

Year 12 Summer Tasks - July 2015

It is important to keep your hand in with your French over the summer and the best way of learning a language is little and often. Try to some each day or every other day. Ten minutes will do but it will make all the difference.

Web based language learning support:

- Duolingo: a fun way to revise vocabulary and grammar. It is all free but you will have to create an account. Available as an app for smart phones or online.
- Memrize: similar to Duolingo but different vocabulary. You will be reminded to practice each day.
- www.languagesoline.org.uk – good for grammar revision. You should revise all of the main tenses you covered at GCSE (present tense regular and irregular verbs; perfect; imperfect; future and conditional)
- www.linguscope.com –(mflnobel / astar) using the intermediate section you can revise topics
- www.quizlet.com – you can create your own vocabulary tests here or search atopic you want to revise
- www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french - there are some videos to help you keep an hand in.

Specific task to complete

1. Keep a scrapbook / record of news and articles over the summer in French – 1 per week. you could use www.google.fr for this or try <http://www.20minutes.fr/> which gives you news stories under various categories. Choose a category you are interested in such as sport, politics, society etc. we will look at these scrap books in September
2. Listen to French radio: this will help develop your French “ear”. Keep a record of what you have listened to.
 - o the following is a Daily 10-minute news show, in “easy” (upper-intermediate) French with transcript, plus other French listening exercises. http://french.about.com/gi/o.htm?zi=1/XJ&zTi=1&sdn=french&cdn=education&tm=13&gps=46_8_1366_673&f=21&tt=14&bt=9&bts=9&zu=http%3A//www.rfi.fr/lffr/statiques/accueil_apprendre.asp
 - o <http://www.newsinslowfrench.com> is a news channel in slow FRENCH for Intermediate and advanced students: ideal for the transition from GCSE to AS level & with transcripts.
 - o <http://www.listenlive.eu/france.html> a list of French language stations broadcasting live on the Internet
3. Revise your strategies for vocabulary learning & think about what system worked best for you. You will have plenty of new vocabulary to learn to it is worth exploring how you might tackle this. Be prepared in September to share your ideas with the group.
4. Reread your grammar notes, especially those on the 3 tenses and complete the exercises on www.languagesonline.org.uk
5. Keep a weekly diary in French: write a paragraph a week about what you have done – it needn’t be huge or terribly detailed but rather a prompt for discussions in September.
6. Following on from the taster lesson: Choose or invent another clothing style (not skater). Write a list of the characteristics of this style; try to say where the style originated from (ce style est issu de la scène.....) Say what you like / dislike about the style.

Read in French, listen to music in French or follow a French blogger (Cyprian and Norman are both great and funny!) Etc. – Just enjoy this beautiful language.

Amusez-vous bien!

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