

There are several areas you could focus upon when getting ready to study A Level French.

1. **Grammar revision** - Go over your GCSE grammar notes, concentrate on the following areas:

- Nouns & genders
- Adjectives
- Connectives
- Personal pronouns
- The present tense
- Reflexive verbs
- Modal verbs
- The perfect tense
- The immediate future
- The imperfect tense
- The future tense
- The conditional tense
- The pluperfect tense
- Negatives
- Direct object pronouns
- Indirect object pronouns
- Si clauses

You can go onto the following websites for further explanations and practice:

<https://www.languageguide.org/french/grammar/>

<https://www.thoughtco.com/french-grammar-4133074>

www.languagesonline.org.uk

Have a go at the exercises on key tenses in the document 'Preparing for A Level French – grammar practice – tenses'

2. **Reading, Writing & Translation** – practise these areas by doing the following:

- Read short articles & practise translating – a good website for this is Lawless French (start at a2 & work your way up)
www.lawlessfrench.com/faq/lessons-by-level/a2-reading/
- Go over topic vocabulary from GCSE, these topics link well to topics covered during Year 1 at A Level:
 - Family & friends
 - Technology in everyday life
 - Volunteering
 - Free time
 - Customs & festivals

3. **Listening skills** – keep practising your listening skills by doing the following:

- Listen to French radio stations such as NRJ, FranceInter.fr, Radiofrance.fr
- Listen to French music
- Listen to podcasts in French such as Duolingo French podcasts, News in Slow French podcasts, SBS French – SBS en français
<https://savoirs.rfi.fr/en/apprendre-enseigner/langue-francaise/parlez-vous-paris>
- Watch news clips, film clips and trailers in French on Youtube

4. **Film** - During the first year of A level French we will watch a film.

It is a good idea to watch a French film (with subtitles if you can) and think about the key characters, themes and techniques. Go to the 'Preparing for A Level French – Film' document for suggestions.

5. **Research the culture of France and French speaking countries**

- You could use some time to develop your cultural knowledge and carry out research to find interesting facts relating to France and French speaking countries (especially Belgium, Canada, Switzerland) on the following topic areas:
 - Family life, marriage and divorce – look for info on le PACS
 - Digital technology – look at developments in school and society
 - Charities and volunteering – look for info on key charities
 - Cultural heritage & tourism – look for info on festivals celebrating culture, research food & drink, pick a French city and look at tourism.
 - French music – choose an artist and find info
 - French cinema – research the history of cinema (especially 'la nouvelle vague')

At this stage you could look at sites in English as well as some in French

<https://www.french.org/culture/34-interesting-facts-about-france-and-french-traditions/>

<https://www.cia-france.fr/blog/culture-traditions-francaises/>

<https://www.francebenevolat.org/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2011/mar/22/french-cinema-short-history>

https://www.francetvinfo.fr/economie/menages/a-quoi-ressemble-la-famille-francaise-d-aujourd-hui_1225665.html

https://www.lemonde.fr/les-decodeurs/article/2016/05/19/en-chiffres-l-etat-du-cinema-en-france_4922637_4355770.html