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 **Preparation Work for A Level in French**

***In order to help you to make the transition smoothly from KS4 to KS5 in Languages we would like you to practise writing more independently by completing one of these open-ended tasks by 15th September 2017.***

***For either task write a minimum of 200 words.***

**TASK**

**Choose a region/town in France and research the following points, writing your findings in French:**

* Geographical location and features, Population and Famous people associated with it, Main products/ industries, Points of interest, Languages/ dialects, Foods/ recipes from the area.
* Then explain why you chose it and write what you like and don’t like about it with reasons.

**OR**

**Choose a famous French person, eg artist, musician, singer, film director, actor, writer, politician, sports person, etc (this could be linked to one of your own interests) and research the following points in French:**

* Hometown, Childhood /Family situation, Occupation with details of their fame, Languages spoken, Likes and dislikes.
* Then explain why you chose him/ her and write what you like and don’t like about his / her character with reasons.

TIPS (To help you with the task)

* Search on line by writing in French
* Similarly adding the abbreviation **.fr** will enable you to access resources in French
* ***Use structures and tenses you have used before.***
* ***By all means try out some new vocab as well as vocab you are familiar with but make sure you have the right word for the right context.***

(To get you ready for September)

* Buy yourself a ring binder (ideally with dividers) so that you can start to organise your own notes. (Recycled ones are available if necessary.)
* Buy a few highlighters for efficient noting of texts and grammar points.
* Finally try to keep up to date by following the news and current affairs generally and especially when related to France and French speaking countries. The following websites are a particularly useful resource:

 [www.1jour1actu.com](http://www.1jour1actu.com) / [www.lemonde.fr](http://www.lemonde.fr) / [www.zut.org.uk](http://www.zut.org.uk) (login 4525; password linz01)

 

 Bonne Chance!

Finally we would like you to fill in this checklist to indicate your knowledge of basic grammar. Any revision of these grammar points would be of particular benefit for next year.

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| I can use the present tense for regular verbs. |  |
| I can use the present tense for irregular verbs. |  |
| I can use the imperfect tense. |  |
| I can use the perfect tense. |  |
| I can use the future tense. |  |
| I can use the conditional tense. |  |
| I can use modal verbs with infinitives. |  |
| I can use infinitive constructions, eg. pour … / il faut …  |  |
| I know 9 different subject pronouns (ie I, he, she, etc.)  |  |