



FRENCH MA FAMILLE  
HOME LEARNING  
YEAR 7



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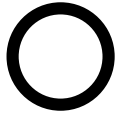
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Target:

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, listening and simple grammar or vocabulary.



Silver: All students 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 and vocabulary recognition.

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

## Reading Task:

Read the text below and complete the task below:

### Holidays and Celebrations in France

Holidays and celebrations in France play an integral part of the country's popular culture.

The French observe 11 official public holidays.

5 of them are **civil** holidays:

New Year's Day (Jour de l'An),

May Day (1er Mai or Fête du Travail),

Victory in Europe Day (Armistice du 8 mai 1945),

Bastille Day (Fête Nationale),

WWI Armistice Day (Armistice du 11 novembre 1918).

6 public holidays have a **religious** origin based on the Catholic faith:

Easter Monday (lundi de Pâques),

Ascension Day (Jeudi de l'Ascension),

Whit Monday (Lundi de Pentecôte),

Assumption Day (Assomption),

All Saints' Day (Toussaint),

Christmas (Noël).

In addition, people living in the two départements of Bas-Rhin and Haut-Rhin in **Alsace** and in the Lorraine département of Moselle enjoy two additional public holidays: Good Friday (Vendredi Saint), and St. Stephen's Day (Saint-Etienne - known as Boxing Day in English-speaking countries). This is due to historical reasons when the three départements were returned to France in 1918.

Christmas is a big event for the nation which is diversely celebrated whether you are in Paris, in Normandy or in Provence. People in the Alsace region festoon their homes with elaborate Christmas decorations. In Provence, it is tradition to serve 13 desserts on Christmas' Eve. In the Alps of Savoie, you may taste a delicious cheese-based dish such as fondue or raclette.

### Christmas in France

First of all, Christmas is a religious celebration that remembers the birth of Jesus-Christ in Bethlehem.

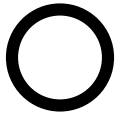
Then a great number of traditions have emerged such as the Advent wreaths and calendars, a great dinner on Christmas' Eve, presents and gifts, without forgetting Christmas trees! There are many stunning Christmas trees throughout France, but the ones of Strasbourg and Nancy are among the prettiest I've ever seen. Adorned in glowing lights, the twinkling Christmas trees are highlights that stand out during the festive season.

## The characters of Christmas

Finally, a number of characters have been created that continue traditional stories or folklore. There are many different regional characters: Saint-Nicolas, Père Fouettard, Christkindle, Hans Trapp, Tante Airie, Père Chalande... The recent addition to the list is Santa Claus, known as Père Noël in France.

Task: Select one of the festivals mentioned (but not Christmas because we are doing that in class) and find out 5 facts about it and record the information below:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Exercise 1 - Vocab recognition skill- identifying verbs

**Bronze:** Match the French family members to the English; you may use a dictionary or the internet to help if you need to.

Ma mère

My uncle

Mon grand-père

My Grandad

Ma soeur

My step-Dad

Mon demi-frère

My Auntie

Ma tante

My half-brother

Mon père

My sister

Ma cousine

My Mum

Mon beau-père

My step-sister

Ma demi-soeur

My female cousin

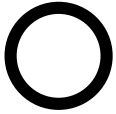
Mon oncle

My Dad

**Exercise 2 - Reading Skill - working out meaning from longer passages**

All read the text below about a girl describing her family.

Bonjour! Je m'appelle Sylvie et j'ai quatorze ans. J'ai les yeux bleus et les cheveux mi-longs, frisés et blonds. Je suis assez petite. J'ai un chat, qui s'appelle Mitsy. Elle a douze ans. J'ai aussi deux lapins. Ils sont noirs et blancs. Je n'ai pas de chien, parce que je n'aime pas les chiens. Ma mère s'appelle Anne. Elle a trente-cinq ans. Elle est très stricte. Mon beau-père s'appelle Robert. Il est sportif. J'ai un frère. Il s'appelle Paul et il a dix ans. J'ai une demi-soeur. Elle s'appelle Elodie. Elle est bavarde. J'aime ma famille!



**Bronze:** Identify 3 personality adjectives and 3 colours. Circle the words.



**Silver:** Circle all adjectives in the text.

**Silver:** Find the French in the above text for the following words:

curly	
blue	
small	
who/which	
chatty	
I don't like	



**Gold:** Answer the following questions about the text in English:

1) How old is Sylvie? \_\_\_\_\_

2) How does she describe her stepdad? \_\_\_\_\_

3) What is her brother called? \_\_\_\_\_

4) Who is chatty? \_\_\_\_\_

5) What does she say about her family (in the last sentence)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 3 - Writing skill**



**Silver:** Rewrite the text about Sylvie (above) changing **at least** 10 words. Write in French.



**Gold:** Write a short text about you and your family, using Sylvie's text as an example - include adjectives and simple connectives where possible. Write in French.

A large rectangular box with a black border, containing 15 horizontal lines for writing.





#### Exercise 4: Reading skills - working out meaning

**Bronze:** Translate the following sentences.



**Silver:** A verb is a 'doing' word. There is a verb in every sentence. Underline the verbs in each sentence.

1) J'ai deux chats.

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2) il a un frère

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3) elle s'appelle Céline

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4) nous avons douze ans

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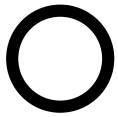
5) tu as un animal?

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**Gold:** Using the sentences above to help you - can you identify the different parts of the verbs avoir. Fill in the box below with the correct part of the verb 'AVOIR - to have'.

I	j'	
you	tu	
He/she	Il/elle	
we	nous	



**Exercise 5: Cultural Awareness Task - Writing text using research**

**Bronze:** Research le fête des rois and write 5 facts in your own words from your findings. Write in ENGLISH.

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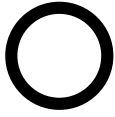
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**Silver:** Write a longer creative piece of writing, imagining you are a French child living in France and telling us about how you celebrate le fête des rois with your family. Try to use empathy and to express your opinions of the celebrations and try to make your description of events as detailed as possible. Write in ENGLISH. Continue on another piece of paper if necessary.



### Exercise 7 - Geography skills

**Bronze:** Label the French cities (listed in the box below) correctly on the map of France.

Paris	Nice	Bordeaux	Calais
Perpignan	Toulouse	Cannes	



**Silver:** Using an atlas or your knowledge label the countries that border France



