

Fun things you can do to help you prepare for A Level languages

1. The most important thing you can do is listen to authentic language – even though you won't understand every word. As you listen, make sure you listen actively, this means taking notes.

Try some of these:

a) Netflix is your friend. You can change the language of many well-known films or shows to French. This is a great way of listening to the language, particularly if you have seen the film before, because you will be able to pick out key pieces of vocab easier.

b) Even better, try watching some of these French originals:

- o Nailed It! France – a crazy version of Bake Off where the bakers aren't necessarily as talented

- o Call My Agent – a comedy series following a talent firm in Paris

- o The African Doctor – comedy film that follows an African family who move to a tiny village in France, based on the real life of an African-French rapper (he's the boy in the family)

- o Bad Seeds – ex criminal mentors a group of difficult students

- o He Even Has Your Eyes – comedy that film where a black couple adopts a white baby

- o Nothing to Hide - group of "friend couples" decide to read aloud every message their partner receives on their phone

c) Find playlists of French songs on Spotify or Youtube. You could write a review of an album or

song.

d) Use the Lyrics Training website to help you learn the lyrics of French songs

e) Try the News in Slow French podcast, or any other similar podcasts that take your fancy!

There is also a good DuoLingo podcast.

f) Find a Youtuber who interests you: <https://frenchtogether.com/french-youtubers/> It doesn't matter if they are not a native speaker, you can still learn from them!

g) Use the 1jour1question website and find a video that interests you. They speak quickly, so use the transcript under the video to help you. <https://www.1jour1actu.com/infos-animees>

h) Listen to the e-books of familiar stories on: <https://www.thefablecottage.com/french> and use the transcript to help you.

i) Type "French listening practice" into Youtube – there are so many good videos out there.

Try :

o French Pod 101

o Easy French

Consider finding a video on a particular grammar topic and making notes. Can you then write sentences.

using the same grammar point? Feel free to send them to me to have a look over!

2. Use an app such as DuoLingo to improve your language

3. Read something that interests you!

o Find news stories that interest you on the 1jour1actu website or follow them on Twitter.

o Try reading a book you know well such as Harry Potter in French.

o Find something you like the sound of on this website:

<https://french.kwiziq.com/learn/reading>

4. There will also be activities based on the key areas from the A Level course.

Please join Mr Bass' Showbie class 49NG2 to access these.