

French Foundation Writing Exam


Structure of the exam – 1 hour and 15 minutes

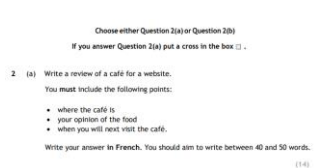
Question 1 – Describe a photo

Question 2 – Write 40-50 words

Question 3 – Write 80-90 words

Question 4 – Translate 5 sentences into French

<u>Question No.</u>	<u>Task expectation</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>How to answer</u>	<u>Top Tip(s)</u>
1 – Describing a photo	<p>Write 4 simple sentences to describe a photo.</p>  <p><small>(Source: Pearson Asset Library AL1317407)</small></p> <p>1 Describe the photo. Write four short sentences in French.</p> <p>_____ (1)</p> <p>_____ (1)</p> <p>_____ (1)</p> <p>_____ (1)</p>	<p>The photo could be any scenario or location and it is not Thematic Context based.</p> <p>Think people, location and activity.</p>	<p>Sur la photo – In (On) the photo il y a... - there is... je vois... - I see... des amis - friends une famille - a family un garçon - a boy une fille - a girl ... garçons - ... boys ... filles - ... girls un homme - a man une femme - a woman ... hommes - ... men ... femmes - ... women une maison - a house un salon - a living room un jardin - a garden un parc - a park un bus - a bus des plantes - plants des arbres - trees Je pense que - I think that À mon avis - In my opinion il fait chaud - it is hot il fait beau - it is nice weather</p>	<p>Ensure you know people and weather vocabulary.</p> <p>Keep each sentence simple.</p> <p>Example sentences include: Sur la photo il y a une plage. In the photo there is a beach.</p> <p>Je vois une famille. I see a family.</p> <p>Il y a 5 personnes. There are 5 people.</p> <p>Il fait beau. It is nice weather.</p>
2 – Write 40-50 words	<p>Choose either 2a OR 2b – Put a cross in the box to indicate which</p>	<p>Write a review of... - The review could be any scenario from any of the Thematic Contexts.</p>	<p>Know a range of opinions so that you don't repeat vocabulary. EG:</p>	<p>Leave a line in between each prompt so that it is clear to the examiner that you have</p>

	<p>task you have chosen.</p> <p>Write a response to each prompt:</p>  <p>Choose either Question 3(a) or Question 3(b). If you answer Question 3(a) put a cross in the box <input type="checkbox"/> .</p> <p>2 (a) Write a review of a café for a website. You must include the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where the café is • your opinion of the food • when you will next visit the café. <p>Write your answer in French. You should aim to write between 40 and 50 words.</p> <p>[14]</p>	<p>Although a review is a formal context, you do not have use a formal register.</p> <p>Prompt 1 = Describing in the present tense</p> <p>Prompt 2 = Opinion in the present tense</p> <p>Prompt 3 = Plans using the future timeframe</p>	<p>À mon avis – In my opinion Je pense que – I think that Je crois que – I believe that Pour moi – For me J’aime – I like J’adore – I love Je préfère – I prefer Je n’aime pas – I don’t like Je déteste – I hate parce que – because car – because c’est – it is ce sera – it will be ça va être – it is going to be très – very assez – quite un peu – a bit intéressant – interesting super – super ennuyeux / barbant – boring facile – easy difficile – difficult important – important utile / inutile – useful / useless incroyable – incredible</p> <p>Know sentence openers to refer to the future. Dans le futur – In the future À l’avenir – In the future</p> <p>Know how to use a range of verbs in the simple future tense. Je vais + infinitive – I am going to... EG: Je vais aller – I am going to go Je vais manger – I am going to eat</p>	<p>addressed each one.</p> <p>If you don’t have lots of ideas for one of the prompts, write at least one sentence and then write a bit more for at least one of the other prompts.</p>
<p>3 – Write 80-90 words</p>	<p>Choose either 3a OR 3b – Put a cross in the box to indicate which task you have chosen.</p>	<p>Write to a friend about... - The scenario could be from any of the Thematic Contexts.</p> <p>Prompt 1 = Describing in the present tense about the task topic</p>	<p>Use sentence openers – EG: Le week-end – At the weekend Dans le passé – In the past Le week-end dernier – Last weekend Le week-end prochain – Next weekend Dans le futur – In the future</p>	<p>Leave a line in between each prompt so that it is clear to the examiner that you have addressed each one.</p> <p>If you don’t have lots of ideas for one of the prompts, write at</p>

Write a response to each prompt:

Choose either Question 2(a) or Question 2(b)
If you answer Question 2(a) put a cross in the box .

2 (a) Write a review of a café for a website.
You must include the following points:

- where the café is
- your opinion of the food
- when you will next visit the café.

Write your answer in French. You should aim to write between 40 and 50 words.

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Prompt 2 = Opinion in the present tense about the task topic

Prompt 3 = A past activity in the context of the task topic

Prompt 4 = A future activity in the context of the task topic

Use sequencers to develop your answers:

Tout d'abord – First of all

Puis – Then

Après – Afterwards

Plus tard – Later

Finalement – Finally

Use a range of conjunctions:

et – and

aussi – also

en plus – furthermore

mais – but

cependant – however

pourtant - however

parce que – because

car – because

Use verbs accurately in the present, past and future tenses.

EG:

Je vais – I go

Je suis allé(e) – I went

Je mange – I eat

J'ai mangé – I ate

Je bois – I drink

J'ai bu – I drank

Je regarde – I watch

J'ai regardé – I watched

Je joue – I play

J'ai joué – I played

Je fais – I do

J'ai fait – I did / made

J'ai – I have

Je suis – I am

Je vais + infinitive – I am going to...

EG:

Je vais aller – I am going to go

Je vais manger – I am going to eat

Know a range of opinions so that you don't repeat vocabulary.

EG:

À mon avis – In my opinion

Je pense que – I think that

Je crois que – I believe that

Pour moi – For me

J'aime – I like

least one sentence and then write a bit more for at least one of the other prompts.

			<p> J'adore – I love Je préfère – I prefer Je n'aime pas – I don't like Je déteste – I hate c'est – it is c'était – it was ce sera – it will be ça va être – it is going to be très – very assez – quite un peu – a bit intéressant – interesting super – super ennuyeux / barbant – boring facile – easy difficile – difficult important – important utile / inutile – useful / useless incroyable – incredible </p>	
4 – Translation into French	Translate the 5 thematically linked sentences into French.	<p>The sentences can be from any of the Thematic Contexts.</p> <p>Four sentences will be in the present timeframe.</p> <p>One sentence will be in the past timeframe.</p> <p>At least one sentence will be in the third person (he/she/they).</p>	<p>Translate the sentences into natural French ensuring that you have accounted for every English word.</p> <p>Know a range of vocabulary and grammatical structures so that you can access sentences from any Thematic Context.</p>	<p>Ensure you have revised the vocabulary lists for the whole course.</p> <p>Don't worry about not knowing all the words in the sentences. Translate the words you do know.</p>