

The best way to revise for languages is to do it 'little and often'. It is not worth spending hours and hours memorising vocabulary – repeating small sessions of 15-30 minutes here and there on a regular basis has actually been proven to be the most effective way! You might want to devote certain times on certain days to things like tenses, vocab or GCQs.

6 Tips for the Listening Paper

- 1) Use your 5 minutes of reading time before the test wisely! Try to predict the words you might hear and write them next to the English. You might want to also underline/circle any important info in the questions.
- 2) Listen out for time phrases to help you work out which tense is being used.
- 3) Listen out for verb **endings** to also help you work out the tense.
- 4) Listen out for negatives to help you with questions where you have to identify problems or disadvantages etc.
- 5) Listen out for tone of voice! If a speaker sounds annoyed/surprised/upset/happy and you cannot understand the language, you might be able to guess the answer!
- 6) If you really don't know an answer, always guess and have a go!

6 Tips for the Speaking Paper

- 1) During the 12 minutes of preparation time, write your notes for the role play and photo card neatly, clearly and with the same bullet points.
- 2) Include ALL information asked for in the bullet points of the role play – each one is worth 2 marks!
- 3) Develop your sentences as much as possible for the bullet points of the photo card and make sure you give reasons for your opinions.
- 4) Listen carefully to the teacher during the test – don't just trust your notes and always use your finger to keep track of which bullet point you are being asked about.
- 5) Remember to ask the teacher a question during the General Conversation – about the topic you are speaking about of course!
- 6) Speak clearly and 'realistically' during the test and try to add as much detail as possible – it is always best to try to say something, even if you know it is a little inaccurate, than not to say anything at all!

6 Tips for the Reading Paper

- 1) Don't go straight to the questions without knowing what the text is about! Briefly read each text before you look at the questions about it – you will remember where you saw some of the answers!
- 2) Read the questions carefully!
- 3) Be conscious of the time – if you can't answer a question, come back to it later.
- 4) Look out for time phrases to help you work out which tense is being used.
- 5) Try to spot the endings of verbs to also help you decide on the tense.
- 6) Always make an educated guess when you don't know an answer.

6 Tips for the Writing Paper

- 1) Read the question carefully.
- 2) Make sure you answer ALL bullet points of the question and tick them off as you go.
- 3) Structure your writing using paragraphs – usually one per bullet point in the question.
- 4) Include AT LEAST 3 tenses in your answer – even if the bullet points mention only 2!

- 5) Check over your work to ensure that it is accurate and that you have answered the question.
- 6) Show off your French! The more detailed and complex your work is, the higher your grade will be! Include: connectives, opinions, reasons, adjectives, negatives, different pronouns, irregular verbs...