

## Next steps!

- Talk to your teacher about taking GCSE French.
- Talk to students who are already doing or who have done the course.
- Visit the Edexcel website ([www.edexcel.com/gcse2009](http://www.edexcel.com/gcse2009)) for more information about what you will be studying and how you will be assessed.

### French Question:

In French, what does the word 'pamplemousse' mean?

### French Answer:

(b) Grapefruit

# Edexcel GCSE French



## STUDENT GUIDE

### Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy communicating with other people, finding out how language works and learning about different countries and cultures, studying GCSE French is an excellent choice for you!

You will:

- be able to share your interests, ideas and opinions with other people who speak the language
- learn about countries where the language is spoken
- add an international dimension to your choice of GCSE subjects, which is something many employers and higher education providers look for
- learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, being confident about speaking in public and using problem-solving strategies
- create greater opportunities to work abroad, or for companies in the UK with international links. Many employers look for people with language skills.

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## What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

If you've studied French before, you're well prepared to do this GCSE course! You already know a lot of the vocabulary and grammar you'll need for GCSE. You know how to talk about yourself, your family and friends, your hobbies, where you live, school, holidays, food and drink. You'll build on this knowledge during your GCSE course, and move on to new topics.

If you are starting this as a new language for GCSE you can be confident in knowing that, through your previous studies, you have already built up a lot of valuable language skills which will help you to learn a new language.

## What can I do after I've completed the course?

People with language skills and knowledge are highly thought of in the modern world. They stand out as talented and successful people, with broad and exciting horizons. Taking GCSE French means you will:

- be able to study AS and A2 French courses
- add an extra dimension to your personal skills profile which will impress anyone who reads your CV
- be in a stronger position to get a job in companies with international links or improve employability if you would like to work abroad.

### French Question:

In French, what does the word 'pamplemousse' mean?

- (a) Reindeer
- (b) Grapefruit
- (c) Raspberry yoghurt
- (d) Spot cream

## How will I be assessed?

Speaking Assessment by teacher	Writing Assessed by Edexcel	Reading & Listening Examination
<p>You and your teacher will choose when during the course you do your assessment, so you only do it when you are completely ready.</p> <p>For the speaking part, your teacher will assess you. You will carry out <b>two</b> activities from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• an open interaction. This will be like a non-scripted play and could relate to a transactional situation</li><li>• a discussion with your teacher about a photo or picture that you have brought in of something personal to you</li><li>• a short presentation about something that interests you.</li></ul>	<p>You will carry out <b>two</b> pieces of writing, for example an article for a magazine, a web page, a blog, or a letter.</p>	<p>You can take either a Foundation Tier or Higher Tier paper in each skill.</p> <p>In the listening test, you will answer questions on recorded material from different topic areas. Some material will be formal (for example a telephone message) and some informal (for example a conversation between friends).</p> <p>In the reading test, you will answer questions about short texts on different topics, for example text messages, advertisements and emails.</p>

