Your notes

KS3 French: revision notes

Grammar: past and future tenses

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The near future

- Use aller + infinitive: je vais jouer (I'm going to play), il va manger (he's going to eat), nous allons visiter (we're going to visit).
- Time phrases: **demain** (tomorrow), **le week-end prochain** (next weekend), l'année prochaine (next year).

The perfect tense with avoir

- Use avoir + past participle: j'ai joué (I played), j'ai mangé (I ate), j'ai regardé (I watched).
- -er verbs change -er to -é: jouer → joué.
- Some past participles are irregular: fait (did), vu (saw), bu (drank), lu (read).

The perfect tense with être

- A few verbs, mostly about movement, use être: je suis allé (I went), je suis resté (I stayed), je suis sorti (I went out).
- A girl adds -e: **je suis allé**e, je suis restée.
- Time phrases: **hier** (yesterday), **le week-end dernier** (last weekend), l'année dernière (last year).
- Opinions in the past: **c'était** génial (it was great), **c'était** nul (it was rubbish), **c'était** amusant (it was fun).

Key terms

hier	yesterday
demain	tomorrow
le week-end dernier	last weekend
le week-end prochain	next weekend
je vais + infinitive	I'm going to...

j'ai joué	I played
j'ai mangé	I ate
je suis allé	I went
c'était	it was
le passé composé	the perfect tense

Quick questions

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

1. What does "je vais jouer" mean?
2. How do you say "I am going to watch TV" in French?
3. What does "j'ai mangé" mean?
4. What is the past participle of "jouer"?
5. How does a boy say "I went to the cinema" in French?
6. What does "hier" mean?
7. What does "demain" mean?
8. What does "C'était amusant" mean?

Answers

1. I am going to play
2. Je vais regarder la télé
3. I ate
4. joué
5. Je suis allé au cinéma
6. yesterday
7. tomorrow
8. It was fun

What to do next

Practise 12 questions on this topic

Try 4 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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