

French

Pre-Course Task

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Task and Resources Required

Tasks

1. Write at least **200 words** in French about how you spent the summer holidays and what your plans are for your studies in the sixth form: what have you chosen to study and why? Bring this to the first French lesson.
2. Read a French newspaper article about a current event which interests you. Summarise the article in around **200 words** in French.
3. Read about and make notes on the usage of the **subjunctive** mood in French:
<https://www.lawlessfrench.com/grammar/subjunctive/>
4. Review and make notes on 10 key **irregular** verb conjugations in all tenses: <http://www.wordreference.com/conj/FrVerbs.aspx>
5. Bring a folder of evidence that this work has been done to the first lesson in year 12.

Handy hint: do something every day to keep your language going.

The main reason people find A-level study a big step is because they've gone the whole summer without speaking, listening or reading anything in the language, and it's simply been forgotten. You're great in English because you speak, listen, read and probably write a bit of it every day, so that's just what you have to do in the foreign language too.

Here are some tips of small things to do every few days during the summer to keep your language skills top notch:

- Do some regular practice on <http://www.zut.org.uk/index.html>
- Watch a French film on Netflix
- Sign up to Institut Français Culturethèque – for free access to French film clips, books, comics and music
<http://www.culturetheque.com/>
- Review your knowledge of key verbs and tenses
- Aim to read a book in French over the holidays
- Work on www.duolingo.com/ to reinforce the basics