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**NCEA Level 3 French Revised Vocabulary List 2025**

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Below is the revised Level 3 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 3 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.
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).

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

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| **Nouns** | | |
| **Article/ other** | **French** | **English** |
| l’ | amateur (m) | fan, supporter, non-professional |
| l’ | annonce (f) | announcement, advertisement |
| l’ | avocat (m) | lawyer, avocado |
| l’ | auteur (m), autrice (f) | author |
| le | bien | good, property |
| la | campagne | campaign |
| le | caractère | characteristic, personality |
| la | carrière | career, quarry |
| le | chômage | unemployment |
| le/la | comédien (m), comédienne (f) | actor |
| le | compte | account |
| la | confiance en soi | self-confidence |
| la | crainte | fear, apprehension |
| la | critique | review |
| le | déchet | waste |
| les | dégâts (m) | damage |
| le/la | délinquant (m), délinquante (f) | offender, delinquent |
| le | discours | speech |
| le | droit | law (as a subject) |
| l’ | enquête (f) | survey, inquiry |
| l’ | entreprise (f) | firm, business, undertaking |
| l’ | entretien (m) | maintenance, upkeep, interview |
| l’ | époque (f) | epoch, era, age |
| l’ | esprit (m) | mind, spirit |
| l’ | essence (f) | petrol, essence |
| la | grève | strike |
| la | guerre | war |
| l’ | hébergement (m) | accomodation |
| l’ | humeur (f) | mood, temperament |
| les | impôts (m) | taxes |
| l’ | inconnu (m) | stranger, unknown |
| l’ | intrigue (f) | plot, intrigue |
| la | licence | degree |
| la | loi | law |
| la | mise en scène | staging, directing |
| le | paiement | payment |
| la | partie | part |
| la | peine | penalty, punishment, trouble, sadness |
| le | poids | weight |
| le | pouvoir | power, authority |
| le | propriétaire | owner, landlord |
| la | retraite | retirement |
| le | roman | novel |
| le | scénario | script, screenplay |
| le | siècle | century |
| le | souci | worry, concern |
| le | stationnement | parking |
| le | taux | rate |
| le | témoignage | testimony, evidence |
| la | tentative | attempt, endeavour |
| l’ | usine (f) | factory |
| la | voix | voice |

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| **Verbs** | | |
| **Article/ other** | **French** | **English** |
| s’ | agir de (il s'agit de) | to be about, to be a matter of |
|  | amener | to take or bring (a person) |
|  | arriver à | to arrive at, to manage, to succeed, to be able to, to attain, to reach |
|  | atteindre | to reach, attain |
| s’ | attendre à | to expect |
|  | augmenter | to increase |
|  | avertir | to warn |
|  | avouer | to admit |
|  | baisser | to lower |
|  | commettre | to commit |
|  | créer | to create |
|  | défendre | to defend, to forbid |
|  | déranger | to disturb, to bother, to interrupt |
|  | détruire | to destroy |
|  | deviner | to guess |
|  | diminuer | to diminish |
|  | embaucher | to hire |
|  | empirer | to worsen |
|  | éteindre | to turn off, to extinguish, to switch off |
|  | exiger | to insist, to require, to demand |
|  | fabriquer | to manufacture, to make, to fabricate |
|  | fournir | to provide |
|  | gaspiller | to waste |
|  | gêner | to embarrass, to make uncomfortable |
|  | intégrer | to fit in |
|  | interpréter | to play, to perform, to interpret |
|  | licencier | to lay off, to make redundant |
|  | manifester | to demonstrate, to express |
|  | prévenir | to warn |
|  | prévoir | to foresee, to forecast, to predict |
|  | privilégier | to favour |
|  | remercier | to thank |
|  | remplacer | to replace |
| se | rappeler | to remember |
| se | retrouver | to identify with, to find oneself represented in |
|  | suffire | to be enough |
|  | tenir à | to be keen on, to intend, to care about |

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| **Adjectives** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| avare | stingy, miserly |
| bouleversant(e) | overwhelming, deeply touching, upsetting, moving |
| capricieux (m), capricieuse (f) | temperamental |
| chaleureux (m), chaleureuse (f) | warm, friendly |
| chargé(e) | loaded, busy, tasked |
| comestible | edible |
| consciencieux (m), consciencieuse (f) | conscientious, thorough |
| conscient | conscious |
| coupable | guilty |
| défavorisé(e) | underprivileged, disadvantaged |
| disponible | available |
| efficace | effective, efficient |
| férié | public holiday |
| inondé(e) | flooded |
| insolite | unusual, out of the ordinary |
| majeur(e) | major, greater, most important, over 18 years old |
| marquant(e) | striking, memorable, significant |
| moindre | less(er), lower (price), smaller (quantity), least |
| obstiné(e) | obstinate, stubborn |
| potable | drinkable |
| privé(e) de | deprived of |
| quotidien (m), quotidienne (f) | daily |
| raisonnable | sensible |
| rancunier (m), rancunière (f) | bitter, resentful |

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| **Adverbs** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| autant de | as much as, as many as |
| autrefois | previously, a long time ago |
| autrement | otherwise, differently |
| d’ailleurs | what’s more, besides, in fact |
| n’importe... | no matter..., any... |
| par contre | however, on the other hand |
| quand même | even so, anyway, still, all the same |
| tout à fait | absolutely |

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| **Conjunctions** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| à condition que | on condition that, provided that |
| afin que | so that |
| aussitôt que | as soon as |
| bien que | although |
| lorsque | when, as soon as |
| pour que | in order that, so that |
| quoi que | whatever, no matter |
| tandis que | whereas |
| tel que (m), telle que (f) | such as, like |
| voire | (or) even |

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| **Interjection** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| dommage | shame, pity |

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| **Prepositional phrases** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| durant | during |
| en ce qui concerne | concerning |
| faute de | for lack of, for want of, because there isn’t |
| malgré | despite |
| par rapport à | in relation to, compared to |

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| **Idioms and phrases** | |
| **French** | **English** |
| avoir hâte de | to look forward to, to be excited, to not be able to wait |
| avoir l’esprit ouvert | to have an open mind, to be open-minded |
| avoir des soucis | to have problems, to be in trouble |
| le fait que | the fact that |
| mettre l’accent sur | to emphasise |
| peu importe | regardless, no matter (what) |
| poser problème | to cause a problem |
| rendre hommage | to pay tribute to |
| se serrer les coudes | to stick together |
| tout compte fait | in the end, all things considered |
| créer des liens d’amitié | to form a friendship |
| se faire des amis | to make friends |
| se changer les idées | to clear one’s mind, to clear one’s head |