

Useful vocabulary – Describing life at school

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Verbs – Daily routine

French	English
arriver	to arrive
se doucher	to have a shower
s'habiller	to get dressed
se laver	to get washed
se lever	to get up
manger	to eat
passer les examens	to take exams
porter	to wear/carry
rentrer	to go/come back
terminer	to finish
voyager	to travel

Verbs – Life at school

French	English
apprendre / apprendre à	to learn/teach someone
choisir	to choose
comprendre	to understand
corriger	to correct/mark
devenir	to become
durer	to last
étudier	to study
choisir	to choose
gagner	to win/earn/gain
passer les examens	to take exams
profiter de + noun	to make the most of/enjoy
réussir à + infinitive/noun	to succeed in + verb/to pass (an exam)
travailler	to work
voyager	to travel

Nouns – Daily routine and life at school

French	English
la bibliothèque	library
le collège	secondary school
les cours (masculine, plural)	blue
les devoirs (masculine, plural)	green
l'étudiant (masculine)	student
l'examen (masculine)	exam
le lycée	college / sixth form
la matière	subject
la pause-déjeuner	lunchtime
le professeur/prof	teacher
la récréation/la récré	break
le résultat	result
la salle de classe	classroom
la salle d'informatique	IT suite
l'uniforme (masculine)	uniform

Useful phrases – School travel

French	English
en autobus/bus	by bus
en car	by coach
à pied	on foot
en train	by train
en voiture	by car

Useful phrases - Describing school

French	English
Mon professeur préféré s'appelle...	My favourite teacher is called...
Il y a 1 100 élèves dans mon collège.	There are 1,100 students in my school.
Le directeur/La directrice est très strict(e).	The headteacher is very strict.
Les salles de classe sont modernes/anciennes.	The classrooms are modern/old.
Il y a un grand terrain de sport.	There is a big sports field.
Cette année, je vais passer mes examens.	This year I am going to take my exams.

Useful phrases - Describing the school day

French	English
La journée scolaire commence à huit heures.	The school day begins at eight o'clock.
Je vais au collège à pied/à vélo/en voiture.	I go to school on foot/by bike/by car.
Je prends le bus/car/train pour aller au collège.	I take the bus/coach/train to go to school.
La récré(ation) est à 10h 40.	Break is at 10:40.
La pause déjeuner est à 12h30.	The lunch break is at 12:30.
Chaque cours dure une heure.	Each lesson lasts an hour.
Les cours se terminent à 15h15.	Lessons finish at 15:15.
Je rentre à la maison vers 15h45.	I get home around 15:45.

Useful phrases - Describing school uniform

French	English
Nous devons porter un uniforme.	We must wear a uniform
Mon uniforme est un pantalon noir, une chemise blanche, une cravate noire et rouge et un pull noir.	My uniform is black pants, a white shirt, a black and red tie and a black jumper.
Je pense que mon uniforme est moche/pratique/utile.	I think my uniform is ugly/practical/useful.
Il est interdit de porter des bijoux.	It's forbidden to wear jewellery.
Nous pouvons mettre du maquillage.	We can wear make-up.

Useful phrases - Describing school clubs

French	English
Je fais partie au club de théâtre.	I'm part of the drama club.
Il y a beaucoup de clubs différents au collège.	There are lots of different clubs at school.
Il y a des clubs culturels, comme les clubs de théâtre, de film, de danse et de musique.	There are cultural clubs, such as theatre, film, dance and music clubs.
On peut faire partie des équipes sportives comme le foot, le rugby, le hockey et le netball.	You can be part of sports teams such as football, rugby, hockey and netball.
Il y a quelque chose pour tout le monde.	There is something for everyone.

Higher Tier only

Higher Tier - Verbs – Daily routine

French	English
conseiller à ... de + infinitive	to advise / recommend (someone + verb)
enseigner à ... à + infinitive	to teach (someone + verb)
harceler	to bully / harrass
interdire à	to forbid / ban
participer à	to participate in
se tromper	to make a mistake

Higher Tier - Nouns – Daily routine and life at school

French	English
le comportement	behaviour
le concours	competition
l'établissement (masculine)	establishment / organisation

Higher Tier - Phrases - Describing school clubs

French	English
On peut participer aux clubs qui soutiennent l'environnement ou l'égalité.	You can participate in clubs that support the environment or equality.