
- ☐ Go to [lyricstraining.com](https://www.lyricstraining.com) and listen/complete songs in French/Spanish.
- ☐ Listen to the recordings of your Spanish/French speaking exam answers.



You
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do it!

Extra Support



- ★ Teachers are always more than happy to provide students with extra work either on paper or via one of the platforms we use.
- ★ Extra exam questions can also be provided and we are happy to use exam Wizard to provide students with specific types of questions they wish to practise.
- ★ In tutor time, students will have a llocated **Independent learning** time which they can use to revise for different subjects. The revision guides will be available as well as chromebooks.
- ★ **Session 5 Revisions** available for every student to attend on **Friday**
- ★ **FTT interventions** being put in place for some students where possible to support students closing any gaps.

Revision Guides

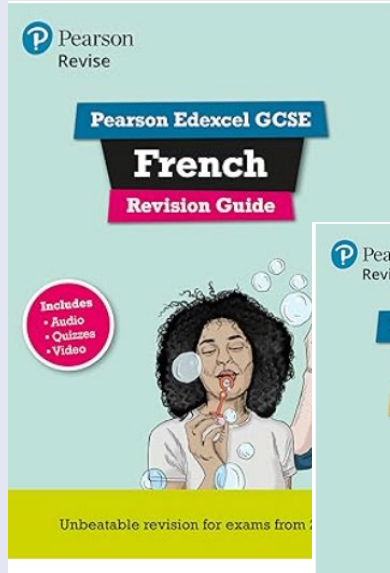


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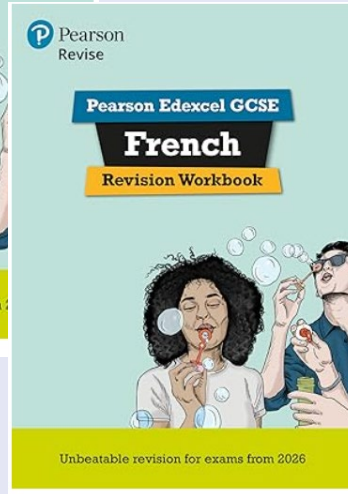


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- ★ New spec so there is a limited amount of information and resources out there.
- ★ These are made by our exam board.
- ★ Have all 4 skills and exam questions in.
- ★ Allow access to audio files online.
- ★ Allow access to extra online revision resources for free.
- ★ Are the ones we are buying as a trust.