Your notes

GCSE French: revision notes

Education, work and future plans

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School

- Subjects: les maths, le français, l'anglais, les sciences, l'histoire, la géographie, l'informatique (computing), le dessin (art), l'EPS (PE), la musique, la technologie.
- Opinions: ma matière préférée est... (my favourite subject is...), je suis fort(e) en... (I'm good at...), je suis nul(le) en... (I'm rubbish at...), le prof est sévère / sympa (the teacher is strict / nice).
- School life: **le collège** (secondary school, ages 11 to 15), **le lycée** (ages 15 to 18), la cantine (canteen), la récré (break), **les devoirs** (homework), l'emploi du temps (timetable), les notes (marks).
- Rules: il faut porter un uniforme (you have to wear a uniform), **il est interdit de** + infinitive (it's forbidden to), on n'a pas le droit de... (we're not allowed to), on doit... (we must).

Future plans

- Après mes examens... (after my exams...) je vais continuer mes études (I'm going to carry on studying), je voudrais aller à l'université.
- faire **un apprentissage** (to do an apprenticeship), prendre **une année sabbatique** (to take a gap year), trouver un emploi (to find a job), **gagner** de l'argent (to earn money).
- Plus tard, j'aimerais... (later, I'd like to...). Mon rêve est de... (my dream is to...). J'espère... (I hope...).

Jobs and work

- Jobs have masculine and feminine forms: acteur/actrice, vendeur/vendeuse (shop assistant), infirmier/infirmière (nurse), coiffeur/coiffeuse (hairdresser), avocat/avocate (lawyer). Médecin (doctor) and ingénieur (engineer) don't change.
- No article before a job: je veux être médecin (I want to be a doctor), ma mère est professeur.

- un stage (work experience), **un petit boulot** (a part-time job), le salaire (pay), bien payé (well paid), travailler en équipe (to work in a team), à l'étranger (abroad).

Grammar to use

- Near future: je vais + infinitive (je vais étudier). Conditional: je voudrais / j'aimerais + infinitive (I would like to).
- Simple future: j'irai (I will go), je serai (I will be), je ferai (I will do), j'aurai (I will have), je travaillerai (I will work).
- Si + present, then future: si j'ai de bonnes notes, j'irai à l'université (if I get good marks, I will go to university).

Key terms

la matière	school subject
l'emploi du temps	timetable
les devoirs	homework
le collège	secondary school (ages 11 to 15)
le lycée	school for ages 15 to 18 (like sixth form)
il est interdit de	it's forbidden to
le stage	work experience
un apprentissage	an apprenticeship
une année sabbatique	a gap year
un petit boulot	a part-time job
le métier	job (profession)
gagner	to earn (also to win)
à l'étranger	abroad

Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. What does "Ma matière préférée est l'histoire" mean?
2. What does "Je suis nul en maths" mean?
3. What is "le collège" in France?
4. What does "Il est interdit de manger en classe" mean?
5. How do you say "I want to be a doctor" in French?
6. What does "un stage" mean?
7. What is the feminine form of "vendeur"?
8. What does "prendre une année sabbatique" mean?

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Answers

1. My favourite subject is history
2. I'm rubbish at maths
3. A secondary school for ages 11 to 15
4. It's forbidden to eat in class
5. Je veux être médecin
6. work experience
7. vendeuse
8. to take a gap year

What to do next

Practise 13 questions on this topic

Try 4 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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