

FACTFILE: GCE AS FRENCH

UNIT AS2 SECTION C: USE OF LANGUAGE



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Learning outcome

You should be able to:

- understand and apply accurately the grammatical system and a range of structures

Content

You will:

- complete a series of grammatical and lexical exercises; and
- translate short sentences from English into French.

You will complete a series of short grammatical and lexical exercises and translate short sentences from English into French. Make sure you are as knowledgeable and as confident as possible in the following areas:

- question forms;
- tense manipulation;
- pronouns;
- negative forms;
- comparatives;
- active/passive;
- gender;
- agreements.

For examples of tasks, please refer to the Specimen Assessment Material.

Suggested exercises

This list is neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Nouns

- change nouns into verbs: le directeur - diriger
- change verbs into nouns : acheter – un achat or un acheteur
- change nouns into adjectives: la sécheresse -sec
- change adjectives into nouns: impatient – l'impatience
- give a synonym: une automobile – une voiture
- give an antonym: l'amour – la haine

Articles

- complete the sentence with the appropriate article: J'ai visité _____ Canada. – J'ai visité le Canada.

Adjectives

- change adjectives into nouns: haut – la hauteur
- change nouns into adjectives: la profession – professionnel
- complete the sentence with the appropriate demonstrative article: Où se trouve – _____ hôtel? - Où se trouve cet hôtel?
- complete sentences with the appropriate possessive article: Les enfants ont perdu _____ ballon. – Les enfants ont perdu leur ballon.

Adverbs

- change adjectives into adverbs: violent – violemment

Pronouns

- replace nouns by pronouns : Je parle à mon ami - Je lui parle.
- complete sentences with the appropriate pronoun: As-tu lu le livre _____ je t'ai prêté? – As-tu lu le livre que je t'ai prêté ?

Verbs and Tenses

- rewrite sentences in a different tense : Il pleuvait (perfect tense) – Il a plu.
- rewrite sentences in the negative form: Ils gagnent toujours (never) – Ils ne gagnent jamais.

Passive voice

- rewrite sentences using the passive voice: On découvre le trésor – Le trésor est découvert.
- rewrite sentences using the active voice: La solution est trouvée par Michel – Michel trouve la solution.

Imperative

- give the imperative form: Nous nous levons à sept heures – Levons-nous à sept heures.

Present participle

- give the present participle: finir – finissant

Subjunctive mood

- complete sentences with the correct form of the present subjunctive: Il faut que nous (prendre) conscience du problème – Il faut que nous prenions conscience du problème.

Indirect speech

- rewrite sentences using indirect speech: «Je viendrai samedi», a-t-il dit – Il a dit qu'il viendrait samedi.

Prepositions

- complete sentences with the correct preposition: Je voudrais aller _____ Etats-Unis. – Je voudrais aller aux Etats-Unis.

