



Rewarding Learning

FRENCH STUDENT STUDY CARD 11

READING COMPREHENSION SKILLS

Introduction

The comprehension exercise consists of a stimulus in French followed by questions and answers in French.

Assessment

The comprehension exercise is assessed according to the A02 criterion only:

Understanding of the written language.

Assessment Objectives

You should be able to:

- understand, infer meaning and draw conclusions from a variety of written texts (including authentic sources) covering different contexts, registers, styles and genres;
- express information, facts and ideas and justify opinions in written French; and
- understand and apply accurately the grammatical system and a range of structures.





Skills

Here are some suggestions to help you prepare for this skills area.

Preparation

- Read the French press online.
- Read French magazines, short stories, etc.

On the day of the examination

- Although the comprehension exercise is assessed according to the A02 criterion only, your answers in French have to be expressed clearly. Weak use of French may lead to an incomprehensible answer which cannot be rewarded.
- The questions are in French and must be answered in French.
- There is no need to repeat the question at the start of your answer.
- It is preferable to write full sentences to ensure that all the elements of the answer are present.
- Do not waste time on unfamiliar vocabulary which may not be needed for the answer.
- There is no need to rephrase every sentence.
- Check the number of marks allocated to each question. This is a guide to the number of elements/detail required in your answer.