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**NCEA Level 2 French Revised Vocabulary List 2025**

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Below is the revised Level 2 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 2 French external assessments. Words outside of the approved Vocabulary List will be glossed if their meaning is not evident from the text.

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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](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/learning-languages/french?view=teaching).

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| **Nouns** | | | |
|  | **Article/ other** | **French** | **English** |
| **A** | l’ | abonné (m), abonnée (f) | subscriber, follower |
| les | actualités (f) | news |
| l’ | ado(lescent) (m), adolescente (f) | teenager |
| l’ | amitié (f) | friendship |
| l’ | amour (m) | love |
| l’ | avenir (m) | future |
| l’ | avertissement (m) | warning |
| l’ | avis (m) | opinion |
| **B** | la | B.D. (bande dessinée) | comic book |
| le | bac (baccalauréat) | end of school qualification (equivalent to NCEA Level 3) |
| le | bal (de l’école) | (school) ball |
| la | blague | joke |
| le | bonheur | happiness |
| le | boulot | job (informal) |
| le | but | goal, purpose |
| **C** | la | célébrité | fame, celebrity |
| la | chaleur | warmth, heat |
| la | chance | luck |
| le | chef | boss, manager |
| le | chiffre | figure (numerical), digit |
| le | cœur | heart |
| la | colère | anger |
| le/la | collégien (m), collégienne (f) | junior high school student (from Year 7 to Year 10) |
| la | communauté | community |
| la | confiance | trust, confidence |
| le | conseil | advice |
| le | contraire | opposite |
| le | corps | body |
| la | coutume | custom |
| la | croyance (les croyances) | belief (belief systems) |
| **D** | le | début | beginning |
| le | défaut | flaw, fault, defect |
| le | défi | challenge |
| la | dent | tooth |
| le | développement communautaire | community development |
| la | douleur | pain, grief |
| le | droit | right |
| **E** | l’ | écran (m) | screen |
| l’ | emploi (m) | use, job |
| l’ | employé (m), employée (f) | employee, staff member |
| l’ | employeur (m) | employer |
| l’ | épreuve (f) | assessment |
| l’ | étape (f) | step, stage |
| l’ | étoile | star |
| les | études | studies |
| l’ | étudiant (m), étudiante (f) | (tertiary, university) student |
| l’ | événement (m) | event |
| **F** | la | fac (faculté) | uni (university) |
| la | façon | way |
| le | fait | fact |
| la | fleur | flower |
| la | force | strength |
| la | forme | shape, fitness, form |
| le | four | oven |
| la | frontière | border |
| **H** | l’ | habitant (m), habitante (f) | inhabitant |
| l’ | héritage | legacy, heritage, inheritance |
| la | honte | shame |
| **I** | l’ | inconvénient (m) | disadvantage, inconvenience, drawback |
| l’ | internaute (m) | internet user |
| **L** | la | langue | tongue, language |
| la | langue maternelle | mother tongue, native language |
| la | lecture | reading |
| le | lendemain | next day, day after, following day |
| la | levée de fonds | fundraising |
| le | lieu | place |
| le | logement | lodgings, accommodation, housing |
| le/la | lycéen (m), lycéenne (f) | senior high school student (from Year 11 to Year 13) |
| **M** | le | malheur | misfortune, bad luck |
| la | manière | manner, way |
| la | marque | brand, mark |
| la | méchanceté | maliciousness, nastiness, naughtiness |
| la | mémoire | memory (as a brain function) |
| le | mensonge | lie, untruth |
| le | métier | profession, trade, occupation |
| la | mode | fashion, trend |
| le | mode | way, style, manner, method |
| la | moitié | half |
| **N** | la | naissance | birth |
| le | niveau | level |
| la | nouvelle | piece of news |
| **O** | l’ | organisation communautaire | community organisation |
| **P** | la | parole | lyric, word, speech |
| le | patrimoine | heritage |
| le | permis (de conduire, de chasse) | licence (driving, hunting) |
| le | personnage | character |
| les | Pléiades | Matariki |
| la | plupart | majority, greatest part, most |
| le | point de vue | point of view |
| la | publicité (pub) | advertisement (ad), advertising, publicity |
| **Q** | le | quartier | area, suburb |
| **R** | la | recette | recipe |
| les | réseaux sociaux | social networks |
| la | réunion | meeting |
| **S** | le | salaire | salary |
| la | santé | health |
| la | scène | stage |
| le | séjour | stay |
| le | sens | direction, meaning, sense |
| le | site (Internet) | website |
| le | sommeil | sleep |
| le | sourire | smile |
| les | sous-titres | subtitles |
| le | souvenir | memory (a specific memory) |
| le | spectacle | show |
| le | succès | success |
| le | sujet | subject (in a sentence), topic, theme |
| **T** | le | truc | thing |
| **V** | la | vérité | truth |
|  | VF (Version Française) | film in French |
|  | VO (Version Originale) | film in the original language |

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| **Verbs** | | |
| **Article/ other** | **French** | **English** |
|  | accueillir | to welcome |
|  | améliorer | to improve |
|  | annuler | to cancel |
|  | apercevoir | to get a glimpse of, to see |
|  | appartenir à | to belong to |
|  | apporter | to bring an object |
|  | appuyer | to press |
|  | avoir mal au cœur | to feel nauseous, to feel sad, to be sickened |
| se | blesser | to injure (oneself) |
| se | brosser (les dents, les cheveux...) | to brush (own teeth, hair...) |
|  | célébrer | to celebrate |
|  | choisir | to choose |
| se | comporter bien/mal | to behave well/badly |
|  | compter | to count, to intend to |
|  | consacrer | to devote |
|  | conseiller (à qqn de...) | to advise (someone to...), to recommend |
|  | contribuer à | to contribute (to) |
|  | crier | to shout, to scream, to yell |
|  | critiquer | to criticise |
|  | cuire | to cook, to bake |
| se | définir comme… | to identify oneself as..., to describe oneself as... |
| se | détendre | to relax |
|  | devenir | to become |
|  | discuter | to discuss |
| se | disputer avec | to argue with |
|  | échouer | to fail |
|  | emmener | to take (away a person) |
|  | empêcher | to prevent |
|  | emporter | to take (away a thing) |
|  | emprunter | to borrow |
| s’ | énerver | to get annoyed, to get angry, to get irritated |
| s’ | ennuyer | to be bored |
|  | enseigner | to teach |
| s’ | entendre avec | to get on with |
| s’ | entraîner | to train, to practise (a sport) |
|  | éviter | to avoid |
|  | gérer | to manage, to run |
|  | grandir | to get bigger, to get taller, to grow up |
| s’ | habituer (à) | to get used (to) |
|  | hésiter | to hesitate |
| s’ | inquiéter | to be worried, to be anxious |
| s’ | inscrire | to sign up for, to enrol oneself, to register oneself |
| s’ | installer | to settle in |
|  | interdire | to forbid, to prohibit |
| s’ | intéresser (à) | to be interested (in) |
| se | méfier (de) | to distrust, to be suspicious of, to be wary of |
|  | mélanger | to mix |
|  | menacer | to threaten, to menace, to intimidate |
|  | mentir | to tell lies, to lie |
|  | mériter | to deserve |
| se | moquer de | to mock, to make fun of, to laugh at |
| s’ | occuper de | to look after, to take care of |
|  | oser | to dare (to) |
| se | passer | to happen |
| se | plaindre | to complain |
|  | plaisanter | to joke |
|  | poser | to ask, to place (an object) |
|  | pousser | to push |
|  | prêter | to lend |
|  | profiter de | to make the most of |
|  | proposer | to suggest |
|  | raconter | to tell, to retell, to tell a story |
|  | reconnaître | to recognise, to acknowledge |
|  | réduire | to reduce, to decrease, to make smaller |
|  | remarquer | to notice |
|  | rendre | to return an object, to make someone feel something |
| se | rendre compte (de/que) | to realise, to become aware |
|  | répéter | to rehearse |
|  | rêver | to dream |
|  | rire | to laugh |
|  | sembler | to seem |
| se | situer | to be located |
|  | souffrir | to suffer |
|  | souhaiter | to wish |
|  | soutenir | to support |
| se | souvenir de | to remember |
|  | supporter | to put up with |
|  | supprimer | to delete |
|  | taper | to type |
|  | tenir | to hold |
|  | tirer | to pull |
|  | traduire | to translate |
|  | utiliser | to use |

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| **Adjectives** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| à la mode | fashionable |
| actuel (m), actuelle (f) | current |
| aimable | pleasant, likeable |
| ancien (m), ancienne (f) | former, ancient |
| anglophone | English-speaking |
| autochtone | indigenous, aboriginal |
| célèbre | famous |
| convaincu(e) | convinced |
| curieux (m), curieuse (f) | curious, strange, nosy, interested in |
| déprimé(e) | depressed |
| doué(e) | gifted, talented |
| doux (m), douce (f) | gentle, soft, mild, sweet, pleasant |
| dur(e) | hard, difficult |
| égoïste | selfish |
| équilibré(e) | balanced |
| étonné(e) | astonished, surprised |
| facultatif (m), facultative (f) | optional |
| fier (m), fière (f) | proud |
| frais (m), fraîche (f) | fresh, cool, chilly |
| francophone | French-speaking |
| (de) genre fluide | gender fluid |
| honnête | honest |
| incroyable | unbelievable, incredible |
| jaloux (m), jalouse (f) | jealous |
| merveilleux (m), merveilleuse (f) | marvellous, wonderful |
| obligatoire | compulsory |
| pareil (m), pareille (f) | same, identical |
| passionné(e) par | excited by, keen on, passionate about |
| plusieurs | several |
| prêt(e) | ready |
| privé(e) | private |
| proche | close, near, nearby |
| responsable | responsible |
| quelques | some, a few |
| sensible | sensitive |
| sévère | strict, severe, harsh |
| utile | useful |

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| **Adverbs** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| à peu près | approximately, roughly |
| à propos (de) | in regard to, regarding |
| ailleurs | elsewhere |
| ainsi | thus, in this way |
| cependant | however |
| couramment | fluently |
| également | as well, also, too, equally |
| plutôt | rather, instead, quite |
| pourtant | however, yet |
| quelque part | somewhere |
| tant de | so much, so many |
| tellement | so, so much, so much that |
| tout à coup | suddenly, all of a sudden |

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| **Prepositions** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| au-dessus (de) | on top of, above |
| en-dessous (de) | underneath, below |
| parmi | among |
| sauf | except |
| selon | according to |

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| **Pronouns** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| aucun (m), aucune (f) | not a single, not one, none |
| chacun (m), chacune (f) | each one |
| iel, iels | they (singular), they (plural) \*currently the dominant form of the gender-neutral pronoun |
| la plupart | majority, most |
| plusieurs | several |

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| **Conjunctions** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| alors que | whereas, while, even though |
| car | because |
| dès que | as soon as |
| pendant que | while, whilst |
| puisque | as, since, seeing as, seeing that, considering that |

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| **Idiomatic expressions** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| J’ai mes règles. | I have my period. |
| tirer des leçons de | to learn lessons from |

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| **Phrases and prepositional phrases** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| à mi-temps | part-time |
| à plein temps | full-time |
| au fond | at the bottom, deep down |
| au lieu de | instead of |
| au moins | at least |
| bien entendu | of course, understood, naturally |
| bienvenue | welcome |
| c’est-à-dire | in other words, namely, that’s to say |
| ça suffit | that is enough |
| ça vaut | it is worth |
| ça veut dire | it means |
| d’après | according to |
| se définir comme... | to identify oneself as..., to describe onself as... |
| d’une part ... d’autre part | on the one hand ... on the other hand |
| de nos jours | these days, nowadays |
| en avoir marre | to be fed up |
| en bas | below, downstairs |
| en haut | above, upstairs |
| faire face à | to cope with, to face (someone/thing) |
| faire la coutume | to do a customary welcome (in New Caledonia), similar to a pōwhiri |
| faire partie d’un groupe | to be part of a group |
| faire une demande | to apply, to make a request |
| grâce à | thanks to |
| mon héritage culturel | my cultural heritage |
| mon héritage linguistique | my linguistic heritage |
| par exemple | for example |
| par hasard | by accident, by chance |
| poser une question (à qqn) | to ask (someone) a question |
| pour cent | percent |
| quant à | as for |
| représenter sa communauté | to represent one’s own community |
| sur le point de (+ infinitive) | about to (+ infinitive) |