

French Skills Grid

Critical thinking and problem solving skills

In French students need to persevere and solve problems. Examples of this come from looking up words you are unsure about in a translation dictionary or online.

You can demonstrate critical thinking when you are asked to “discuss” something (in writing or speaking) by coming to a conclusion/judgement.

Verbal communication of thoughts and ideas

Being able to speak with confidence and communicate in French will definitely affect your likely success in the subject.

Students need to develop confidence to speak in front of the class and will benefit from doing this, even if they struggle! The best students speak confidently and use accents where appropriate.

Imagination, curiosity and asking of questions

You are showing imagination when you are able to think about expressing yourself using a variety of language in French. Curiosity and asking questions is developed by finding out about words you do not understand and seeking to find out what they mean and how they can be used.

depth of writing and explanations

Depth of writing and explanations is crucial for success in French. When you write in depth it means you don't try to make your answers as short as possible and instead you focus on explaining your point of view using the past/present/future tenses where appropriate.

You have the opportunity to “explain” when you are asked for an opinion such as “why did you go?”

sufficient quality work in lessons

Successful students understand that you can have great understanding of French but if you do not show evidence of that understanding in lessons and/or homework then you will not be successful.

All students must think about the quality of the work they produce and the detail that has gone into it, every lesson gives enough time to complete activities, but if you struggle then make sure you finish activities at home as homework!

sufficient quality in homework

We give homework to improve your skills in a subject by completing work outside of the class.

Successful French students recognise that homework must be of a very high quality with excellent detail. Homework should always represent the highest standards that you are capable of and that requires motivation and time. Read feedback that you get from previous work and make sure you make these changes in your next submission.

motivation and commitment to improve

You should struggle in French, even French nationals do not know all French words! You will be showing motivation and commitment to improve by persevering and ensuring that all of your work is completed.

Students get feedback on assessments and the best students use the advice given in these assessments to improve their next piece of work!

interpersonal skills in working with others

Interpersonal skills help us interact with others effectively, in subjects and in society. In French you will frequently work with a partner and students that do well show focus by understanding that everyone can improve with practice.

Other examples in-class come from expressing appreciation, helping others, resolving problems and listening well.

focus and effort

It always starts with attitude in French! Our best students are focused when being taught and then they show maximum effort in their work.

They do this every lesson!

To improve your focus and effort make sure you are always seeking help when you do not understand something. Put your hand up and work with other students to improve. You will also improve by asking for feedback on your work.