



Year 8 French: Unit 1 – Town and weather

Topic(s) to be covered

This term students will explore the following topics: Recapping introducing/ describing yourself, learning about places in town, asking and giving directions, saying where you are going, learning about the seasons and weather, ordering snacks and drinks in a café and understanding prices. Students will develop their skills by reading and listening for gist and detail and speak and writing spontaneously with the support of the verb – opinion – reason model structure.

Assessment Procedures

1. Interim assessment – part of the way through the unit.

Homework guidance

Students will receive a minimum of one homework per week for which they will be expected to spend a minimum of 30 minutes completing. The homework will usually be to learn key vocabulary or complete listening and reading tasks on www.languagenut.com. If there are upcoming assessments, revision homework may be set.

In cases where homework has not been completed, MFL teachers may grant a day extension. If the homework is still not completed following this extension, this will result in a 25 minute after school detention.

How can you help?

Encourage your child to download the Duolingo app which supports French language learning. Student can also use the platform on which their homework is set to learn extra vocabulary. Other useful websites include www.quizlet.com and www.linguascope.com.



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Prior learning - In year 7...

Last year you studied:

- Introducing yourself – name, age, birthdays, numbers 1-31, days, months, colours.
- Family – family members, pets, describing character and appearance.
- Where you live – countries, types of houses, rooms in a house, furniture, evening activities and time.
- Free time – sports, hobbies, instruments, present tense verbs, opinions, and reasons.

We will be learning about...

Town and weather – talking about places in town, directions, weather and ordering in a café.

- **Cultural capital** – you will learn about typical snacks and drinks served in French cafés.
- **Skills** – you will cover Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing on each sub-topic.
- You will have regular retrieval homework.

We will develop our learning each week by focusing on:

RAG Rate Skill

1. Key Learning

- Retrieval knowledge: je suis, j'ai, personality and appearance vocab from Year 7.
- Knowledge: paragraph about self (Y7 revision)

2. Key Learning

- Retrieval knowledge: il y a, connectives (et, mais)
- Knowledge: **Describing your town**

3. Key Learning

- Retrieval knowledge: il y a
- Knowledge: **Asking and giving directions**

4. Key Learning

- Retrieval knowledge: il y a
- Knowledge: **Saying where you are going**

5. Key Learning

- Retrieval knowledge: Opinions
- Knowledge: **Weather and seasons**

6. Key Learning

- Retrieval knowledge: Opinions
- Knowledge: **Ordering snacks and drinks in a café**

7. Key learning

- Awe and Wonder: **End of topic quiz**

Key Vocabulary

Dans ma ville	Il y a	Ma ville est...	Où est... ?	Où vas-tu ?	Je vais	Je voudrais
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How will this unit help you in the future? At GCSE we will also learn about this topic

Describing your town	Present tense	Talking about the weather	Saying where you go in town	Ordering at a food outlet (role-play)	Understanding prices and quantities
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