



GCSE MFL – FRENCH & SPANISH





Why learn French or Spanish at Alec Reed Academy?

It's useful in life to learn another language.

- There are approximately **580 million people** worldwide who speak **Spanish**, making it the 4th most spoken language in the world.
- 83 million British tourists visit Spain each year
- For French there are also approximately **274 million people** who speak **French** fluently.
- France also ranks as a leading destination for international tourism, receiving roughly 200 million international visitors a year. Its capital, Paris, is one of the most visited city destinations not only in Europe, but the world.





What skills will I get from learning a language?



- The French and Spanish GCSE curriculum fosters key skills, such as **communication**, **ICT**, **problem-solving** and **working with others** which will help you prepare for the world of work. Also learning another language at GCSE increases your resilience and confidence in speaking to others. These transferable skills are what employers and universities are looking for. According to a recent study by the Confederation of British Industry, two-thirds of British firms value foreign language skills among their employees.
- Only one in four of the world's population speak English, so learning another language will allow you to travel the world. Also lots of students take a gap year nowadays at university with Spain, South America and France being popular destinations. Additionally, around 70% of teenagers say they would like to work abroad at some point.
- Learning a language has also been shown to add between 10-15% to your wage, according to language specialist recruitment agencies.





So what jobs can I do with French or Spanish?

- **Business:**

- International Relations Consultant
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Publishing Specialist
- Foreign Correspondent
- Proof-reader
- Importer/Exporter
- Translator/Interpreter
- International Account Manager
- Bilingual customer support

- **Medicine:**

- Nurse/doctor/consultant

- **Culture/Tourism:**

- Cultural Events Coordinator
- Travel Agent
- Translator/Interpreter
- Escort/Interpreter/Guide

- **Government:**

- Immigration Officer
- Court Interpreter
- Cultural Attaché
- UNESCO Official
- Translator/Interpreter
- Foreign Diplomat Missionary
- Foreign Service Officer





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Marketing



Technology and computer games

It's not just the more traditional jobs that having a language on your CV would be useful for:

- ✓ There are **21** countries in the world that list Spanish as an official language and **29** that list French as an official language.
- ✓ French and Spanish are two of the six official working languages of the United Nations. As well as one of the official working languages of:
 - European Union (EU)
 - World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - Interpol
 - Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)



Media



Music



Sport





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GCSE SPANISH

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AQA French and Spanish - Overview of the AQA GCSE Course

Paper 1: Listening

Foundation – 35 mins / 40 marks

Higher – 45 minutes / 50 marks

25% GCSE

Paper 3: Reading

Foundation – 45 mins / 60 marks

Higher – 60 mins / 60 marks

25% GCSE

Paper 2: Speaking

Foundation – 7 - 9 mins / 60 marks

Higher – 10 -12 mins / 60 marks

25% GCSE

Paper 4: Writing

Foundation – 1 hour / 60 marks

Higher – 1 hour 15 / 60 marks

25% GCSE





AQA Course Content

Theme 1: Identity & Culture

- Family & Relationships
- Free time & Interests
- Technology
- Customs & Festivals

Theme 2: Local, national & global areas of interest

- Travel & Tourism
- Home & Local Area
- Social & Global Areas of Interest

Theme 3: Current & future study & employment

- Education & School
- World of Work
- Future Plans





Tiering

GCSE French & Spanish has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9).

Students must take all four question papers at the **same tier**.





AQA Languages - Get Into Good Habits

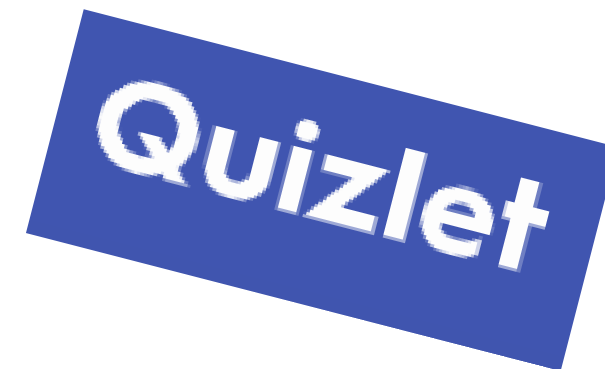
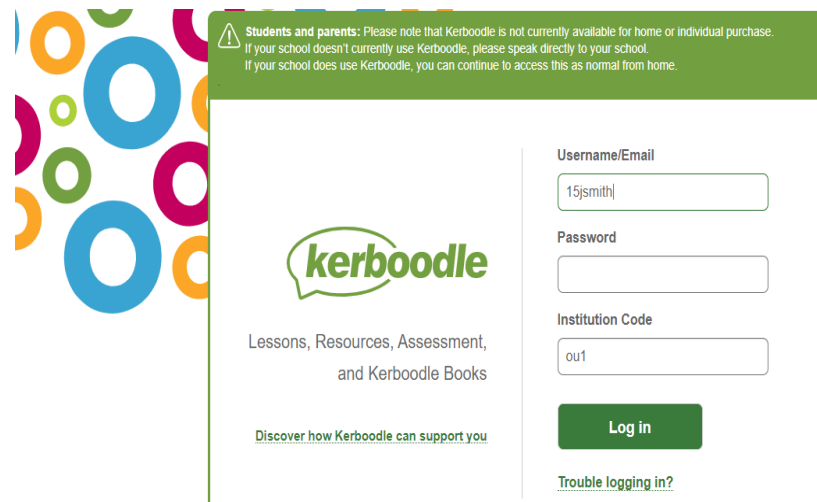
The key to being a successful language learner is to practice it little and often. Start doing these things today to ensure you get the grade you want at the end of your GCSE.

- **Practice vocabulary:** keep a vocabulary book, start making vocabulary flashcards or practice online using Memrise or Quizlet. It doesn't matter which method you decide to use, just start doing it now! It is impossible to cram for a language exam. Aim to do 10 minutes of vocabulary 2 or 3 times a week to ensure you are confident for the exam.
- **Grammar:** learn your verb endings. Test yourself weekly. Again you could make flashcards or go online to practice. Grammar is key to being able to communicate in the writing & speaking exams.
- **Make revision notes:** when you finish a unit make a mind map of language/phrases you could use in your writing & speaking exams
- **Be organised:** Keep your books tidy and any handouts organised into a folder. This will make your life much easier when it comes to revision time.
- **Use your Language:** Read newspapers/magazines online. Listen to French and Spanish music. Watch French and Spanish films. Speak the language. You can only get better at a language by practicing it!





Support for GCSE French and Spanish





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