

French - Mes vacances - My holidays

Year 8

Term 5



(1) Week 1 and 2 Vocabulary

<u>Week 1:</u>	<u>Week 2:</u>
normalement	normally
tous les ans	every year
nous allons	we go
en Angleterre	to England
en Algérie	to Algeria
en Belgique	to Belgium
en Espagne	to Spain
en France	to France
en Grèce	to Greece
en Italie	to Italy
en Suisse	to Switzerland
aux États-Unis	to the USA
au Portugal	to Portugal
à la mer	to the sea
à la campagne	to the countryside
à la montagne	to the mountain

(2) Week 3 and 4 Vocabulary

<u>Week 3:</u>	<u>Week 4:</u>
à l'avenir	in the future
dans le futur	in the future
Demain	tomorrow
l'année prochaine	next year
la semaine prochaine	next week
Je vais...	I'm going...
bronzer	to tan
déguster	to taste
dîner	to dine/have dinner
me relaxer	to relax
me reposer	to relax
rester (dans)	to stay (in)
un appartement	in a flat
un gîte	in a country house
un hôtel	in a hotel
une tente	in a tent

(3) Week 5 and 6 Vocabulary

Week 5—Key phonics

Looks like:	Sounds like:
Qu	Kuh
An	On
Oi	Wah
Eu	Uh
Eau	Oh

Week 6:

après	afterwards
aussi	also
avant	before
cependant	however
d'abord	first
de plus	furthermore
ensuite	next
et	and
finalement	finally
mais	but
néanmoins	nevertheless
par contre	on the other hand
puis	then

Be careful: an –e, -es, -s, -d, -p, -s, -t, -x or –z on the end of a word is usually **SILENT**.

(4) Week 1 and 2 Grammar

Prepositions with countries and towns

The word 'to' or 'in' in French is complicated.

For towns we use 'à':
J'habite **à** Halifax -> I live in Halifax
Je vais **à** Madrid -> I go to Madrid

For **feminine** countries we use 'en':
Je vais **en** Belgique -> I go to Belgium
Tip: Feminine countries end in 'e' in French

For **masculine** countries we use 'au':
Je vais **au** Brésil -> I go to Brazil

Tip: Countries are masculine if they end in any letter except 'e' or 's'

For plural countries (e.g. the United States) we use 'aux':
Je vais **aux** États Unis - I go to the United States
Tip: Plural countries end in 's' in French

(5) Week 3 and 4 Grammar

The future tense

To form the future tense you follow the present tense of the verb 'aller' (to go) with **a verb in the INFINITIVE**:

e.g. **Je vais visiter**

I'm going to visit

Nous allons faire

We're going to do

aller - to go	
je vais	I go/I'm going
tu vas	you go/you're going
il/elle va	he/she goes/is going
nous allons	we go/we're going
vous allez	you go/you're going
ils/elles vont	they go/they're going

(6) Week 5 and 6 Grammar

The past tense

To put an –er verb in the perfect (past) tense you need three things:

1) The noun or pronoun (je/tu/il/elle/nous/vous/ils/elles).

2) The verb 'avoir' (to have) in the present tense.

3) A past participle (remove the –er and replace with –é).

For example: **Nous avons visité** -> We have visited

Careful: Some verbs have an irregular past participle.

Nous avons vu - We have **seen**

Some verbs take 'être' for step 2 instead of 'avoir':

Je **suis** allé - I went



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