



### 30 Ways to revise French/German/Spanish

1. Key topics to be revised for the Listening and Reading exams include:
  - Lifestyle: Health and healthy lifestyles; Relationships and choices; Future plans; Social issues; Equality
  - Leisure: Free-time and media; Shopping; Money; Fashion; New technology; Holidays
  - Home and environment: Special occasions at home; Town; Neighbourhood; Region; Environmental issues worldwide and local
  - Work and education: School and college; School life; Pressures and problems; Future plans; Current and future jobs
2. Focus on one topic at a time. Use your vocab booklets (or look on the exam board website for lists of vocab by topic) and learn the vocabulary regularly.
3. Enlist the help of a parent or friend to test you as you go along.
4. Alternatively make a vocab test for yourself following a revision session. You can complete this at the start of your next revision session. Choose the words you find the most difficult to remember.
5. Look at the exam specification and the word and grammar lists: revise groups of words such as negatives, connectives and prepositions as well as topic based vocabulary.
6. If using a revision guide (and the CD-ROM for listening practice) read the notes on the page. Close the page and scribble down anything you have learnt. Don't worry about making careful, colourful notes – it is the content which counts! Look again at the same page and then test yourself again.
7. Predict which words from a topic or vocabulary list that your teacher will choose for a vocabulary test.
8. Develop mind maps on a topic area; e.g. under the topic of Education, there will be many links such as: subjects/opinions/uniform/rules/facilities/clubs/trips/future plans/teachers...
9. Use your exercise books from years 10 and 11 as revision tools. Underline words from a topic you are confident with and highlight words from a topic that you don't know. This could then form the basis of setting your own vocab test.
10. When revising vocabulary vary your methods: spider diagrams, word association, 'look, say, cover, write, check' method, scribbling all the vocab learnt, making flashcards etc
11. Ask your teacher for examples of different question types to further develop your exam techniques
12. Revise tenses by using your own grammar notes or practising online using [www.languagesonline.org](http://www.languagesonline.org)



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13. Use post-it notes to help you remember key phrases in different tenses
14. Create a sorting task, with verbs in different tenses
15. Make a quiz (millionaire/Hangman/Deal or no deal etc) for a revision buddy or for yourself
16. Revise by thinking of synonyms (words which can be associated and/or have the same meaning) and antonyms (opposites).
17. Attend regularly the revision sessions offered by the school.
18. Practise past papers when you have completed the revision of topics stage in your revision schedule ([www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk) )
19. Create a log in for yourself on [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com) ; a free resource to practise vocabulary. Follow the Intermediate courses for languages.
20. Download a flashcards app on your mobile, and make your own quizzes.
21. Try [www.cramit.co.uk](http://www.cramit.co.uk) for an alternative way to revise
22. Use the GCSE workbooks in class to revise reading tasks in the topics you find most challenging.
23. Listen to podcasts to revise for the listening exam. Try:  
<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/podcasts/...gcse-french-podcast>
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[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/audio/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/audio/)
25. Listen to podcasts to revise for the listening exam. Try:  
[www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/languages](http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/languages)
26. Use [www.youtube.co.uk](http://www.youtube.co.uk) to find revision on grammar points and for examples of songs/adverts/tv and film clips in the target language to help develop listening skills
27. Use the TuneIn radio app to develop listening skills whilst revising vocabulary
28. Ask your teacher for a revision schedule and stick to it.
29. Keep the end in mind! This hard work and revision is going to help you get a great result in your GCSE.
30. Look at the revision page on Oathall's website for further activities/vocab revision tasks and links to other useful websites. Good luck!

