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| **Minor Award Name** | **French** |
| **Minor Award Code** | **3N0862**  |
| **Level** | **3** |

**Suggested resources to support delivery:**

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| **Theme/Topic** | **Type** | **Relevance** | **Author/Source** | **Web Link** |
| **Culture and customs** | Website  | **Commisceo Global** gives basic information on French culture, customs and etiquette, including facts and statistics about the country, including its size, location and population.  | Commisceo Global Consultancy Ltd | <http://www.commisceo-global.com/country-guides/france-guide>  |
| **Culture and customs** | Website  | **Kwintessential** provides facts and statistics about France’s culture, etiquette and customs, including its size, location and population.  | Kwintessential Ltd | <http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/resources/guides/guide-to-france-etiquette-customs-culture-business/>  |
| **Features of everyday life and social norms**  | Website and book extract  | **Justlanded.com** contains an article on social norms in France from an extract from the book ‘Living and Working in France’. The site also provides links to further reading on a wide range of topics related to living in France. Whilst not all reading material might be strictly relevant to the QQI Level 3 learning outcomes, it makes for some entertaining and enlightening reading.  | Author: David Hampshire. 11th Edition. Survival Books, Limited, 2017. | <https://www.justlanded.com/english/France/Articles/Culture/Social-customs-in-France>  |
| **Holidays and festivals**  | Website  | **Discoverfrance.net** gives detailed information and background to France’s main holidays and festivals. It provides links to other topics such as people of France and French cuisine as well.  | Editing, translation, and portions written by Ian C. Mills. Design and concept by Ian C. Mills and the Wharton Group.  | <http://www.discoverfrance.net/France/DF_holidays.shtml>  |
| **Current affairs** | Website  | **The Local.fr** is the largest English-language news network in Europe. The website provides a dynamic and entertaining blend of daily news, business and features, complete with images. This is a good website to browse through to pick up on the main current affairs in France at a glance.  | The Local fr - The Local Europe AB  | <https://www.thelocal.fr/>  |
| **Alphabet** | Website  | **LanguageGuide.org** presents the alphabet with audio for all the letters, and for letters with accents.  | LanguageGuide.org | <http://www.languageguide.org/french/alphabet/>  |
| **Introductory vocabulary**  | Website | The website **Europa Pages** offers a section called ‘Basic French Lesson - free French course for beginners’. It contains a variety of resources on a range of everyday topics such as: * greetings, introductions & courtesies,
* basic personal information,
* numbers ranging from 1-100,
* \*simple directions, and
* food and drink.

It includes phonic guidance, audio files and some excellent video links for many of the above topics. Some of the video links connect to other websites, such as <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/mafrance/> as listed below. Although a few of the links on Europa Pages do not work, this is still a very worthwhile resource to dip into. \*Note: Under ‘Asking for Directions’, it lists ‘straight ahead’ as ‘en face’. However, ‘straight ahead’ is ‘tout droit’ and ‘en face’ is ‘opposite’ or ‘across from’. As with any topic, it is always wise to double-check all resources for any potential errors.  | Europa Pages  | [http://www.europa-pages.co.uk/lessons/french.html](http://www.europa-pages.co.uk/lessons/french.html%20%20)   |
| **Introductory vocabulary**  | Video  | This **YouTube video** is from a French lesson from <https://learnfrenchwithalexa.com> which covers: * greetings,
* introductions,
* courtesies, and
* basic personal information.

On the above home site, there is an option to buy lessons. However, tutors and learners can watch additional videos with Alexa Polidoro for free on YouTube on a range of other topics. Videos such as this can be a rich resource for learners to be exposed to the sounds of the language as well as the written words. They can be watched repeatedly by learners outside of the classroom; they can also form the basis of role plays in the classroom. (Duration of video: 9 minutes and 53 seconds)  | Learn French with Alexa – ‘French Essentials - Volume 1’ | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hd0_GZHHWeE>  |
| **Numbers 1-100** | Website & videos  | **FrenchNumbers.org.uk** is a website focused solely on helping learners to learn how to spell and say French numbers. It includes the phonic pronunciation for each number. To make things easier, it breaks the numbers into smaller sections, each of which is accompanied by a short video which learners can watch to learn the correct pronunciation. \*Note: There is a spelling mistake on the website for the number ‘81’; it should read ‘quatre-vingt-un’ and not ‘quatre-**vinght**-un’. There is also a spelling mistake in the introduction in the smaller sections in English ‘but if **your** want to hear how it sounds’ (instead of ’you’). Nevertheless, it is a helpful website.  | French Numbers.org.uk | <http://www.frenchnumbers.org.uk>  |
| **Ordering food and drink**  | Website  | This article on **dummies.com** contains phrases with helpful phonetic guidance for:* mealtimes,
* ordering food and drink,
* menu items, and
* paying the bill.
 | Author: [Zoe Erotopoulos](http://www.dummies.com/?s=&a=zoe-erotopoulos) | <http://www.dummies.com/languages/french/how-to-order-food-in-french/>  |
| **Ordering food**  | Worksheet  | The website **French Teacher Resources** provides a helpful worksheet which covers food measurements and a conversation ordering food. The site contains a wide range of resources on a number of topics.  | French Teacher Resources  | <http://www.frenchteacherresources.com/ordering-food-in-french/>  |
| **Menus** | Website  | On the **Tes website**, tutors and learners can download a number of different menus, created by various authors, by simply logging in with Facebook or Google. Some menus are too advanced but there are examples of ones more suited to QQI Level 3. The site also provides links to other resources by the various authors; some are free whilst others have to be paid for.  | Author: lexilalas, Tes | <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/french-menu-3010066>  |
| **Sentence connectors**  | Video  | This **YouTube video** lists nine sentence connectors. It is accompanied by audio and gives examples of sentences with each sentence connector, with translations. The video is one of numerous French video audio lessons on: <http://youlearnfrench.blogspot.com/>(Duration of video: 2 minutes and 35 seconds)  | Author: Joella Andriantsivohony, youlearnfrench.blogspot.com/ French Lesson 47 – coordinating conjunctions Mais Ou Et Donc Car – Les conjonctions de coordination  | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_so5TzIcyKg>  |
| **Asking questions**  | Website  | These articles on **dummies.com** contain phrases with helpful phonetic guidance for: * asking basic questions,
* asking for repetition,
* asking the time,
* ordering in a restaurant, and
* practising numbers.
 | Authors: [Zoe Erotopoulos,](http://www.dummies.com/?s=&a=zoe-erotopoulos) [Dodi-Katrin Schmidt,](http://www.dummies.com/?s=&a=dodi-katrin-schmidt) [Michelle M. Williams,](http://www.dummies.com/?s=&a=michelle-m-williams) [Dominique Wenzel. 2nd Edition.](http://www.dummies.com/?s=&a=dominique-wenzel) [French For Dummies, with CD](http://www.dummies.com/store/product/French-For-Dummies-with-CD-2nd-Edition.productCd-1118004647.html).  | <http://www.dummies.com/languages/french/french-for-dummies-cheat-sheet/>  |
| **Exchanging familiar information**  | Video  | This **YouTube video** covers the following: * names and spelling of names,
* age and date of birth,
* where you live,
* family status,
* family – people you know,
* occupation/profession,
* nationality,
* personal interests,
* personal responsibilities, and
* lifestyle preferences.

(Duration of video: 4 minutes and 48 seconds)  | Creators: Jennifer & François Crespin, [lovelearninglanguages.com](http://www.lovelearninglanguages.com) | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZVVOiInBhg>  |
| **Prepositions of place**  | Video  | This **YouTube video** includes a number of prepositions and gives examples of their use in sentences. The accompanying images and translations are very helpful. (Duration of video: 3 minutes and 7 seconds)  | Creator: Cindy, frencheezee.com | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVzrdPd2w6w>  |
| **Breakdown in communication**  | Website  | **EnglishClub** is designed to help learners with English. However, under the heading ‘Gestures to Show you (or they) Don’t Understand:’, it outlines 5 methods to express non-understanding which can equally apply to French.  | EnglishClub | <https://www.englishclub.com/efl/survival/understand/>  |
| **Signs and notices in shops**  | Website  | On the **Tes website**, tutors and learners can download a set of 14 PowerPoint slides on ‘Signs you will see in French shops’. They are accompanied by questions.  | Author: Shabell, Tes  | <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/signs-and-notices-you-will-see-in-french-shops-11157520>  |
| **Signs and notices**  | Website  | **Frenchteacher.net** offers the option of ‘Free Resources’. Under ‘Resources - Samples’ and ‘Year 10-11’, tutors and learners can download ’50 signs to explain’ in Microsoft Word format, complete with answers. They are also available in PowerPoint slides. There is a wide range of additional resources available on this website; some are free and the rest are accessible upon subscription.  | Frenchteacher.net | <https://www.frenchteacher.net/free-resources/samples/>  |
| **Reading texts and audio**  | Website  | **The State Examinations Commission** website contains exam papers and marking schemes for the Junior Certificate French Ordinary Level exam. **Reading:** The website can be a very useful resource for dipping into for reading activities. The initial texts in each reading section of the exam paper are more level appropriate as the standard tends to get harder as the section progresses. Some texts can certainly be used or adapted as appropriate.  **Listening activities:** Again the initial listening activities in each section of the exam paper are more level appropriate as the standard tends to get harder as the section progresses. The sound files for the listening comprehensions are included on the site from the 2005 exams papers onwards.  | The State Examinations Commission | <http://www.examinations.ie/exammaterialarchive/>  |
| **Reading texts and audio**  | Book  | The **Junior Certificate French Ordinary Level EDCO Exam Papers** come in booklet form with an interactive language CD-ROM. Please see above notes.  | Publisher: The Educational Company of Ireland (Edco)  | <https://www.edco.ie/Edcos-Junior-Certificate-French-OL-Exam-Paper-plus-Listening-Comprehension-CD-Roms/Default.704.html>  |
| **Everyday vocabulary and basic grammar**  | Website  | **Frenchexperiment.com** contains free beginner French lessons with audio. The lessons cover such topics as: * numbers 1-100,
* question words,
* talking about your family,
* conversation fillers,
* telling the time,
* time phrases,
* days of the week,
* breakdown in communication, and
* basic grammar.

The lessons are presented in a comprehensive and often humorous way. It provides very useful links to another website ([www.rocketlanguages.com](http://www.rocketlanguages.com)) for supplementary and related vocabulary. There is also an option to sign up for a free weekly newsletter which contains further resources.  | The French Experiment  | <http://www.thefrenchexperiment.com/learn-french>  |
| **Everyday vocabulary** | Website  | The website **BBC** **languages** offers an array of topics related to languages, including French. For example, under ‘School languages’, there are resources for standard grade and primary grade French. Though it is aimed at children, most of the material is still appropriate for adult learners. The only drawback is that some of the short video tutorials do not seem to play outside of the UK.While some of the standard grade material is too advanced for QQI Level 3, there is a pool of resources here which can be accessed, some of which can be used or adapted for Level 3. It is a website to browse through for tutors.  | BBC | <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/> |
| **Everyday vocabulary** | Website  | The website **BBC French languages** contains courses and phrases, audio and video, vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, activities and tests on the French language.  | BBC | <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/>  |
| **Everyday vocabulary**  | Website and videos  | **Ma France** on **BBC** **languages** has 24 interactive French videos with optional English and French subtitles. Though aimed at beyond beginners, it provides exposure to the sights and sounds of France for learners. It also provides mini lessons on a variety of topics.  | BBC | <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/mafrance/>  |
| **General**  | Website | The **BBC GCSE Bitesize** website contains a range of activities and resources at foundation and higher level for listening, reading, speaking, writing and grammar. It covers topics such as: * traditional celebrations,
* directions,
* families,
* jobs,
* lifestyle and social issues,
* personal interests,
* telephone messages,
* adverts, and
* basic grammar.

It is principally geared towards the GCSE exams but is an extremely useful resource for QQI Level 3, for tutors, and for learners to use independently, especially the foundation level. The audio files are accompanied by transcripts and translations which make them an excellent resource. The section ‘French Audio Bites’ offers supplementary resources, including audio files and transcripts. Some of the material is too advanced for QQI Level 3 but this is where tutors can navigate the site and identify the resources which are appropriate; the support material in the form of transcripts and translations make this more accessible. The reading texts at foundation level are accompanied by activities, answers, tips and short recap tests.  The page has been archived and is no longer updated but it still contains an impressive collection of material and activities.  | BBC | <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/french/>  |
| **Vocabulary**  | Online dictionary  | **Collinsdictionary.com** is a useful online resource for tutors and learners for checking vocabulary and phrases. It offers both English-French and French-English options.  | Harper Collins Publishers Ltd (GB) | <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-french>  |

 **Useful Organisations:**

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| **Name** | **Contact Information** |
| Alliance Française Dublin | <http://www.alliance-francaise.ie>  |
| BBC - Active / Advice and Ideas | <http://www.bbcactivelanguages.com/TeachersHome/AdviceAndIdeas.aspx> |
| Duolingo  | <https://www.duolingo.com>  |

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| **MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses)** |
| Free access to online courses Search regularly for new courses and new start dates | <https://www.mooc-list.com/>  |