



French: Year 9. Summer 1 and 2



Ma Vie Scolaire – My School Life

In this term, Year 9 French students will explore school life in francophone countries, learning to describe photos and discuss cultural differences. They'll also delve into their own school experiences, covering topics like subjects preferences, school rules, and academic progress. Through grammar and pronunciation exercises, they'll refine their language skills, including using comparative adjectives and discussing past experiences using the imperfect tense. Additionally, they'll learn to express opinions and aspirations regarding language learning and the future, enhancing their overall proficiency in French.

Key terms for this unit:

The key vocabulary that Year 9 students will learn this term includes:

1. School-related terms: collège (secondary school), école (school), professeur/prof (teacher), élève (student), salle de classe (classroom), cantine (cafeteria), terrain de foot (football field), pause-déjeuner (lunch break), règlement intérieur (school rules)
2. Descriptive terms: personnes (people), endroits (places), activités (activities), vêtements (clothing), objets (objects), actions (actions)
3. Academic subjects: français (French), anglais (English), maths (Mathematics), histoire-géo (History-Geography), EPS (Physical Education), sciences (Science), musique (Music)
4. Expressions for giving opinions: j'aime (I like), j'adore (I love), je n'aime pas (I don't like), je déteste (I hate)
5. Comparative adjectives: plus...que (more...than), moins...que (less...than), aussi...que (as...as)
6. Imperfect tense verbs (saying what used to happen) : j'apprenais (I used to learn) , j'aimais (I used to like), j'étais (I used to be / I was), J'avais (I used to have), je faisais (I used to do / make)
7. Near future tense expressions: je vais (I am going to), tu vas (you are going to), il/elle va (he/she is going to)
8. Language learning terms: apprendre (to learn), parler (to speak), écouter (to listen), lire (to read), écrire (to write), améliorer (to improve)

Assessment:

A writing assessment with a translation into French task.

Grammar topics:

1. Definite articles (like "the" in English).
2. Comparative adjectives for comparing things.
3. Impersonal verb structures for stating general truths or rules.
4. Irregular verbs in the perfect tense for talking about past actions.
5. Imperfect tense for describing past habits.
6. Superlatives for expressing extremes.
7. Negatives in different forms.
8. Talking about future plans using near future tense.
9. Pronunciation rules, including silent final consonants.
10. Using ordinal numbers (like first, second, etc.).
11. Indirect object pronouns and their placement.
12. Identifying verb tenses in texts for better understanding.

Suggested enrichment activities:

Find out about life in a school in a French speaking country such as Benin, Madagascar or Haiti.

Write out your school timetable in French, use this as your everyday guide!

Do you know what "laïcité" means for French schools?