

Higher French in a nutshell!



All your questions
answered
hopefully!



What topics will I cover for Higher French?

The 4 contexts are the same as for Nat 5 but go into more details and depth:

- **Society**: becoming an adult, new family structures, marriage, social pressures and influences, bullying, culture clash etc...
- **Employability**: getting a summer job, planning for future jobs, gap year, higher education, career path, equality, CV, preparing for a job interview, the importance of languages in global contexts.

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the next two contexts:

- **Learning**: understanding yourself as a learner, learning styles, the importance of language learning.
- **Culture**: planning a trip, taking a gap year, working abroad, prejudices and racism, living in a multicultural society, the importance of customs and beliefs, social influences, literature etc...

What skills will I use?



- The 4 usual skills you have been using since S1, so nothing new nor different!
- **Reading**: texts, blogs, emails, paper articles, poems etc...
- **Listening**: to conversation, monologues, songs, TV news etc...
- **Writing**: will be related to any of the 4 contexts.

and last but not least! Can you guess ?



- **TALKING!**
- This is one of the most important, valuable and useful skills to have, to allow communication to take place.



How do we get assessed in school and how often?

- You will be pleased to hear that all you need to pass is.....
- 1 Reading
- 1 Listening
- 1 Writing and
- 1 Talking
- (pass or fail, the same as for Nat 5)



What happens if I fail my internal assessment?

- You will be do a another assessment at a time that your teacher will decide but on a different topic



What will I be assessed on in the May SQA exam?



- Your **4 skills** will be assessed:
- Paper 1 is a Reading (1 text) and a translation.



There is also a **Directed Writing** with 4 bullet points: you will be able to choose between 2 scenarios (covering 2 of the 4 contexts)



and what else?



- Paper 2 is a **Listening**: you will listen to a monologue and a conversation and a **Writing**
- **Talking**: this will take place in March and not in May. The Performance will be recorded for SQA. Your teacher will record and assess you.
- You will do a presentation which will last between 1.30 and 2 minutes, followed by a conversation which should last between 4.30 and 6 minutes.



What are the marks for the SQA exam?



- **Reading:** 20 marks
- **Translation:** 10 marks
- **Writing:** 10 marks
- **Listening:** 8 marks for the monologue and 12 marks for the conversation = 20 marks
- **The Performance*** (Talking): is the same as for Nat5.
- It is worth 30 marks
 - the Presentation is worth 10 marks
 - the Conversation is worth 15 marks
 - AND 5 marks if your conversation for "natural flowing" conversation.

What about homework?



- You will get homework **each day**
- mostly you will be given **vocabulary** to learn or revise, **grammar** notes (verbs and tenses)
- sometimes you will be asked to read a text, write an essay or prepare for a Talking or Writing assessment.

But remember....!

To be successful you need
to:



- 1) learn or revise your vocabulary and verbs regularly, do not wait until you have an assessment, as it will not stay in your long term memory!
- 2) use **Quizlet.com** to practise pronunciation and "speller" to focus on written accuracy,
- 3) use **Scholar** for additional practice in all skills.

Always do the best you can !



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Any questions?

