

NCEA Level 2 French Revised Vocabulary List 2025 Easy-print PDF version

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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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1. A PDF that can be printed and photocopied for students. (Hint, if you leave out page 1, the list will fit nicely into a booklet with no blank pages.)
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](#).

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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'	inconvéient (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

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	blessar	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'	énervar	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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 oneself 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)