

Teaching guide: Grammar guide

For our new GCSE French specification (8652), students are required to use their knowledge of grammar as prescribed in the [DFE Subject Content](#). This grammar list is also provided in [our French specification](#).

Students are required to demonstrate both receptive and productive knowledge of the grammar (though the derivational morphology in the grammar list can only be included for Paper 3 Reading).

Students entering Higher tier assessments are required to apply all grammar listed for Foundation tier, in addition to the grammar listed for Higher tier.

This resource:

- supports you with preparing your students for the new exams
- focuses on the grammar requirements relating to verbs and the use of singular and plural forms at each tier
- summarises the requirements in relation to the different tenses at each tier.

We hope you find it useful.

Foundation tier

Tense	Present	Perfect	Near Future	Conditional 1, 2, 3 person singular	Imperfect 1, 2, 3 person singular	Imperative 2nd person singular and plural
ER verbs	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
IR verbs following the pattern of: <i>choisir, partir venir, ouvrir</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
RE verbs following the pattern of <i>entendre, prendre, traduire</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
High-frequency irregular: <i>boire, connaître, , courir, croire, écrire recevoir, rire, suivre, voir</i>	1,2,3 person singular only	1,2,3 person singular only	1,2,3 person singular only			2nd person singular only
High-frequency irregular: <i>avoir, être, aller, faire</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	Not <i>avoir, être</i>
Modal: <i>devoir, pouvoir, savoir, vouloir</i>	✓			<i>Vouloir</i> only		
Reflexives	1,2,3 person singular only	1,2,3 person singular only	1,2,3 person singular only		✓	

Higher tier

Tense	Present	Perfect	Near Future	Conditional	Imperfect	Imperative	Future tense	Present participle
ER verbs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1st person plural, 2nd person singular and plural	✓	✓
IR verbs following the pattern of: <i>choisir, partir</i> <i>venir, ouvrir</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	1st person plural, 2nd person singular and plural		✓
RE verbs following the pattern of: <i>entendre, prendre, traduire</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	1st person plural, 2nd person singular and plural		✓
High-frequency irregular: <i>boire, courir, croire, recevoir, rire, suivre, voir</i>	1,2,3 person singular only	1,2,3 person singular only	1,2,3 person singular only			2nd person singular only		
High-frequency irregular: <i>connaître, écrire</i>	✓	✓	✓		1,2,3, person singular	2nd person singular and plural (but not reflexives)		✓

Tense	Present	Perfect	Near Future	Conditional	Imperfect	Imperative	Future tense	Present participle
High-frequency irregular: <i>avoir, être, aller, faire</i>	✓	✓	✓	1,2,3, person singular	✓	2nd person singular and plural – <i>aller, être, faire</i> + 1st person plural – <i>aller</i> only	1,2,3 person singular	✓
Modal: <i>devoir, pouvoir, savoir, vouloir</i>	✓	✓		1,2,3 person singular - <i>vouloir</i> only				
Reflexives	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓