

# FACTFILE: GCSE FRENCH



## Writing 12

### CONTEXT 3: SCHOOL LIFE, STUDIES AND THE WORLD OF WORK



#### Future plans and careers



#### Introduction

Here are some key points to help you study for this topic.

#### Learning Outcomes

You should be able to:

- communicate in writing for a variety of purposes;
- write short texts, using simple sentences and familiar language to convey meaning and exchange information;
- translate sentences from English to French to convey key messages accurately and to apply grammatical knowledge of language and structures in context;
- produce clear and coherent extended text to present fact and express ideas and opinions for different purposes and different settings;
- make accurate use of a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures;

- manipulate the language, using and adapting a variety of structures and vocabulary with accuracy and fluency for new purposes (including using appropriate style and register);
- make independent and creative use of the language to identify key points, express and justify their thoughts and points of view.

#### Skills

- Can you accurately spell a range of jobs?
- Can you accurately spell a range of work places?
- Can you describe your ideal job giving opinions and a range of adjectives?
- Can you talk about what you are going to study in school next year or at university?

#### Preparation

Preparing for Writing about 'Future Plans and Career' can be made very easy by following a few simple steps:

- Compile a list of useful vocabulary that is not common in other subject areas and do a look, cover and spell exercise.
- Prepare some important subject specific verbs (arranger, livrer, devenir, poser sa candidature, reussir) in a number of tenses and learn them. You could use an online app to practise and test yourself.
- Think about vocabulary you could recycle. For example make a list of personal qualities and link them to different roles.

## Practice

Write about your Future plans and career choices. Read the bullet points and answer each point in full. When preparing this piece of writing, you should aim to write about 40–50 words per bullet point.

1. Qu'est-ce que tu vas étudier l'année prochaine et pourquoi?
2. Aimerais-tu aller à l'université?
3. Quel métier aimerais-tu faire?
4. Quels sont les qualités d'un bon/ d'une bonne...?
5. Quel sont tes projets pour l'avenir?

## Helpful Hints

- Giving your **personal opinion**, tell the reader what you will study using the **future tense**. **To expand and develop, include information about why you will study these subjects in terms of the job you wish to do.**
- Using the **conditional tense**, say if you would like to go to university. If yes, **describe what you would like to study there and why. Give an opinion about why it is useful.** If not, provide **an alternative plan in the conditional tense** and always remember to **explain and justify**.
- Using a suitable **time phrase**, explain what job you would like to do in the future. **Remember to explain and justify** your response appropriately.
- Using a **suitable opinion**, give a few examples of what the main qualities of a good employee in your chosen profession. To gain top marks, remember to say **why and explain if you have these qualities**.
- Using the **future tense** describe a few of your future plans other than for employment. **Remember to include time phrases, opinions and reasons.**

## Revision

Once you have prepared a piece of written work, here are three top tips for effective revision.

- Can you effectively sort professions into masculine and feminine? If not, this would be a good place to start!
- Look over places in the town and apply them to jobs as places of work.
- See if you can make four sentences relating to your chosen subjects, further education and career choices using the phrases **Je pense que**, **Je crois que**, and **A mon avis**.

