School life and culture

Au collège
chez nous

At our school

Module 3 · Zone de culture
Ma vie scolaire

Higher Tier
Explore school life and describe pictures.
Use articles and school-year names.



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People and places

un élève / une élève = a pupil
un professeur / une professeure = a teacher
une salle de classe = a classroom
la cantine = the canteen
le terrain de foot = the football pitch
le bâtiment principal = the main building
au collège = at school / at lower secondary school

Clothes and visible actions

un pantalon gris = grey trousers
une chemise blanche = a white shirt
des baskets noires = black trainers
une cravate = a tie
ils travaillent = they work / are working
elles discutent = they chat / are chatting
ils mangent = they eat / are eating

Picture description

Sur l'image, il y a… = In the picture, there is / are…
Au premier plan,… = In the foreground,…
À l'arrière-plan,… = In the background,…
je vois… = I can see…
les personnes = the people
ils portent un uniforme = they wear a uniform
Je pense que… = I think that…

Articles, subjects and school years

le français = French, the school subject
l'anglais = English, the school subject
le théâtre = drama
les maths = maths
la sixième / la cinquième = French school-year names
la quatrième / la troisième = French school-year names
Je suis en quatrième. = I am in quatrième.

Vocabulary workshop: people, places and activities

Learn complete chunks for a school scene

People and locations

des élèves = pupils
un professeur = a teacher
dans une salle de classe = in a classroom
à la cantine = in the canteen
sur le terrain de foot = on the football pitch
au premier plan = in the foreground
à l'arrière-plan = in the background

Visible actions and objects

les élèves travaillent = the pupils are working
les jeunes discutent = the young people are chatting
les enfants mangent = the children are eating
des livres / des ordinateurs = books / computers
des tables / des arbres = tables / trees

Build three sentences about an imagined scene.
Include people, place and activity.
Translate each into English.

School subject preferences

Quelle est ta matière préférée ?

What is your favourite subject?

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Higher Tier
Justify preferences and compare subjects.



Knowledge organiser: subject preferences

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School subjects

le français = French
l'anglais = English
les maths = maths
l'informatique = computing
la musique = music
l'EPS = PE
l'histoire-géo = history and geography

More subjects and opinions

la biologie / la chimie = biology / chemistry
le théâtre = drama
Ma matière préférée est… = My favourite subject is…
J'adore… / Je déteste… = I love… / I hate…
Je trouve… = I find…
À mon avis,… = In my opinion,…
parce que / cependant = because / however

Reasons and agreement

utile / difficile = useful / difficult
amusant(e) / passionnant(e) = fun / exciting
ennuyeux / ennuyeuse = boring
créatif / créative = creative
Je suis fort(e) en… = I am good at…
Je suis faible en… = I am weak at…
On a trop de devoirs. = We have too much homework.

Comparisons and school day

plus… que / moins… que = more… than / less… than
plus facile que… = easier than…
une journée plus courte = a shorter day
une pause plus longue = a longer break
Les cours commencent à… = Lessons start at…
Les cours finissent à… = Lessons finish at…
Ça dépend du prof. = It depends on the teacher.

Vocabulary workshop

Say each complete chunk. English meanings are in purple.

Subjects and preferences

la biologie = biology
la chimie = chemistry
l'EPS = PE
le théâtre = drama
l'histoire-géo = history and geography
Ma matière préférée, c'est… = My favourite subject is…
J'aime surtout… = I especially like…

Reasons you can reuse

Je suis sportif / sportive. = I am sporty.
Je suis créatif / créative. = I am creative.
Le prof est gentil. = The teacher is kind.
La prof est sévère. = The teacher is strict.
On a trop de devoirs. = We have too much homework.
C'est passionnant. = It is exciting.
Ça dépend du prof. = It depends on the teacher.

School rules and opinions

C’est injuste !

It’s unfair!

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Ma vie scolaire

Higher Tier
Explain rules, justify opinions and propose a change.



Knowledge organiser: rules and fairness

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Obligations

Il faut… = You must…
Il est essentiel de… = It is essential to…
Il est important de… = It is important to…
porter l'uniforme = wear uniform
faire ses devoirs = do your homework
s'asseoir à sa place = sit in your place
respecter les profs = respect the teachers

Prohibitions and permission

Il ne faut pas… = You must not…
Il ne faut jamais… = You must never…
Il est interdit de… = It is forbidden to…
arriver en retard = arrive late
manger en classe = eat in class
utiliser son portable = use your phone
avoir le droit de… = be allowed to…

Opinions and reasons

C'est juste / injuste. = It is fair / unfair.
Je suis d'accord. = I agree.
Je ne suis pas d'accord. = I disagree.
L'uniforme est pratique. = Uniform is practical.
J'ai toujours faim. = I am always hungry.
J'ai des problèmes avec le bus. = I have bus problems.
Il faut respecter les autres. = We must respect others.

Connect, report and propose

selon les règles = according to the rules
cependant / donc = however / therefore
la directrice = the headteacher, female
on a organisé… = we organised…
elle n'a pas changé… = she did not change…
Je voudrais changer… = I would like to change…
Il ne faut jamais harceler. = You must never bully.

Vocabulary workshop: rules in action

Learn complete chunks, including the infinitive.

Obligations

porter l’uniforme = wear uniform
faire ses devoirs = do your homework
s’asseoir à sa place = sit in your place
respecter les profs = respect the teachers
écouter les autres = listen to others

Il faut respecter les autres. = We must respect others.

Prohibitions

arriver en retard = arrive late
manger en classe = eat in class
utiliser son portable = use your phone
harceler d’autres élèves = bully other pupils
filmer sans permission = film without permission

Il est interdit de filmer. = Filming is forbidden.

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Progress and achievements

As-tu fait des progrès ?

Have you made progress?

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Describe achievements, recognise effort and plan your next steps.



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Irregular past participles

apprendre → appris = learn → learned
boire → bu = drink → drunk
courir → couru = run → run
écrire → écrit = write → written
faire → fait = do / make → done / made
lire → lu = read → read
mettre → mis = put → put

More verbs and achievements

prendre → pris = take → taken
recevoir → reçu = receive → received
rire → ri = laugh → laughed
J'ai appris beaucoup. = I have learned a lot.
J'ai fait des progrès. = I have made progress.
J'ai reçu de bonnes notes. = I got good marks.
J'ai fait des efforts. = I made an effort.

Negatives and time phrases

Je n'ai pas lu… = I have not read…
Je n'ai jamais oublié… = I have never forgotten…
Je n'ai rien appris. = I have learned nothing.
le mois dernier = last month
selon mon professeur = according to my teacher
par contre / en plus = on the other hand / also
Je vais travailler… = I am going to work…

Superlatives and opinions

le plus / la plus = the most
les moins sportifs = the least sporty
le meilleur élève = the best pupil
la meilleure élève = the best pupil, feminine
le pire / la pire = the worst
Je crois que… = I believe that…
mon meilleur travail = my best work

Vocabulary workshop: actions and results

Learn each infinitive with its irregular participle.

Learn, create and achieve

apprendre / appris = learn / learned
écrire / écrit = write / written
faire / fait = do, make / done, made
lire / lu = read / read
recevoir / reçu = receive / received

J'ai écrit une histoire. = I wrote a story.
J'ai reçu une bonne note. = I got a good mark.

Other completed actions

boire / bu = drink / drunk
courir / couru = run / run
mettre / mis = put / put
prendre / pris = take / taken
rire / ri = laugh / laughed

J'ai pris des photos. = I took photos.
J'ai mis des écouteurs. = I put on headphones.

Memories of primary school

Souvenirs d’école

School memories

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Higher Tier
Describe childhood routines, teachers and favourite memories.



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Childhood descriptions

Quand j'étais petit(e),… = When I was little,…
j'étais travailleur / travailleuse = I was hardworking
j'étais créatif / créative = I was creative
j'aimais… = I liked / used to like…
je trouvais… = I found / used to find…
c'était… = it was…
il y avait… = there was / were…

Past routines

j'allais à l'école = I used to go to school
à pied / à vélo = on foot / by bike
en bus / en voiture = by bus / by car
je mangeais à la cantine = I used to eat in the canteen
je jouais au foot = I used to play football
je faisais mes devoirs = I used to do my homework
j'aidais mon père = I used to help my father

Subjects, hobbies and teachers

Ma matière préférée était… = My favourite subject was…
je lisais des magazines = I used to read magazines
je jouais de la clarinette = I used to play clarinet
il s'appelait… = his name was…
il ne criait jamais = he never shouted
elle me donnait confiance = she gave me confidence
avec patience = patiently / with patience

Imperfect tense and linking

je / tu: -ais = I / you: imperfect ending
il / elle / on: -ait = he / she / we: imperfect ending
nous: -ions = we: imperfect ending
vous: -iez = you: imperfect ending
ils / elles: -aient = they: imperfect ending
tous les jours / souvent = every day / often
mais / donc / surtout = but / therefore / especially

Vocabulary workshop: childhood routines

Learn the whole past-tense chunk.

At school

j’allais à l’école = I used to go to school
je mangeais à la cantine = I used to eat in the canteen
je jouais au foot = I used to play football
j’étudiais l’anglais = I used to study English
je lisais des magazines = I used to read magazines

Ma matière préférée était la musique. = My favourite subject was music.

After school

je faisais mes devoirs = I used to do my homework
j’aidais mon père = I used to help my father
je regardais la télé = I used to watch TV
je jouais avec ma sœur = I used to play with my sister
je mangeais en famille = I used to eat with my family

J’aimais la musique. = I liked music.

Languages and future plans

Les langues et l’avenir

Languages and the future

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Higher Tier
Explain your language-learning journey and plan how to improve.



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Languages and time frames

le français / l'anglais = French / English
l'espagnol / l'allemand = Spanish / German
l'italien / le roumain = Italian / Romanian
le mandarin = Mandarin
j'apprenais… = I used to learn…
j'apprends… = I learn / am learning…
je vais apprendre… = I am going to learn…

Negatives and restriction

je n'apprends pas… = I do not learn…
je ne parle jamais… = I never speak…
je ne comprends rien = I understand nothing
je n'apprends que… = I only learn…
aucune langue étrangère = no foreign language
ni l'allemand ni l'italien = neither German nor Italian
Je n'apprends aucune langue. = I learn no language.

Ways to improve

regarder des films sous-titrés = watch subtitled films
écouter des podcasts = listen to podcasts
utiliser une appli = use an app
lire des magazines = read magazines
parler avec des amis = speak with friends
pour améliorer mon français = to improve my French
mes compétences = my skills

Opinions and opportunities

À mon avis,… = In my opinion,…
c'est intéressant / important = it is interesting / important
c'est inutile = it is useless
j'ai l'occasion de… = I have the opportunity to…
faire un stage = do work experience / an internship
pour le commerce = for business / trade
à l'avenir = in the future

Vocabulary workshop: languages and learning

Learn each complete chunk and its meaning.

Language names

le français = French
l'anglais = English
l'espagnol = Spanish
l'allemand = German
l'italien = Italian
le mandarin = Mandarin
le roumain = Romanian

J'apprends l'espagnol. = I am learning Spanish.

Strategies and goals

des films sous-titrés = subtitled films
des podcasts en français = podcasts in French
une appli sur mon portable = an app on my phone
des magazines en français = magazines in French
mes compétences = my skills

pour améliorer mon français = to improve my French
j'ai l'occasion de parler = I have the chance to speak

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Grammar in school-life contexts

Grammaire 1 & 2

Grammar review and practice

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Compare, explain rules and connect past experiences to future plans.



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Comparisons and school rules

plus… que = more… than
moins… que = less… than
le / la / les plus… = the most…
mon meilleur travail = my best work
il faut respecter… = we must respect…
il est important de… = it is important to…
il est interdit d'utiliser… = it is forbidden to use…

Past actions and routines

j'ai appris / lu / écrit = I learned / read / wrote
j'ai fait / pris / reçu = I did / took / received
je jouais / je faisais = I used to play / do
j'étais / il y avait = I was / there was, were
-ais, -ais, -ait = imperfect: je, tu, il / elle
-ions, -iez, -aient = imperfect: nous, vous, ils
elle nous parlait = she used to speak to us

Negatives and restriction

ne… pas = not
ne… jamais = never
ne… rien = nothing / not anything
ne… que = only
ne… aucun(e) = no / not any
ne… ni… ni… = neither… nor…
je n'ai rien appris = I have learned nothing

Agreement, pronouns and plans

la musique est intéressante = music is interesting
les maths sont utiles = maths is useful
fort(e) en anglais = good at English
elle me parlait = she used to speak to me
il nous donnait confiance = he gave us confidence
je vais réviser = I am going to revise
pour améliorer… = to improve…

Vocabulary and grammar chunks

Learn useful school-life phrases with their structures.

Opinions and rules

Je trouve les maths utiles. = I find maths useful.
Je suis forte en anglais. = I am good at English.
Il faut faire ses devoirs. = We must do our homework.
Il est interdit de manger. = Eating is forbidden.
Je suis d'accord. = I agree.

Progress and memories

J'ai fait des progrès. = I made progress.
Je n'ai rien écrit. = I wrote nothing.
J'allais à l'école à pied. = I used to walk to school.
Elle nous parlait. = She used to speak to us.
Je vais réviser. = I am going to revise.

Sort the phrases by grammar structure.