

# French GCSE Assessments Overview

The French GCSE has a Foundation tier (grades 1-5) and a Higher tier (grades 4-9).  
You must take all 4 papers at the same tier.

## Paper 1: Listening

**25%**

	F	H
<b>Section A:</b> Answer Questions in English	<b>32</b> marks	<b>40</b> marks
<b>Section B:</b> Dictation	<b>8</b> marks	<b>10</b> marks
<b>Total marks</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Exam duration</b> including 5 minutes reading time at the start and 2 minutes to proof-read at the end	<b>35</b> mins	<b>45</b> mins

## Paper 2: Speaking

**25%**

	F	H
<b>Role-play:</b> using the stimulus material	<b>10</b> marks 1-1.5 mins	<b>10</b> marks 1-1.5 mins
<b>Reading Aloud:</b> 5 or 6 short sentences to read, followed by a short unprepared conversation	<b>15</b> marks <b>35</b> words <b>2-2.5</b> mins	<b>15</b> marks <b>50</b> words <b>3-3.5</b> mins
<b>Photo card:</b> using the stimulus, followed by a short unprepared conversation	<b>25</b> marks <b>4-5</b> mins	<b>25</b> marks <b>6-7</b> mins
<b>Total marks</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total duration</b> in addition to the 15 mins supervised preparation time at the start	<b>7-9</b> mins	<b>10-12</b> mins

## Paper 3: Reading

**25%**

	F	H
<b>Section A:</b> Answer Questions in English	<b>40</b> marks	<b>40</b> marks
<b>Section B:</b> Translation from French into English	<b>10</b> marks <b>35</b> words	<b>10</b> marks <b>50</b> words
<b>Total marks</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Exam duration</b>	<b>45</b> mins	<b>60</b> mins

## Paper 4: Writing

**25%**

F	H
<b>Question 1:</b> 10 marks Write 5 sentences in French to describe a photo	<b>Question 1:</b> 10 marks Translation of sentences into French- 50 words
<b>Question 2:</b> 10 marks Write 50 words to answer 5 bullet points question	<b>Question 2:</b> 15 marks Write 90 words to answer a 3 bullet points question (choice from 2 questions)
<b>Question 3:</b> 5 marks 5 short grammar tasks	<b>Question 3:</b> Write 150 words to answer a 2 bullet points question (choice from 2 questions)
<b>Question 4:</b> 10 marks Translation of sentences into French- 35 words	
<b>Question 5:</b> 15 marks Write 90 words to answer a 3 bullet points question (choice from 2 questions)	
<b>Total marks</b> 50	<b>Total marks</b> 50
<b>Duration</b> 70 mins	<b>Duration</b> 75 mins