

When studying for your French A-level, it is essential not only to attend all lessons and complete your homework, but also to engage in independent study. We recommend dedicating at least 5 hours per week to independent study. To maximise your learning, it is important that you complete a range of activities from the suggestions below. Additionally, if you wish to extend your studies beyond the A-level curriculum, we encourage you to explore the super-curricular section for further enrichment opportunities.

Content

An essential aspect of independent study is ensuring comprehensive coverage of the content. Below are some strategies to help you engage with and master the content for your French A-Level:

- ✓ Create Quizlets
- ✓ Test yourself using Quizlet
- ✓ Create mind maps
- ✓ Create summary sheets
- ✓ Create flash cards
- ✓ Get someone else to test you (using your flash cards, class notes or the text book)
- ✓ Write/rewrite class notes
- ✓ Highlight/colour code your notes
- ✓ Use a revision wall to display your learning
- ✓ Read through class notes
- ✓ Use resources on the class Teams group
- ✓ Read course textbooks and summarise what you've read
- ✓ Complete questions in the textbook
- ✓ Create summaries of newspaper articles you have read, relating to the main topics

Skills

Another important part of independent study is developing the skills to be able to succeed in the exams. Below are some suggestions to help you enhance these skills:

- ✓ Write exam answers under timed conditions
- ✓ Plan or write out answers to exam questions, using your notes/textbook (not timed). [Link to past papers and mark schemes via the AQA French A-Level website](#)
- ✓ Read model answers
- ✓ Buy one of the revision workbooks and complete the exam practice questions

Feedback

A crucial part of independent study is making effective use of feedback. Feedback helps you understand what you need to adapt or improve for next time. Here are some ideas for how you can make the most of feedback:

- ✓ Study the mark schemes and exam reports
- ✓ Self-assess your work using the exam mark scheme
- ✓ Work with other students in groups/pairs
- ✓ Compare model answers against your own work
- ✓ Create your own exam questions
- ✓ Submit extra exam work for marking
- ✓ One-to-one discussions with your teachers

Super-curricular French

If you were considering studying French at university, or just really interested in the subject, then you could complete some super-curricular activities. These are things which go beyond what is covered in the curriculum and includes things such as watching relevant documentaries, listening to podcasts, reading relevant journal articles and reading books.

Here are some useful websites: [News in Slow French Podcast](#); [1jour1actu.com](#); [lepoint.fr](#); [lemonde.fr](#); [leparisien.fr](#); [20minutes.fr](#); [TV5MONDE Europe](#); [Franceinfo](#)