

NCEA Level 1 French Revised Vocabulary List 2025 Easy-print PDF version

Updated NCEA Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 Vocabulary Lists for Asian and European languages were published on the NCEA Education website in December 2024.

Below is the revised Level 1 French Vocabulary List that should be used with students in 2025 (and thereafter).

The Vocabulary List indicates language which will guide the setting of Level 1 French external assessments. Words outside of the approved Vocabulary List will be glossed if their meaning is not evident from the text.

The vocabulary lists belong to the Ministry of Education. The list in this document has been **formatted by NZALT** to make it easier for teachers to print and photocopy for students. NZALT has provided two versions:

1. A PDF that can be printed and photocopied for students.
2. A Word document for teachers who would like to do further formatting.

This version of the vocabulary list is arranged by **grammatical category**.

The complete (and authoritative) alphabetical list can be found online (in several configurations) [here](#).

Alternatively, you can navigate to the revised vocabulary lists by following this pathway:
ncea.education.govt.nz > New Zealand Curriculum > Learning Languages: French > Teaching

Categories in this document	Page
Nouns	2
Verbs	10
Adjectives and adverbs	14
Prepositions	17
Conjunctions	18
Pronouns	18
Question words and relative pronouns	18
Expressions	18

Nouns

	Article/ other	French	English
A	l'	accueil (m)	reception (desk), welcome
	l'	addition (f)	bill
	l'	aéroport (m)	airport
	les	affaires (f)	belongings, things, business
	l'	âge (m)	age
	l'	ami (m), amie (f)	friend
	l'	an (m)	year
	l'	ancêtre (m,f)	ancestor
	l'	anglaise (m)	English (language, school subject)
	l'	année (f)	year
	l'	anniversaire (m)	birthday
	l'	appli (f)	app, phone application
	l'	après-midi (m)	afternoon
	l'	arbre (m)	tree
	l'	argent (m)	money
	les	arts plastiques (m)	Art (school subject)
	l'	automne (m)	autumn
	l'	autoroute (f)	motorway
	l'	avion (m)	aeroplane
B	les	bagages (m)	luggage
	le	ballon	ball
	la	banque	bank
	le	bateau	boat
	le	bâtiment	building
	le	bébé	baby
	le	beurre	butter
	la	bibliothèque	library
	le	bien-être	wellbeing
	le	billet	ticket, bank note
		bisous	kisses (as a farewell in correspondence)
	la	boisson	drink
	la	boîte	box, tin, can, nightclub
	le	bol	bowl
	le	bonbon	lolly, sweet
	la	botte	boot (shoes)
	la	bouche	mouth
	la	boucherie	butcher's shop
	la	boulangerie	the bakery
	la	bouteille	bottle
	le	bras	arm
	le	brouillard	fog
	le	bruit	noise
	le	bureau	office, desk
	le	bus	bus

C	le	cadeau	present (gift)
	le	café	coffee, coffee shop
	le	cahier	exercise book
	la	caisse	till, checkout
	la	campagne	countryside
	la	canette	can
	la	cantine	canteen
	la	carte	menu, card, map
	le	casque	helmet
	la	casquette	cape (hat)
	le	centime (d'euro)	(Euro) cent
	le	centre commercial	shopping centre, mall
	le	centre-ville	downtown, town centre
	la	chaise	chair
	la	chambre	bedroom
	le	champignon	mushroom
	le	chapeau	hat
	le	chat	cat
	le	château	castle
	la	chaussette	sock
	la	chaussure	shoe
	le	chemin	way, path
	la	chemise	shirt
	les	cheveux (m)	hair
	le	chien	dog
	le	chinois	Chinese (language, school subject)
	les	chips (m)	potato chips
	le	chocolat chaud	hot chocolate
	la	chose	thing
	le	chou	cabbage
	le	ciel	sky
	la	classe	classroom, group of students
	le	coca	coke
	le	coin	corner
	le	collant	tights (clothing)
	le	collège	junior high school
	la	colline	hill
	la	confiture	jam
	le	contrôle	assessment, test
	le/la	copain (m), copine (f)	friend, mate
	le/la	correspondant (m), correspondante (f)	penpal
	la	côte	coast
	la	couleur	colour
	la	cour	courtyard
	le	cours	lesson, class
les	courses (f)	(grocery) shopping	
la	cravate	tie	

D	la	cuisine	kitchen, cooking
	le	déjeuner	lunch
	le	dessin	drawing
	les	devoirs (m)	homework
	le	dîner	dinner
	le	dos	back (body part)
E	l'	eau (f)	water
	l'	écharpe (f)	scarf
	l'	école (f)	school
	les	écouteurs (m)	earphones
	l'	église (f)	church
	l'	élève (m or f)	pupil, school student
	l'	émission (f)	(TV or radio) programme
	l'	emploi du temps (m)	timetable
	l'	endroit (m)	place
	l'	enfant (m)	child
	l'	entrée (f)	starter
	l'	épicerie (f)	grocery, dairy
	l'	E.P.S. (l'éducation physique et sportive) (f)	Physical education, PE (school subject)
	l'	équipe (f)	team
	l'	espagnol (m)	Spanish (language, school subject)
	l'	est (m)	east
	l'	étage (m)	floor, storey
	l'	été (m)	summer
	l'	étranger (m), étrangère (f)	foreigner, stranger
	l'	euro (m)	euro, €
l'	examen (m)	exam	
l'	extérieur (m)	outside (the)	
F	la	famille	family
	la	famille recomposée	blended family
	la	farine	flour
	la	femme	woman, wife
	la	fenêtre	window
	la	ferme	farm
	la	fête	festival, party
	le	feu	fire, traffic light
	la	fille	girl, daughter
	le	fil	son
	la	fleur	flower
	la	fois	time, occasion
	la	fraise	strawberry
	le	français	French (language, school subject)
	le	frère	brother
	les	frites (f)	fries, hot chips
	le	fromage	cheese
	le	fruit	fruit (single item)
G	le	gant	glove

	le	garçon	boy
	le	gâteau	cake
	les	gens (m)	people
	la	géographie	Geography (school subject)
	la	glace	ice cream, ice
	le	goûter	afternoon tea
	la	grand-mère	grandmother
	le	grand-père	grandfather
H	l'	heure (f)	time, hour
	l'	histoire (f)	story, history, History (school subject)
	l'	hiver (m)	winter
	l'	homme (m)	man
	l'	horaire (m)	timetable
	l'	huile (f)	oil
I	l'	idée (f)	idea
	l'	île (f)	island
	l'	immeuble (m)	apartment building
	l'	imperméable (m)	raincoat
	les	informations (f)	the News
	l'	informatique (f)	Digital Studies (school subject), computing
	l'	intérieur (m)	inside (the)
J	la	jambe	leg
	le	jambon	ham
	le	japonais	Japanese (language, school subject)
	le	jardin	garden
	le	jeu	game
	le	jour	day
	le	journal	newspaper, TV news
	la	journée	day, day long
	la	jupe	skirt
	le	jus (de)	juice (of)
L	le	lac	lake
	le	lait	milk
	les	légumes (m)	vegetables
	la	lettre	letter
	la	librairie	bookshop
	le	lien	link
	le	lit	bed
	le	litre (de)	litre (of)
	le	livre	book
	les	loisirs (m)	hobbies, leisure activities
	les	lunettes (f)	glasses (for seeing)
	les	lunettes de soleil (f)	sunglasses
	le	lycée	senior high school
M		Madame	Mrs, Madam
		Mademoiselle	Miss
	le	magasin	shop

	le	maillot de bain	swimsuit
	la	main	hand
	la	mairie	town hall
	la	maison	house, home
	le	manteau	coat
	le	maori	Māori (language, school subject)
	le	marché	market
	le	mari	husband
	les	mathématiques, les maths (f)	Mathematics, Maths (school subject)
	la	matière	subject (at school)
	le	matin	morning
	le	menu	set menu, menu
	la	mer	sea
	la	mère	mother
	la	météo	weather forecast
	le	métro	Metro (Paris underground train)
	le	miel	honey
		midi	midday, noon
		minuit	midnight
	le	mois	month
	le	monde	world
	la	monnaie	change (coins/notes)
		Monsieur	Mr, Sir
	la	montagne	mountain
	le	morceau	bit, piece
	la	mosquée	mosque
	le	mot	word
	le	mouton	sheep
	le	musée	museum
	la	musique	music, Music (school subject)
N	la	natation	swimming
	le	nez	nose
		Noël (m)	Christmas
	le	nom	name, noun
	le	nord	north
	la	note	grade, mark (at school)
	la	nourriture	food
	le	nuage	cloud
	la	nuit	night
	le	numéro	number
O	l'	œil (m) (les yeux)	eye (eyes)
	l'	œuf (m)	egg
	l'	oiseau	bird
	l'	oncle (m)	uncle
	l'	ordinateur (m)	computer
	l'	oreille (f)	ear
	l'	ouest (m)	west

P	le	pain	bread
	le	pain grillé	toast
	le	pantalon	trousers
	le	papier	paper
		Pâques (m)	Easter
	le	paquet	parcel, packet
	le	parking	car park
	les	pâtes (f)	pasta
	la	pâtisserie	cake shop
	le	pays	country
	le	paysage	countryside
	le	père	father
	la	personne	person
	le	petit boulot	small paid job
	le	petit déjeuner	breakfast
	la	pièce	room, coin, play (in theatre)
	le	pied	foot
	la	piscine	swimming pool
	la	place	square, seat, space
	la	plage	beach
	le	plat	dish (to be eaten)
	le	plat principal	main dish
	la	pluie	rain
	le	poisson	fish
	le	poivre	pepper
	la	pomme	apple
	la	pomme de terre	potato
	le	pont	bridge
	le	port	port
	le	portable	cell phone
	la	porte	door
	le	poulet	chicken
	la	prière	prayer
le	printemps	spring	
le	prix	price, prize	
le/la	professeur (m), professeure (f)	teacher	
le	pull	jersey, jumper	
R	la	récréation, récré	interval, break (at school)
	la	région	region
	la	règle	rule, ruler
	le	rendez-vous	meeting, appointment, date
	le	repas	meal
	la	réponse	reply, response, answer
	la	rivière	river
	le	riz	rice
	la	robe	dress
	la	route	road

S	la	rue	street, road	
	le	sac	bag	
	la	salade	salad, lettuce	
	la	salle	room	
	la	salle à manger	dining room	
	la	salle de bains	bathroom	
	le	salon	lounge, living room	
	la	salutation	greeting	
	la	sandale	sandal	
	la	saucisse	sausage	
	les	sciences (f, pl)	Science (school subject)	
	le	sel	salt	
	la	semaine	week	
	la	série	series	
	le/la	serveur (m), serveuse (f)	waiter, waitress	
	la	serviette	towel	
	la	sœur	sister	
	le	soir	evening	
	la	soirée	evening party, whole evening	
	le	soleil	sun	
	la	sortie	exit, excursion	
	le	stade	stadium	
	le	stylo	pen	
	le	sucre	sugar	
le	sud	south		
le	supermarché	supermarket		
T	la	taille	size, height, waist	
	la	tante	aunt	
	la	tarte aux pommes	apple tart, apple pie	
	la	tartine	bread with butter and/or jam	
	le	temps	weather, time	
	le	terrain	ground, sports pitch	
	la	terrasse	patio, outdoor dining area	
	la	terre	land, soil, ground, earth	
	la	tête	head	
	le	texto	text message	
	le	TGV (Train à Grande Vitesse)	French High-Speed train	
	le	thé	tea	
	la	tong	jandal	
	la	tranche	slice	
	V	les	vacances (f)	holidays
		la	vache	cow
la		valise	suitcase	
le		vélo	bike	
le/la		vendeur (m), vendeuse (f)	shop assistant	
le		vent	wind	
le		verre	glass	

	la	veste	jacket
	les	vêtements (m)	clothes, clothing
	la	viande	meat
	la	vie	life
	la	ville	town
	le	vin	wine
	le	visage	face
	le/la	voisin (m), voisine (f)	neighbour
	la	voiture	car
	le	vol	flight, theft
	le	voyage	journey, trip
	la	vue	view
Y	le	yaourt	yoghurt

Verbs			
	Reflexive Pronon	French	English
A		acheter	to buy
		aider (à + infinitive)	to help (to + infinitive)
		aimer	to love (a person), to like (a thing)
		aller	to go
		aller bien/mal	to be well/unwell (physically or mentally)
		s' amuser	to have fun
		s' appeler	to be called
		apprendre (à + infinitive)	to learn (to + infinitive)
		arrêter (de)	to stop
		arriver	to arrive
		attendre	to wait (for)
		avoir	to have
		avoir besoin de	to need
		avoir chaud	to be hot
		avoir envie de + infinitive	to want to + infinitive
		avoir faim	to be hungry
		avoir froid	to be cold
		avoir l'air (de)	to look, to seem
		avoir l'intention de + infinitive	to intend to + infinitive
		avoir mal (à)	to hurt, to have a sore ... (eg, leg)
		avoir peur (de)	to be afraid (of)
		avoir raison	to be right
		avoir soif	to be thirsty
	avoir tort	to be wrong	
B		boire	to drink
C		caler	to hide
		casser	to break
		chanter	to sing
		chercher	to look for
		commander	to order
		commencer (à + infinitive)	to begin (to + infinitive)
		commenter	to comment
		comprendre	to understand
		conduire	to drive
		connaître	to know someone, to be acquainted with
		continuer (à + infinitive)	to continue (to + infinitive)
		se coucher	to go to bed
		couper	to cut
		courir	to run
		coûter	to cost
		croire	to think, to believe
	D		danser
se		débrouiller	to manage, to get by in life
		décider (de + infinitive)	to decide (to + infinitive)

	découvrir	to discover
	décrire	to describe
	déjeuner	to have lunch
	demander (à quelqu'un de + infinitive)	to ask (someone to + infinitive)
se	dépêcher	to hurry
	dépenser	to spend
	descendre	to go down, descend
	dessiner	to draw
	détester	to hate
	devoir	to have to, must, to owe
	dîner	to have dinner
	dire	to say, to tell
	donner	to give
	dormir	to sleep
se	doucher	to shower
	durer	to last
E	écouter	to listen to
	écrire	to write
	entendre	to hear
s'	entendre (bien, mal)	to get on (well, badly)
	entrer (dans)	to enter (go into)
	envoyer	to send
	espérer (+ infinitive)	to hope (to + infinitive)
	essayer (de + infinitive)	to try (to + infinitive), to try on
	être	to be
	être en train de + infinitive	to be in the middle of + gerund
	être sur le point de + infinitive	to be about to + infinitive
	étudier	to study
(s')	excuser	to apologise, to excuse oneself
	expliquer	to explain
F	faire	to make, to do
	faire des économies	to save money
	faire la bise	to kiss someone on the cheek
	faire la cuisine	to cook
	faire la vaisselle	to do the dishes
	faire le ménage	to do housework
	fermer	to shut, to close
	fêter	to celebrate
	finir	to end, to finish
G	gagner	to win, to earn
	garder	to look after, to keep
	goûter	to taste
H	s' habiller	to get dressed
	habiter	to live (somewhere)
I	inviter (à + infinitive)	to invite (to + infinitive)
J	jeter	to throw

		jouer (à) or (de)	to play (sport, game) or (instrument)
L		laisser	to leave (something behind), to allow
	(se)	laver	to wash (oneself)
	se	lever	to get up
		lire	to read
		louer	to hire
M		manger	to eat
		manquer (de)	to miss, to be missing, to lack
		marcher	to work (function), to walk
		mettre	to put, to put on, to set
		monter	to climb, to go up
		montrer	to show
		mourir	to die
N		nager	to swim
		naître	to be born
		neiger	to snow
O		offrir	to give (a gift), to offer
		oublier (de + infinitive)	to forget (to + infinitive)
		ouvrir	to open
P		parler	to speak
		partager	to share
		partir	to depart, to leave
		passer	to spend (time), to sit (an exam)
		payer	to pay
		penser (que)	to think (that)
		perdre	to lose
		pleurer	to cry
		pleuvoir	to rain
		porter	to wear, to carry
		poster	to post
		pouvoir + infinitive	to be able to + infinitive, can
		pratiquer	to practise, to play (instrument, sport), to carry out
		préférer	to prefer
		prendre	to take, to have
		prendre un bain/une douche/des photos	to take a bath/a shower/pictures
		présenter	to introduce, to present
		se promener	to go for a walk
		se promener en voiture/bateau	to go on a car/boat ride
		publier	to publish
Q		quitter	to leave (a place)
R		ranger	to tidy
		rater	to miss
		recevoir	to receive
		regarder	to watch
		regretter	to be sorry
		rencontrer	to meet

		rendre visite à	to visit (a person)
		rentrer	to return home
		réparer	to repair
		répéter	to repeat
		répondre	to reply, to respond, to answer
	se	reposer	to rest
		réserver	to reserve, to book
		rester	to stay
		retourner	to return, to turn over
	se	retrouver	to meet up with
		réussir (à + infinitive)	to succeed, to manage (to + infinitive), to pass an exam
	se	réveiller	to wake up
		rigoler	to laugh, to giggle, to have a laugh
S		savoir + infinitive	to know how to + infinitive
	se	sentir	to feel
		sentir	to smell
		sortir	to go out
		suivre	to follow
T		télécharger	to download
		téléphoner (à quelqu'un)	to telephone (someone)
		tomber	to fall
		tourner	to turn
		travailler	to work
		traverser	to cross
	se	tromper (de)	to make a mistake, to get the wrong (+ noun)
		trouver	to find
V		vendre	to sell
		venir	to come
		venir de + infinitive	to have just + past participle
		visiter	to visit (a place)
		voir	to see
		voler	to fly (bird, aeroplane), to steal
		vouloir (+ infinitive)	to want (to + infinitive)
		voyager	to travel

Adjectives and adverbs

	Article	French	English
A		à l'étranger	abroad, in a foreign country
		à l'extérieur	outside
		à l'intérieur	inside
		à pied	on foot
		affreux (m), affreuse (f)	awful
		agréable	pleasant
		alors	So
		anglais(e)	English (adjective)
		assez (de)	enough
		assis(e)	seated, sitting
		aujourd'hui	today
		aussi	also, too
		aussi ... que	
		autre	other
B		bavard(e)	talkative, chatty
		beau (m), belle (f), bel (m - before a vowel)	handsome, beautiful
		beaucoup	a lot, lots
		bête	stupid, silly
		bien	well, good
		bientôt	soon
		bio	organic
		bon (m), bonne (f)	good
C		chaque	each
		chaud(e)	hot
		chinois(e)	Chinese (adjective)
		cher (m), chère (f)	dear (in correspondence), expensive
		content(e)	happy
		court(e)	short
D		d'abord	first of all
		d'habitude	usually
		dangereux (m), dangereuse (f)	dangerous
		de temps en temps	from time to time
		dehors	outside
		déjà	already
		délicieux (m), délicieuse (f)	delicious
		demain	tomorrow
		demi(e)	half
		dernier (m), dernière (f)	last
		désolé(e)	sorry
		difficile	difficult
	drôle	funny, strange	
E		en ligne	online
		en retard	late, delayed

	encore	again, still
	enfin	finally, at last
	ennuyeux (m), ennuyeuse (f)	boring
	énorme	enormous
	ensemble	together
	ensuite	next, then
	espagnol(e)	Spanish (adjective)
	environ	approximately, around, about
F	facile	easy
	fatigué(e)	tired
	faux (m), fausse (f)	wrong, false
	finaleme nt	finally
	fort(e)	strong, good (at something)
	fou (m), folle (f)	crazy
	français(e)	French
	froid(e)	cold
G	gentil (m), gentille (f)	nice, kind
	grand(e)	big, tall
	gratuit(e)	free, at no cost
	grave	serious
	gros (m), grosse (f)	big, large, fat
H	haut(e)	high
	heureusement	fortunately, luckily
	heureux (m), heureuse (f)	happy
	hier	yesterday
I	ici	here
	insupportable	unbearable
	intéressant(e)	interesting
J	japonais(e)	Japanese (adjective)
	jeune	young
	joli(e)	pretty
	joyeux (m), joyeuse (f)	merry, happy (birthday etc)
L	là	there
	là-bas	over there
	laid(e)	ugly
	large	wide
	léger (m), légère (f)	light, slight
	lent(e)	slow
	libre	free, not busy
	longtemps	(for a) long time
	lourd(e)	heavy
M	magnifique	wonderful, magnificent
	maintenant	now
	mal	badly
	malade	ill, sick
	malheureusement	unfortunately
	maori(e)	Māori

	marrant(e)	funny
	mauvais(e)	bad
	méchant(e)	nasty, mean, vicious
(le/la)	meilleur(e)	best
	meilleur(e) (que)	better (than) (adj)
	même	even, same
	mieux (que)	better (than) (adverb)
	mince	slim; also: bother! (colloquial)
	mort(e)	dead, deceased
	moyen (m), moyenne (f)	average
N	ne pas	not
	ne jamais	never
	ne personne	no one
	ne plus	no more, no longer
	ne rien	nothing
	non	no
	nouveau (m), nouvelle (f), nouvel (m — before a vowel)	new
	nul (m), nulle (f)	no good, rubbish
O	occupé(e)	busy
P	par conséquent	consequently, as a result
	paresseux (m), paresseuse (f)	lazy
	parfois	sometimes
	partout	everywhere
	passionnant(e)	exciting
	pauvre	poor
	petit(e)	little, small
	peut-être	perhaps
(le)	pire	worse, the worst
	plein(e)	full
	plus	more
	pratique	practical
	premier (m), première (f)	first
	presque	almost
	prochain(e)	next
	propre	clean (after noun), own (before noun)
	puis	then
Q	quelquefois	sometimes
R	rapide	fast
	ridicule	ridiculous, stupid
	roux (m), rousse (f)	red (hair)
S	sale	dirty
	sec (m), sèche (f)	dry
	seul(e)	alone, by oneself
	seulement	only
	soudain	suddenly
	souvent	often

	sportif (m), sportive (f)	sporty
	super	great, super
	sûr(e)	sure
	surtout	especially
	sympa(thique)	nice
T	tard	late
	timide	shy, timid
	tôt	early
	toujours	still, always
	tout, tous, toute, toutes	all
	tout de suite	immediately, straight away
	tout le temps	all of the time
	tranquille	peaceful
	très	very
	triste	sad
	trop	too, too much, too many
V	vide	empty
	vite	quick, quickly
	vieux (m), vieille (f), vieil (m - before a vowel)	old
	vrai(e)	correct, true
	vraiment	really

Prepositions	
French	English
À	in, at, to
à cause de	because of
à côté de	next to
à droite (de)	on the right, to the right (of)
à gauche (de)	on the left, to the left (of)
après	after
au milieu de	in the middle of, in between
autour de	around
avant	before
avec	with
chez + pronoun or noun	at the house of, at someone's place
contre	against
Dans	in, inside

depuis	for, since
derrière	behind
devant	in front
en	in, to, by
en face de	opposite
entre	between
jusqu'à	until
loin (de)	far (from)
moins (de)	less, minus
par	by, through
pendant	during
pour	for
près (de)	near (to)
sans	without
sans gluten	gluten free
sous	under
sur	on
vers	around (time), towards (direction)

Conjunctions	
French	English
comme	like, such as, as
depuis	for, since
et	and
mais	but
ou	or
parce que	because
quand	when
si	if

Pronouns	
French	English
ça, cela	that
même	even, same
n'importe quoi	anything, whatever!
quelqu'un	someone
quelque chose	something
tout le monde	everybody, everyone
y	there

Question words and relative pronouns	
French	English
combien (de) ?	how much? how many?
comment ?	how? what?
où	where
pourquoi	why
quand	when
qui	who, that, which
que	what, that, which, who(m)

Expressions	
French	English
à bientôt	see you soon
à mon avis	in my opinion
à plus (tard)	see you later
au revoir	goodbye
bien sûr	of course
bonjour	hello
bonne nuit	goodnight
bonsoir	good evening
c'est trop bien !	that's so good!
d'accord	okay, I agree
de rien	no problem, no worries, you're welcome
Excuse-moi !, Excusez-moi !	Sorry!, Excuse me!
il (me, te, lui) faut + infinitive	it is necessary (for me, you, her, him) to + infinitive, one has to + infinitive, you have to + infinitive
il fait beau	it is lovely weather
il fait chaud	it is hot
il fait froid	it is cold
il fait mauvais	the weather is bad
il y a	there is/there are
il y a du soleil	it is sunny
il y a du vent	it is windy
Joyeuses Pâques	Happy Easter
Joyeux Noël	Merry Christmas
merci	thank you
n'importe quoi	anything, whatever
ouais	yeah
oui	yes
pardon	sorry
un peu (de)	a little bit (of)
plein de	lots of
s'il te plaît, s'il vous plaît	please
salut	hi, bye