



Year 9
French Home Learning Booklet
Holidays

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Target:

This homework booklet will help you to develop and practise your skills in languages and give you a chance to reflect on your progress.

Each exercise is labelled as:



Bronze: All students to complete. Tasks include recognition, basic comprehension, listing and simple grammar or vocabulary.



Silver: All students to try to complete. Tasks include developing ideas, more detailed recognition and development of grammar and vocabulary.



Gold: Some students to complete. Tasks include higher level skill development, more detailed language structures, including tenses and vocabulary recognition.

Pupils must complete the self-evaluation boxes at the end of the booklet.

Read the following travel guide about France and summarise your findings in the box below.

Planning a holiday to [France](#)? Read our guide to the best regions, including expert advice on where to go on the Côte-d'Azur and Aquitaine Coast, in Provence, Languedoc-Roussillon, Brittany, Normandy, Burgundy and the Dordogne as well as the best operators and booking details. By Anthony Peregrine, Telegraph Travel France expert. Click on the tabs above for our expert's picks of the best beach, villa, culture, food and drink, activity and cruise holidays in France.

We are reliably schizophrenic about the French. This is understandable. They are both our next-door neighbours, and hereditary foes. Because we live so close, their supposed foibles - arrogance, slipperiness, dubious morality - are amplified. And yet, and yet, we can't keep out of their country.

Clearly, and like a classy courtesan, France is so damned seductive that she lures us away from fiercely-held principles. You can see how she might. The most diverse country in Europe runs from celebrated mountains to the continent's finest coast via everything else in-between. Great rivers run hither and yon, forest covers 28 per cent of the landscape and there's hardly anyone about.

For roughly the same population, France covers more than twice the area of the UK. The few there are have filled the place with the first-class food and wine, châteaux (not all built to fight the English) and variegated culture. In few other countries can you go, as I did four summers ago, from a bull-running festival to major Signac exhibition in under 25 minutes. Villages remain complete unto themselves, rather than urban out-reach communities. They will have proper bakeries. The chain store might still be the ironmonger's. The mayor will take him(her)self very seriously.

As importantly, and despite (or because of?) its Jacobin impulse to centralisation, France has retained marked regional identities. The country covers the West European spectrum, from Flemish and Germanic in the north to Latin in the south. You can holiday in a different France every time you go. But how do you choose where?

The South

You might start on the [Côte-d'Azur](#), if for no other reason than that well-bred Britons have been doing so for 200 years. We were the first to apply manners, fashion and decadence to the natural splendour (mountains dropping to the sea; unfiltered light; creeks; you've seen the photos). Glamour remains - the Negresco Hotel in Nice, the Caves-du-Roy night-club in St Tropez - even though, in places, the coast fills up pretty full these days. (What did you expect? You'd have it all to yourself?)

The contemporary Azurean talent is, in fact, to project itself as an arty jet-set destination while actually catering for Everyman. Prices need be no more punishing than in Calais. (My favourite restaurant in Nice, the Voyageur Nissart, has full-meal menus from £14.) And out-running the crowds is a cinch. Head for the Corniches des Maures or de l'Esterel, or the hills behind Menton and Nice. The twist of a hairpin spins you from glitz to an older, rockier region where mojitos are things you spray against.

How to avoid the crowds in Provence

The same is true in Provence. It may be standing-room-only in the cultured A-team towns - Aix, Arles and Avignon - but you stand alone on the Lure mountain, or the Vaucluse Plateau. Naturally, the region slides easily into soft-focus - sensual markets, apéritifs by the pool, Sisteron lamb on a village terrace - but, at base, it's a hard-stone rugged world which has survived worse than tourism.

It's tougher yet, and the coast very much flatter, across the Rhône in Languedoc-Roussillon. No-one came here until the 1960s, when France decided it needed its own Costa, to stop French people going to Spain. Fishing ports were adapted uncertainly. New-build holiday resorts went up - notably, La Grande Motte, whose ziggurats and pyramids describe exactly what 1960s planners thought the future would look like.

Few would argue that all this is uniformly charming, but the sandy beaches are endless, the sea-food terrific, and few spots on earth have more happy families-per-square-metre than Le Grau-du-Roi or Argelès. The hinterland is quite different, vinelands ceding to sun-roasted hills overlain with garrigue and memories of religious massacre.

Meanwhile, the Aquitaine Coast - Soulac down to Hendaye via Cap Ferret, Arcachon and Biarritz - is also flat with infinite beaches, but pounded by the Atlantic. The power renders the Med idle by comparison, tossing surfers about gratifyingly. In the deep south, the Basques may, on occasion, be uppity - but they're brilliant when singing, cooking *axoa* veal stew or sharing their red and white villages, and green Pyrenean hills

The North

Brittany, too, can get out of hand. It did so in autumn 2013, when almost everyone took to the streets to protest about pretty much everything. The Bretons' is a strong identity, fashioned by rocks, onions, the sea and the swirl of Celtic culture - itself wonderful when playing the harp and dancing, but frankly bonkers at its mystical extremes. Both north and south, but especially north - from the Pays-des-Abers to the Pink Granite coast and on to St Malo - the Breton coast stirs like few others. A word of advice, though: Breton crêpes are overrated. Go for the Cancale oysters.

It is a serious Breton regret that the Mont-Saint-Michel - the sublime rock-island abbey apparently landed from a more majestic dimension - should be just over the border in Normandy. But the Normans deserve some luck, after the clattering they took in summer 1944. Seventy years on, the D-Day beaches both retain an emotional impact and ring with the laughter of children, which is as it should be.

Pre-war, the Normandy coast was best known for the cliffs at Etretat - sculpted by gods with time on their hands - the Parisian chic of Granville and Deauville, and the presence of almost every Impressionist you care to name. Le Havre and Honfleur overflowed with Monet and similar. But my very favourite Norman slice is the inland Pays-d'Auge, where half-timbered villages punctuate the rich green, double-cream countryside, where there are cows in bountiful pastures, and calvados in my glass.

Deepest Burgundy

I relax similarly into the greys, greens and gentle slopes of Burgundy - "a landscape of slow civilisation," as someone once said, correctly. The region long ago retired from medieval eminence, both religious and temporal, to play to its real strengths: making great wines, raising Charolais cattle and growing a little portly. Being plump became a duty imposed by history.

Especially in the Côtes-de-Nuit and Côtes-de-Beaune, villages ripened by the wine trade seem in permanent readiness for a pageant. Some of the loveliest also line the Nivernais canal - as if painted into place - which makes Burgundy cruising an unexpected pleasure. Canal speeds are about right for the region, too.

And so, south-west to the Dordogne, which is not, as often supposed, a summer-house extension of the Home Counties. Granted, it gets many British visitors, re-taking, gîte by gîte, what we lost in the Hundred Years War. Try getting to Sarlat's Saturday market after 10am and, such is the pressure of visitor cars, you might as well park in Paris. Throngs of canoeists may also turn the Dordogne river into a watery M25.

But, as in Provence, a turn of the wheel distances the throngs for a mainly mellow landscape of old-fashioned farming, meaty meals, woodland and arcaded village squares. The place was by-passed for centuries by mainstream France - which is why it now looks so untouched.

That said, pre-historic men were jolly content here - notably along the Vézère valley, where they gathered in abundance, and not just to paint on cave walls. A few millennia on, so are we. But (another word of advice): please sort out your attitude to *foie gras* before arriving. In the Dordogne, it crops up everywher

Briefly summarise the following areas in France and what sort of holiday you would expect in each area. Each summary should be no more than 30 words.

Côte-d'Azur

Provence

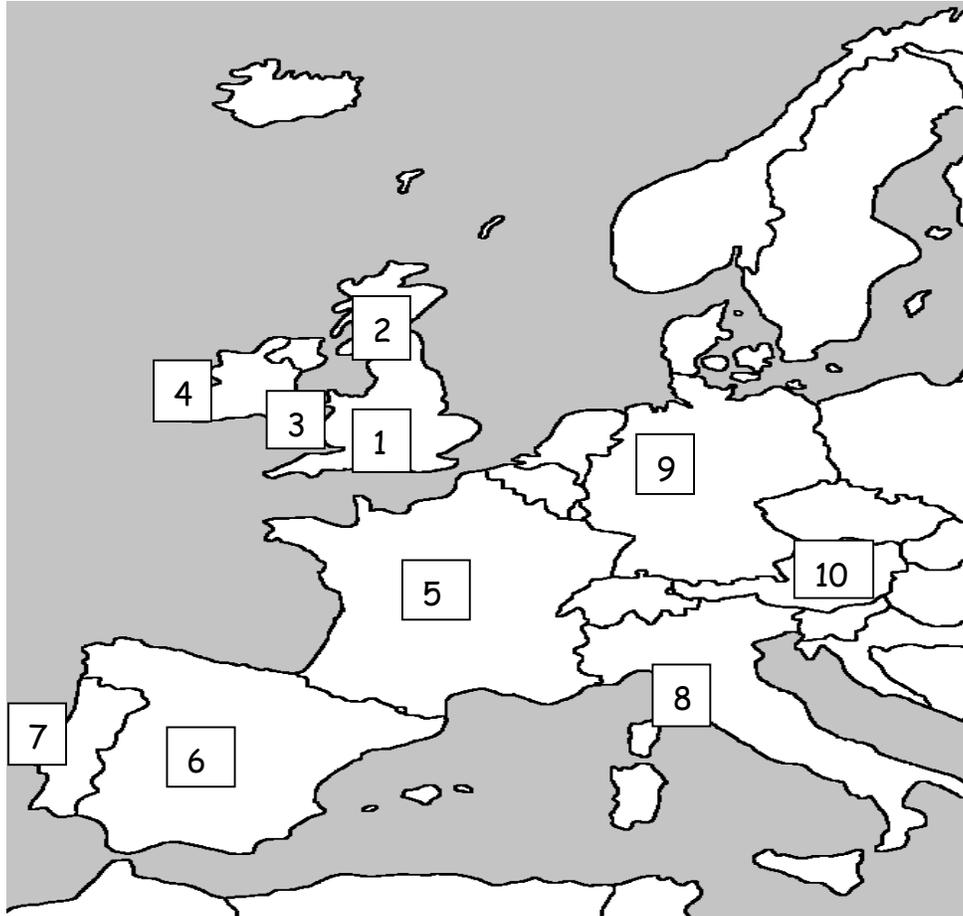
The North

Burgundy



Exercise 1

Here is a map of Western Europe. Label each numbered country with the correct French name.



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| 1 | | 6 | |
| 2 | | 7 | |
| 3 | | 8 | |
| 4 | | 9 | |
| 5 | | 10 | |

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|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| l'Espagne | la France | le Portugal | l'Italie | le Pays de Galles |
| l'Irlande | l'Écosse | l'Autriche | l'Allemagne | l'Angleterre |

Exercise 2

Match each nationality to the correct celebrity. If you don't know which country they come from look them up on the internet.

Make sure you pick the correct gender e.g. Victoria Beckham is anglaise, NOT anglais.



Nom: Cristiano Ronaldo

Nationalité : _____



Nom : Penelope Cruz

Nationalité : _____



Nom: Cheryl Cole

Nationalité : _____



Nom : Sebastien Vettel

Nationalité : _____



Nom: Alex Jones

Nationalité: _____



Nom: Audrey Tautou

Nationalité: _____

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|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| anglaise | gallois | grec | italien | allemande |
| français | portugais | espagnol | suisse | galloise |
| italienne | espagnole | allemand | portugaise | française |



Exercise 3

Are the following opinions positive or negative? Write them in the correct column along with what they mean in English.

| Positive | Negative |
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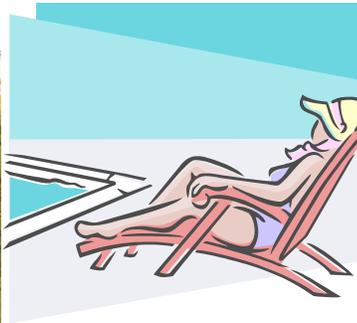
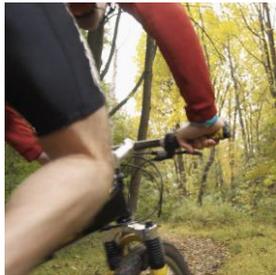
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|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| nul | fantastique | sale | bon pour la santé |
| atroce | ennuyeux | cher | dégoûtant |
| super | délicieux | intéressant | |



Exercise 4

Below is an advert for a holiday resort in France. It gives details of some of the facilities.

*Bienvenue au centre de vacances
Le bois dormant*



*Situé en pleine forêt, Le Bois Dormant vous
souhaite de très bonnes vacances chez nous.*

*On peut jouer au golf à neuf trous
aller au salle de jeux
visiter les boutiques
aller au salon de beauté
s'amuser dans la piscine et jacuzzi*

*Il y a aussi un terrain de boules
le tir à l'arc
la pêche sur lac*

List the facilities in English. (9 marks)

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Exercise 5

Daniel went on holiday during the summer and has written a short account of his trip to email to his friend who lives in France. **Read the email and answer the questions underneath in English.**

Salut Jamie

Pendant les vacances j'ai visité l'Espagne pour deux semaines. C'était super ! Je suis allé avec mes parents et nous avons pris l'avion.

Nous sommes restés dans un hôtel au bord de la mer. Il y avait une plage, une piscine, et des boutiques pour ma mère. J'ai fait du ski nautique et j'ai joué au tennis de table. On a fait une excursion en bateau mais c'était ennuyeux.

À mon avis l'Espagne est vraiment intéressante mais l'année prochaine je voudrais visiter l'Allemagne.

À bientôt

Daniel

1. Where did Daniel go on holiday? _____
2. How long did he go for? _____
3. Who did he go with? _____
4. What transport did they use? _____
5. Where did they stay? (2 marks) _____
6. What facilities and activities were there? (5 marks)

7. What did Daniel think of the boat trip? _____
8. Where would Daniel like to visit next year? _____



Exercise 6

Match the verb to its correct past participle (e.g. jouer - joué).

aller (to go)

parti(e)

jouer (to play)

lu

faire (to do)

visité

bronzer (to sunbathe)

resté(e)

rester (to stay)

pris

visiter (to visit)

bu

casser (to break)

allé(e)

partir (to leave)

fait

prendre (to take)

joué

lire (to read)

vu

boire (to drink)

bronzé

voir (to see)

dit

dire (to say)

cassé





Exercise 7

Below is a verb table for avoir (to have) to help you create some sentences in the past tense. The past (perfect) tense is formed in most cases by using the correct form of avoir plus the past participle (joué/regardé/etc).

Fill in the blanks on all of the sentences so that they make sense.

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|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;">avoir - to have</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J'ai - I have Tu as - you have Il/Elle a - He/She has Nous avons - We have Vous avez - you have (pl) Ils/Elles ont - they have</p> |
|---|

1. I played football. - J'ai joué au foot.
2. You played tennis. - Tu _____ joué au Tennis.
3. He watched television. - Il _____ regardé la television.
4. We bought some sweets. - Nous _____ acheté des bonbons.
5. You ate a pizza. (pl) - Vous _____ mangé une pizza.
6. They broke a window. - Ils _____ cassé une fenêtre.



Exercise 8

Use the answers to exercise 6 and the verb table in exercise 7 to write the following sentences in French.

1. I read a book - J'ai lu un livre
2. You drank a coke - Tu _____ un coca
3. We visited France - Nous avons _____ la France
4. They saw a film - Ils _____ un film
5. I did water-skiing - J'ai _____ du ski-nautique
6. You broke a window - Tu _____ une fenêtre
7. He played rugby - Il _____ au rugby
8. She ate a pizza - _____



Exercise 9

Read this text in the past tense and answer the questions below.

Il y a deux ans je suis allée en vacances avec ma famille aux États-unis. Nous sommes restés dans un hôtel au bord de la mer. C'était un grand hôtel luxueux avec une piscine. A mon avis l'hôtel était superbe. Dans ma chambre il y avait un balcon et une télé. Nous y avons passé deux semaines et nous avons voyagé en avion. Pendant les vacances j'ai écouté de la musique pendant j'ai bronzé. C'était relaxant. Aussi nous avons visité des sites touristiques, qui étaient très intéressants, après avoir mangé du pizza au restaurant.

1. Where did Aline go on holiday? -

2. How long did he go for? -

3. How did he travel? -

4. Who did he go with? -

5. What was his opinion of the hotel? (3 marks) -

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6. What activities did he do there? (4 marks) -

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Exercise 10

Match up the correct pictures (1-8) and the correct extras you might request in a hotel room (a-h).

Exemple: 1 e

Je voudrais une chambre ...

- a avec douche.
- b avec télé-satellite.
- c à deux lits.
- d avec balcon.
- e pour une personne.
- f avec vue sur la mer.
- g avec un grand lit.
- h pour deux nuits.



1. Je voudrais une chambre pour une personne (e)
2. Je voudrais une chambre
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.



Exercise 11a

This is a real advert from a French guide book to Edinburgh. **Circle every example of the imperative tense.** The imperative is used to give instructions or to persuade people. There are four examples.

'Officially Scotland's best attraction' VisitScotland



64 **THE ROYAL YACHT
BRITANNIA**
OCEAN TERMINAL, EDINBURGH

**10%
off ***
after 2pm and
not in August

Montez à bord
de la meilleure
attraction en Ecosse



- Explorez l'âme de cette résidence royale très originale
- Découvrez comment l'équipage dévoué vivait et travaillait à bord
- Visite audio-guidée des cinq ponts, disponible en 22 langues
- Détendez-vous dans le salon de thé du Pont Royal
- Stationnement gratuit à Ocean Terminal

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Exercise 11b

Find the following French phrases within the advert in exercise 11a.

The best attraction in Scotland -

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free parking -

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relax in the tea room -

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explore the soul of this royal residence -

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come on board -

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Self Assessment

- Fill in the boxes based on how you feel you have done in these exercises.
- Write your target/comment about how you feel you did.
- Get your parents to sign and comment on your progress.

| I can | Very well | Fairly well | Need more help |
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| match up French to English. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| find key language within a text. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| adapt a short passage of writing. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| understand the perfect tense. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| scan information correctly. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| write French from memory. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Student Comment:

My target for the next homework project is...
