

What do you know? Modern Foreign Languages



Year 3

Know some simple instructions

Know whether nouns are singular or plural based on the article (le, la, l', les)

Ask and answer simple questions using short sentences

Know how to say numbers and colours

Know some common letters and letter strings in French.

Know some common verbs in the first person singular form, e.g. "je mange".

Know how to say their name and age

Have a short conversation, saying 3 to 4 things.

Read a simple poem or rhyme in chorus

Write a short written response to spoken language and a simple written question

Year 4

Know who is being talked about in a sentence from the pronoun (e.g. "je", "tu", "il", "elle").

Know that the structure of some French sentences differ from English.

Know how to describe where they live.

Say a few sentences about what they like to do

Know how to use the correct article ("the" or "a") to match the gender of the noun.

Know some simple adjectives to describe things

Give short descriptions of other people, including family and friends.

Read a simple song, rhyme or story aloud

Explain the main points in a short passage.

Use knowledge of French phonics to spell some familiar words

Know how to use a bilingual dictionary or glossary to look up new words

Write phrases from memory.

Write 2-3 short sentences on a familiar topic.

Write what they like/dislike about a familiar topic

Year 5

Read and pronounce unfamiliar written words accurately using knowledge of French phonics.

Understand the main points from a short text, which contains some unfamiliar language.

Know the meaning of "mon"/"ma"/"mes".

Know that some nouns have irregular plurals

Know that adjectives' endings often change to match the noun they're describing.

Know how to use the third person singular form of the present tense to describe what others are doing, e.g. "il/elle danse".

Know how to use the second person singular form of the present tense to ask questions. E.g. "Tu aimes les pommes?"

Know how to use the structure of French sentences to build new ones using the same model.

Know how to adapt familiar written sentences by changing a few words.

Write several sentences from memory to describe a person, place or thing.

Year 6

Hold a simple conversation with at least 4 exchanges.

Use knowledge of grammar to speak correctly.

Know that "vous" is used for more than one person, or in formal situations, and that "tu" is used for one person in informal situations.

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Know the "vous"/"ils"/"elles" forms of some common verbs in the present tense.

Know that some verbs are irregular.

Identify the future tense, e.g. "je vais".

Know the past tense of some common verbs, e.g. "j'ai fait".

Know some regular French nouns in the singular and plural form.

Understand a short story or factual text and note the main points.

Use the context to work out unfamiliar words.

Substitute words and phrases.

Write a short passage.