

GCSE French – Curriculum Overview

Module 1 – Qui suis-je? 8 weeks		GCSE theme: Identity and culture				
Learning Objectives	Vocabulary (Vocab sheet in brackets)	Grammar (Grammar sheet in brackets)	Assessment	Common Misconceptions	Careers Links	Employability Skills
Point de départ 1 (F and H, pp. 6–7) ● Revising family and describing people	● Members of family (V7) ● Personality (V6)	● Adjectival agreement (G8) ● The present tense of –er verbs (G5) ● <i>avoir</i> and <i>être</i> in the present tense (G3)				
Point de départ 2 (pp. 8–9) ● Revising places in town and activities	● Places in town (V27) ● Prepositions (V28) ● Time (V24)	● Definite and indefinite articles (G2) ● <i>aller</i> in the present tense (G3) ● The preposition <i>à</i> (G22)	Topic 1A speaking presentation: <i>Parle-moi de toi</i>			
1 A comme amitié (pp. 10–11) ● Talking about friends and what makes a good friend ● Using irregular verbs in the present tense	● Age (V2) ● Birthday (V3) ● Physical Description – recap (V5)	● Irregular verbs in the present tense (G3 and G7) ● The relative pronoun <i>qui</i>	Topic 1A Speaking Questions: 4) <i>Parle-moi de ton meilleur ami</i> 5) <i>C'est quoi un bon ami pour toi?</i>	Applying grammatical rulers to gender of nouns, adjectival position and agreement accurately in writing	Sociologist: https://www.unifrog.org/students/careers/keywords/sociologist	Aiming high Literacy Creativity Numeracy Leadership Independence Listening Communication Presenting Teamwork Problem solving Staying positive
2 C'est de famille! (pp. 12–13) ● Talking about family relationships ● Using reflexive verbs in the present tense	● Relationship with friends and family (V8)	● Possessive adjectives (G4) ● Reflexive verbs in the present tense (G6)	Topic 1A Speaking Questions: 1) <i>Parle-moi de ta famille</i> 2) <i>Tu t'entends bien avec ta famille?</i>	Conjugating irregular verbs in present tense		
3 On va voir un spectacle? (pp. 14–15) ● Making arrangements to go out ● Using the near future tense	● Activities (V9) ● Likes and dislikes (V. A) ● Opinions (V. B) ● Frequency (V. C)	● The near future tense	Topic 1A Speaking Questions: 3) <i>Tu vas faire quoi ce week-end avec ta famille?</i>	Possessive adjectives work differently in French and English		
4a Une sortie (Foundation pp. 16–17) ● Describing a day out ● Using the perfect tense with <i>avoir</i>	● Activities recap (V9) ● Time markers (V. D) ● Connectives (V. E)	● The perfect tense with <i>avoir</i> (G 9)		Combining tenses with accuracy		
4b Quelle soirée! (Higher pp. 16–17) ● Describing a night out with friends ● Using the perfect tense with <i>être</i>	● Relationship with friends and family (V8) ● Activities recap (V9) ● Connectives (V. E)	● The perfect tense with <i>être</i> (G 10)				
5 Il était une fois... (pp. 18–19) ● Talking about your life when you were younger ● Using the imperfect tense	● Activities recap (V9) ● Personality recap (V6)	● The imperfect tense				
6 La personne que j'admire (pp. 20–21) ● Discussing role models		● Using the present, perfect and imperfect tenses ● Using a variety of tenses	Topic 1A Speaking Questions: 6) <i>Qui est ton modèle?</i>			

• Using the present, perfect and imperfect tenses						
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Assessment: End of unit summative reading and listening test

Homework: Weekly homework using resources from the MFL drive, vocabulary revision on StudyStack

Module 2 – *Le temps des loisirs*

8 weeks

GCSE theme: Identity and culture

Learning Objectives	Vocabulary (Vocab sheet in brackets)	Grammar (Grammar sheet in brackets)	Assessment	Common Misconceptions	Careers Links	Employability Skills
Point de départ 1 (Higher, pp. 30–31) • Revising sport and music	• Sports (V11) • Music (V14) • Frequency (V. D)	• The verb <i>faire</i> • Using <i>jouer à</i> and <i>jouer de</i>				
Point de départ 2 (pp. 32–33) • Revising technology, films and TV	• Cinema (V13) • Technology (V16)	• Perfect tense – irregular verbs (V10)	Topic 1B speaking presentation: <i>Parle-moi de ton temps libre</i>			
1 Tu es plutôt foot, tennis ou basket? (pp. 34–35) • Talking about sport • Using <i>depuis</i> + the present tense	• Sports – recap (V11) • Likes and dislikes – recap (V. A) • Opinions – recap (V. B)	• <i>depuis</i> + the present tense	Topic 1B Speaking Questions: 1) <i>Est-ce que tu fais du sport?</i> 2) <i>Tu aimes la musique?</i>	Use of present tense with <i>depuis</i> (not past)		Aiming high Literacy Creativity Numeracy Leadership
2 Ma vie d'internaute (pp. 36–37) • Talking about your life online • Using the comparative	• Technology – recap (V16) • Social Media (V17)	• Irregular verbs in the present – recap (G7) • The comparative (G13a)	Topic 1B Speaking Questions: 4) <i>Que fais-tu quand tu es connecté?</i> 5) <i>Que penses-tu des réseaux sociaux?</i> 6) <i>Quels sont les dangers du portable ou d'Internet?</i>	Memorising irregular verbs in the present tense	Broadcast journalist: https://www.unifrog.org/students/careers/keywords/broadcast-journalist	Independence Listening Communication Presenting Teamwork Problem solving Staying positive
3 La lecture (pp. 38–39) • Talking about books and reading • More practice of the imperfect tense	• Reading (V15)	• The imperfect tense – recap (G15)	Topic 1B Speaking Questions: 3) <i>Tu aimes lire?</i>	Correct pronunciation of cognates and near-cognates (especially sports)		
4 Mes émissions préférées (pp. 40–41) • Talking about television programmes • Using direct object pronouns (<i>le, la, les</i>)	• Television (V15)	• Direct object pronouns (G20)		Correct conjugation of irregular verbs in the present tense		
5a Une soirée entre amis (pp. 40–41) • Talking about a night out with friends • More on the perfect tense	• Opinions – recap (V. B) • Time markers (V. D) • Connectives (V. E)	• The perfect tense with <i>être</i> – recap (G10)				
5b Zoom sur le cinéma (pp. 42–43) • Talking about actors and films • Using superlative adjectives	• Cinema (V13)	• The superlative (G13b)				

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Module 3 – Jours ordinaires, jours de fête

8 weeks

GCSE theme: Identity and culture

Learning Objectives	Vocabulary (Vocab sheet in brackets)	Grammar (Grammar sheet in brackets)	Assessment	Common Misconceptions	Careers Links	Employability Skills
Point de départ 1 (pp. 52–53) • Talking about food and meals	• Food and Drink (V18) • Quantities (V19)	• The partitive article (G2) • The irregular verbs <i>boire</i> and <i>prendre</i> + <i>il faut</i> (G7) • Recap : <i>à + le = au</i> (G1)	Topic 1C speaking presentation: <i>Parle-moi de ton régime alimentaire</i>			
Point de départ 2 (pp. 54–55) • Discussing and shopping for clothes	Clothes (V22)	• Recap : Adjectives agreement (G8) • Irregular verb : <i>mettre</i> (G7) • Subject and object pronouns (G 20)				
1 C'est bientôt dimanche? (Foundation, pp. 56–57) • Describing your daily life • Using <i>pouvoir</i> and <i>devoir</i>	• Daily Routine (V23) Time (V23)	• Modal verbs <i>pouvoir</i> and <i>devoir</i> (G7) • Using <i>chez</i>	Topic 1C speaking questions: 1) <i>Décris une journée typique pour toi</i>	Correct use of the partitive article		Aiming high Literacy Creativity Numeracy Leadership Independence Listening Communication
2 Vous faites quelle taille? (pp. 56–57) • Shopping for clothes • Using <i>quel(s)/quelle(s)</i> and <i>ce/cet/cette/ces</i>	• Clothes (V24, second side)	• Interrogative adjectives <i>quel / quelle / quels / quelles</i> • Demonstrative adjectives <i>ce / cet / cette / ces</i> (G17)	Topic 1C speaking questions: 4) <i>Tu aimes porter quoi le week-end?</i>	Combination of preposition <i>à</i> and nouns	Fashion designer: https://www.unifrog.org/students/careers/keywords/fashion-designer	
3 On peut se tutoyer? (pp. 60–61) • Using polite language • Asking questions in the <i>tu</i> and <i>vous</i> forms	• Healthy Living (V21)	• Forming questions in the <i>tu</i> and <i>vous</i> forms • Switching between <i>tu</i> and <i>vous</i>		Agreement of interrogative and demonstrative adjectives Word order when forming questions		Presenting Teamwork Problem solving Staying positive
4 Félicitations! (pp. 62–63) • Describing family celebrations • Using <i>venir de</i> + infinitive	• Festivals and celebrations (V25)	• <i>Venir de</i> + infinitive • Using <i>il y a</i> (there is /are .. ago)	Topic 1C speaking questions: 3) <i>C'est quoi, ta fête préférée?</i>			
5 C'est la fête! (pp. 64–65) • Describing festivals and traditions • Using a combination of tenses	Festivals and celebrations (V25)	• Using time phrases and dates • Using a combination of tenses	Topic 1C speaking questions: 2) <i>Comment vas-tu fêter ton prochain anniversaire?</i> 5) <i>Parle-moi d'une occasion spéciale que tu as fêtée en famille.</i>			

Assessment: End of unit summative reading and listening test

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Module 4 – De la ville à la campagne

8 weeks

GCSE theme: Local area, holiday and travel

Learning Objectives	Vocabulary (Vocab sheet in brackets)	Grammar (Grammar sheet in brackets)	Assessment	Common Misconceptions	Careers Links	Employability Skills
Point de départ 1 (Foundation, pp. 72–73, Higher pp.74-75) • Talking about where you live, weather and transport	• Where you live (V. 26) • What you can do in your town • Weather (V. 31) • Transport (V. 32)	• <i>Pouvoir</i> recap		Pronunciation of key words <i>dans, ville, on peut</i>	Historian: https://www.unifrog.org/students/careers/keywords/historian	Aiming high Literacy Creativity Numeracy

Point de départ 2 (pp. 76–77) ● Describing a town and asking the way	● Places in town (V. 27) Directions (V. 28)	● The imperative ● Negative		Negating sentences using negative phrases Translating phrases with the pronoun <i>y</i> to and from English Combining tenses	t/careers/keywords/historian	Leadership Independence Listening Communication Presenting Teamwork Problem solving Staying positive
1 Ma région est top! (pp. 78–79) ● Describing a region ● Using the pronoun <i>y</i>	● Where you live (V26) – reinforcement What you can do in your region (V. 29)	● The pronoun <i>y</i>	Topic 2A speaking presentation: <i>Parle-moi de là où tu habites</i>			
2 Ville de rêve ou ville de cauchemar? (pp. 80–81) ● Talking about your town, village or district ● Using negatives	● Advantages and disadvantages (V. 30) ● Places in town (V. 27) – reinforcement, focus on negatives	● Negatives ● Listening for synonyms				
3 C'est pour un renseignement... (pp. 82–83) ● Discussing what to see and do ● Asking questions using <i>quel/quelle/quels/quelles</i>	● Directions (V. 28) – reinforcement	● Asking questions using <i>quel</i> ● Making your speaking more authentic	Topic 2A speaking questions: 1- <i>Qu'est-ce qu'il y a à faire dans ta région ?</i> 2- <i>Quels sont les inconvénients de ta ville /ta région ?</i> 3- <i>Tu vas faire quoi ce week-end ?</i> 4- <i>Tu préfères habiter en ville ou à la campagne ?</i>			
4 Il fera beau demain? (pp. 84–85) ● Discussing plans and the weather ● Using the future tense	● Weather (V. 31) – reinforcement ● Activities (V. 9) in the future tense	● The future tense (G 14)	Topic 2A speaking questions: 5- <i>La météo est comment dans ta région ?</i> 6- <i>Tu vas comment à l'école ?</i>			
5 En pleine action! (pp. 86–87) ● Describing community projects ● Using the present, perfect and future tenses		● The present, perfect and future tenses ● Answering target language questions				

Assessment: End of unit summative reading and listening test

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Module 5 – *Le grand large...* 8 weeks

GCSE theme: Local area, holiday and travel

Learning Objectives	Vocabulary (Vocab sheet in brackets)	Grammar (Grammar sheet in brackets)	Assessment	Common Misconceptions	Careers Links	Employability Skills
Point de départ 1 (pp. 96–97) ● Talking about what you normally do on holiday	● Countries and Cities (V. 33) ● Transport (V. 32)	● Reflexive verbs – present tense		User of reflexive and non-reflexive verbs together	Hotel manager: https://www.unifrog.org/students/careers/keywords/hotel-manager	Aiming high Literacy Creativity Numeracy Leadership Independence Listening Communication Presenting
Point de départ 2 (pp. 98–99) ● Talking about holidays (past, present and future)	Time Markers (V. C)	● Using different time frames ● Looking and listening for time expressions and tenses ● Talking about the future	Topic 2B speaking presentation: <i>Parle-moi de tes vacances</i> Topic 2B speaking questions: 6- <i>Tu as des projets de vacances ?</i>	Correct spelling and pronunciation of verbs in the conditional		

1 Des vacances de rêve (pp. 100–101) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking about an ideal holiday• Using the conditional		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The conditional• Making your answers sound authentic		Agreement of past participle when using pronominal verbs and être as an auxiliary		Teamwork Problem solving Staying positive
2 Les hôtels, mode d'emploi ... (pp. 102–103) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Booking and reviewing hotels• Using reflexive verbs in the perfect tense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation (V. 34)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflexive verbs in the perfect tense	Topic 2B speaking questions: 1- La dernière fois que tu es allé en vacances, c'était où ?	Combining tenses in writing and speech		
3 Bon appétit! (pp. 104–105) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ordering in a restaurant• Using <i>en</i> + the present participle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eating at a restaurant (V. 20) - reinforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the formal form <i>vous</i>• <i>en</i> + the present participle	Topic 2B speaking questions: 4- Tu es sorti(e) au restaurant pendant tes vacances ?			
4 En route! (pp. 106–107) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking about travelling• Using <i>avant de</i> + the infinitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport (V. 32) - reinforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>avant de</i> + the infinitive• Using <i>si</i> + imperfect tense + conditional	Topic 2B speaking questions: 2- Tu as voyagé comment ?			
5 Mes vacances (pp. 98–99) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saying what you do and did on holiday• Using the present and perfect tenses	Holiday Activities (V. 35)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflexive verbs in the past• Using the present and perfect tenses together	Topic 2B speaking questions: 3- Tu as fait quoi pendant tes vacances ? 5- Il faisait quel temps ?			
6 C'était catastrophique! (pp. 110–111) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking about holiday disasters• Using the pluperfect tense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holiday Activities (V. 35) - reinforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The pluperfect tense• Past participles of modal verbs				

Assessment: End of unit summative reading and listening test

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**Module 6 – Au collège...
8 weeks**

GCSE theme: School

Learning Objectives	Vocabulary (Vocab sheet in brackets)	Grammar (Grammar sheet in brackets)	Assessment	Common Misconceptions	Careers Links	Employability Skills
Point de départ (pp. 120–121) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revising school subjects and talking about your timetable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School subjects (V. 38)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the definite article	Topic 3A speaking questions: 3- Quelles sont tes matières préférées?	Using the correct gender of definite article for each noun	ESL teacher: https://www.unifrog.org/students/careers/keywords/esl-teacher	Aiming high Literacy Creativity Numeracy Leadership Independence Listening Communication Presenting
1 Mon bahut (pp. 122–123) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking about your school• Using the pronouns <i>il</i> and <i>elle</i>	My school (V. 36)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comparisons• Working out the meaning of new words• Present tense: the third person singular	Topic 3A speaking presentation: <i>Parle moi de ton collège</i>	Tackling complex texts with unknown language		
2 L'école chez nous, l'école chez vous (pp. 124–125) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comparing school in the UK and French-speaking countries	My school (V. 36) - reinforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present tense: the third person plural• Using sound-spelling links to work out meaning• Inferring answers from a text	Topic 3A speaking questions: 4- Parle moi d'une journée typique au collège	High accuracy in translation		Teamwork Problem solving Staying positive

• Using the pronouns <i>ils</i> and <i>elles</i>						
3 Liberté, égalité, fraternité? (pp. 126–127) • Discussing school rules • Using <i>il faut</i> and <i>il est interdit de</i>	• School Rules (V. 39)	• Using <i>il faut</i> and <i>il est interdit de</i> • Listening to see if someone agrees or disagrees • Watching out for negatives	Topic 3A speaking questions: 1- <i>Le règlement est strict dans ton collège ?</i> 2- <i>Qu'est-ce qu'il faudrait changer dans le règlement ?</i>			
4 Vive la scolarité! (pp. 128–129) • Talking about getting the best out of school • Using the imperative	• My Future plans (V. 40)	• Making your translations sound natural • The imperative • The future tense				
5 En échange (pp. 130–131) • Talking about a school exchange • Using past, present and future timeframes	• School trips and exchanges (V. 39)	• The pronoun <i>on</i>	Topic 3A speaking questions: 5- <i>Tu as participé à une sortie scolaire ?</i>			

Assessment: End of unit summative reading and listening test

Homework: Weekly homework using resources from the MFL drive, vocabulary revision on StudyStack

Module 7 – Bon travail!

8 weeks

GCSE theme: Future aspirations, study and work

Learning Objectives	Vocabulary (Vocab sheet in brackets)	Grammar (Grammar sheet in brackets)	Assessment	Common Misconceptions	Careers Links	Employability Skills
Point de départ (pp. 140–141) • Discussing jobs and work preferences	• Jobs (V. 42)	• Job nouns • Using job nouns • The conditional				
1 Quelle orientation t'attire? (pp. 142–143) • Discussing career choices • Saying ‘better/worse’ and ‘the best/worst thing’	Jobs (V. 42) – page 2	• Discussing career choices • Saying ‘better/worse’ and ‘the best/worst thing’	Theme 4A speaking questions: 1- <i>Quel genre de travail voudrais-tu faire à l'avenir ?</i> 2- <i>Et tes parents, ils font quoi comme métier ?</i>	Masculine, feminine and invariable forms of common job roles Using complex verb forms such as the perfect infinitive and the subjunctive Spelling of adverbs	Interpreter: https://www.unifrog.org/students/careers/keywords/interpreter	Aiming high Literacy Creativity Numeracy Leadership Independence Listening Communication Presenting Teamwork Problem solving Staying positive
2 Il faut que je fasse ça! (pp. 144–145) • Talking about plans, hopes and wishes • Understanding the subjunctive	Future plans (V. 40) - reinforcement	• The perfect infinitive • The subjunctive • Using the subjunctive to express wishes, thoughts, possibility or necessity	Theme 4A speaking questions: 4- <i>À part le travail, qu'est-ce que tu voudrais faire à l'avenir ?</i>			
3 Les langues sont un atout! (pp. 146–147) • Discussing the importance of languages • Using adverbs	• Languages (V. 44)	• Adverbs • Using useful expressions, e.g. <i>ne...aucun(e)</i> and <i>seulement</i> • <i>en</i> + the present participle	Theme 4A speaking questions: 5- <i>Parler d'autres langues, c'est important pour toi ?</i>	Combining past tenses		

4 Mon petit boulot (Foundation pp. 140–141) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking about how you earn money• Using the present, perfect and conditional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part-time job (V. 43)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using different tenses	Theme 4A speaking questions: 3- Tu as un petit boulot ?			
5 C'était une bonne expérience? (Foundation pp. 142–143) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussing work experience• Using the perfect and imperfect tenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work experience ((V. 41)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The perfect and imperfect tenses• Using qualifiers to make your speaking more interesting• Verbs followed by <i>à</i> or <i>de</i>	Theme 4A speaking presentation: Presentation : Parle moi de ton stage			

Assessment: End of unit summative reading and listening test

Homework: Weekly homework using resources from the MFL drive, vocabulary revision on StudyStack

Module 8 – *Un oeil sur le monde...*

8 weeks

GCSE theme: International and global dimension

Learning Objectives	Vocabulary (Vocab sheet in brackets)	Grammar (Grammar sheet in brackets)	Assessment	Common Misconceptions	Careers Links	Employability Skills
1 Notre planète (pp. 162–163) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussing problems facing the world• Making connections between word types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problems of the environment (V. 45a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making connections between word types	Theme 5A speaking presentation: <i>Les problèmes environnementaux</i>			
2 Protéger l'environnement (pp. 164–165) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking about protecting the environment• Using the modal verbs <i>pouvoir</i> and <i>devoir</i> in the conditional	Protecting the environment (V. 45b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the modal verbs <i>pouvoir</i> and <i>devoir</i> in the conditional• Learning verbs in the infinitive form• Using a variety of tenses	Theme 5A speaking questions: 2 – quel est ton opinion sur le recyclage? 3 – qu'as tu fait pour aider l'environnement dans le passé? 4 – que feras-tu pour économiser l'électricité?	Understanding a recalling complex vocabulary and phrases Spelling, pronunciation and conjugation of modal verbs	Astronaut: https://www.unifrog.org/students/careers/keywords/astronaut	Aiming high Literacy Creativity Numeracy Leadership Independence Listening Communication Presenting Teamwork Problem solving Staying positive
3 D'où vient ton tee-shirt? (pp. 166–167) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussing ethical shopping• Using the passive	Ethical Shopping (V. 47)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The passive• Making your French sound more authentic <p><i>Les produits pas chers sont souvent fabriqués dans des conditions inacceptables.</i> <i>Le tissu a été fabriqué...</i> <i>Ton tee-shirt sera vendu...</i> <i>Les ouvriers sont sous-payés et exploités.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>On devrait boycotter les grandes marques.</i>	Theme 5A speaking questions: 5 – quel est le problème le plus grave dans le monde selon toi?	Awareness and knowledge of global production Identifying subject, object and verbs in a sentence Distinguishing between direct and indirect objects		
4 Je suis solidaire (pp. 168–169) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking about volunteering• Using indirect object pronouns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charity organisations and charity work (V. 46)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indirect object pronouns• Manipulating language to make it your own <p><i>Tu lui offres un café.</i> <i>Tu leur rends visite.</i> <i>Ça me donne le sentiment d'être utile.</i></p>	Theme 5A speaking questions: 6 - Tu voudrais faire du travail bénévole dans le futur? Pourquoi (pas)? 7 Quels sont les problèmes pour les sans-abri? 8 Qu'est-ce que tu as fait pour aider les autres?			

		<i>C'est important de participer à la vie en société</i>			
5 Les grands événements (pp. 170–171) ● Discussing big events ● Giving arguments for and against	● Big events and big festivals (V. 48)	● Giving arguments for and against	Therme 5A speaking questions: 9 - Quels sont les avantages des grands événements sportifs?		