

NCEA Level 3 French Revised Vocabulary List 2025 Easy-print PDF version

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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**.

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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)	accommodation
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

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

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
conscientieux (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

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

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

Interjection	
French	English
dommage	shame, pity

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

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