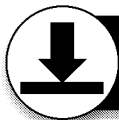




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Practice Papers

GCSE Edexcel Listening: Foundation



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Teacher's Introduction

These Practice Papers have been written to help your students prepare for the **Listening** examination for the GCSE Edexcel French **2024 specification**.

This pack contains three practice papers for **Foundation** tier. They have been designed in the style of the real Edexcel exam but with completely original content, including questions, transcripts and mark schemes.

Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

The papers contain all of the question types that appear in the new SAMs, so that students can revise effectively. Each paper includes Section A: Listening Comprehension and Section B: Dictation, totalling 50 marks.

How to use this resource:

Set the paper under exam conditions to give students an idea of what level they are working at. Go over the answers in class to identify strategies, such as:

- reading the questions and predicting plausible answers before listening to the recordings
- applying a mixture of grammatical awareness and common sense
- using the context to aid intelligent guessing

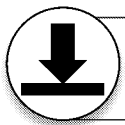
Students should be encouraged to note down, and learn, any new vocabulary from the questions they got wrong. The same paper could be set again after a couple of months, when students should aim to get 100%.

Each paper is provided in two formats: a write-on version, which typifies the format of the exam paper, and a non-write-on version, where students write the answers in their exercise books, designed to reduce photocopying.

Additional note:

Dictation is a new skill for the 2024 specification. Students should be encouraged to practise this in class and discuss specific techniques. ZigZag Education has a Dictation Skills Pack available to support knowledge and skill-building in this area. Specific instructions about permitted grammatical/morphological inaccuracies within the dictation element can be found in the exam board mark schemes, and we recommend these are referred to during marking.

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Cross-reference Grid

The grid below provides the subtopics covered that relate to the six thematic content areas of the 2024 specification:

1. My personal world
2. Lifestyle and wellbeing
3. My neighbourhood
4. Media and technology
5. Studying and my future
6. Travel and tourism

Paper 1		Paper 2		
Q1	Weather	Q1	Sport	Q1
Q2	In Town	Q2	At the Train Station	Q2
Q3	School Subjects	Q3	Watching TV	Q3
Q4	My Best Friend	Q4	My Sister	Q4
Q5	Films	Q5	Music	Q5
Q6	Future Job	Q6	Clothes Shopping	Q6
Q7	Protecting the Environment	Q7	The Eiffel Tower	Q7
Q8	Reading	Q8	Mental Health	Q8
Q9	The Restaurant	Q9	Gaming	Q9
Q10	The Ideal Holiday	Q10	At the Doctor's	Q10
Q11	Social Media	Q11	Holiday Destinations	Q11
Q12	Travel	Q12	Food and Drink	Q12

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Track Listings

Track	Edexcel Paper 2 – Listening and Understanding – Foundation
1	Introduction
2	Question 1: Weather
3	Question 2: In Town
4	Question 3: School Subjects
5	Question 4: My Best Friend
6	Question 5: Firms
7	Question 6: Future Job
8	Question 7: Protecting the Environment
9	Question 8: Reading
10	Question 9: The Restaurant
11	Question 10: The Ideal Holiday
12	Question 11(a): Social Media (Part 1)
13	Question 11(b): Social Media (Part 2)
14	Section B: Dictation: Sentence 1: Travel
15	Section B: Dictation: Sentence 2: Travel
16	Section B: Dictation: Sentence 3: Travel
17	Section B: Dictation: Sentence 4: Travel
18	Section B: Dictation: Sentence 5: Travel
19	Section B: Dictation: Sentence 6: Travel

Track	Edexcel Paper 2 – Listening and Understanding – Foundation
20	Question 1: Sport
21	Question 2: At the Train Station
22	Question 3: Watching TV
23	Question 4: My Sister
24	Question 5: Music
25	Question 6: Clothes Shopping
26	Question 7: The Eiffel Tower
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Track	Edexcel Paper 2 – Listening and Understanding – Foundation
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45	Question 8: Travel
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54	Section B: Dictation: Sentence 5: At Home
55	Section B: Dictation: Sentence 6: At Home

Teacher's note:

Before starting the first track for a mock exam, students should be given 5 minutes time. All tracks include the correct number of pauses and repetitions.

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ZigZag Practice Exam

Supporting GCSE (9–1) Edexcel French: 2024

French Listening Examination

Foundation Tier: Practice Paper 1

Name

Time allowed: 45 minutes

5 minutes: reading time

40 minutes: exam time

The maximum mark for this paper is 50

Information:

- Answer each question in the space provided.
- Use a pen to write your answers.
- Answer all questions in both sections.
- In **Section A**, answer the questions in **English**.
- In **Section B**, complete the dictation in **French**.
- You must not use a dictionary.
- The number of marks available for each question is given in brackets. This should help you to plan your time.

Advice:

- You have 5 minutes to read the questions and the instructions before listening to the recordings.
You can use that time to take notes if you want to.
- The recording will be played three times. There will be a short pause between the recordings when you can read the questions again, and each will be followed by one, two or three beeps.
- You can write at any time during the test.

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SECTION A: LISTENING COMPREHENSION


Weather

1. The report is talking about the weather.

What does it say?

Listen to the recording and complete the reference by putting a cross ☒ in the


- a. In Paris, it is...

	A	cold
	B	average
	C	warm

- b. The weather in the north of France is...

	A	snowy
	B	cloudy
	C	sunny

- c. The weather in the south of France is...


	A	rainy
	B	foggy
	C	windy

In Town

2. Clara is talking about her home town.

Which places does she mention?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in each one of the three correct boxes

	A	Town Hall
	B	Station
	C	Supermarket
	D	Beach
	E	Park
	F	Post Office

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School Subjects

3. Louis is talking about his school subjects.

What does he say?

Fill in the gap in each sentence using a word or phrase from the box below.

There are more words/phrases than you need.

	Chemistry	English
Art	strict	PE

- a. Louis' favourite subject is
- b. He only has once a fortnight.
- c. He thinks his History teacher is

My Best Friend

4. Emma is talking about her best friend.

What does she mention?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☐ in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

	A	pleasant
	B	chatty
	C	hard-working
	D	lazy
	E	intelligent
	F	sporty

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Films

5. Ahmed is talking about films.

What does he say?

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross ☒ in the


- a. Ahmed has always enjoyed...

	A	comedy series
	B	science-fiction films
	C	historical films

- b. Ahmed prefers watching films...

	A	at the cinema
	B	on TV
	C	on his laptop

- c. The last film Ahmed saw was...

	A	last year
	B	last night
	C	last Tuesday

- d. Ahmed liked it because of the...

	A	acting
	B	special effects
	C	storyline

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Future Job


6. Nathan is talking about his future career.

What does he say?

Listen to the recording and complete the following table in **English**.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

a.

	Nathan's preferred future career

b.

Why Nathan would like to do that job

c.

What Nathan wouldn't like about it

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Protecting the Environment

7. Sylvie is talking about what she does at home to protect the environment.

What does she say?

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross ☒ in the


- a. Sylvie...

	A	puts out the bins
	B	reduces energy at home
	C	goes to school by bike

- b. Her parents refuse to...

	A	travel to work by bus
	B	take the train on holiday
	C	buy an electric car

- c. In the future, Sylvie intends to...

	A	protect the forests
	B	use public transport
	C	buy local produce

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Reading

8. Alessandro's mother is talking about her son's love of reading.

What does she say?

Fill in the gap in each sentence using a word or phrase from the box below.

There are more words/phrases than you need.



library
stories
educational

bookshop
science-fiction
exciting

internet
magazines
cooking

- Alessandro always gets books from the
- Before going to bed, Alessandro prefers to read
- Alessandro is not interested in reading
- Alessandro's brother thinks that reading is
- is Alessandro's favourite pastime.

The Restaurant

9. Listen to the following advert for the restaurant 'des Anglais'.

What is mentioned?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☐ in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

A	drinks
B	service
C	location
D	desserts
E	local produce
F	price

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The Ideal Holiday

10. Fathia, Jade and Théo are talking about their ideal holidays.

What do they say?

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross ☒ in the


a. Fathia is going to Martinique.

	A	in summer
	B	at Christmas
	C	next year

b. Fathia is going away for the...

	A	hiking
	B	swimming
	C	shopping

c. Jade would always go on holiday...

	A	to the beach
	B	to the city
	C	to the mountains

d. According to Théo, the beach helps him to...

	A	get a tan
	B	keep fit
	C	rest

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Social Media

11. a. Lucie is talking about social media.

What does she say?

Listen to the recording and answer the following questions in **English**.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

- (i) How often does she message her friends on social media?



- (ii) What problem does Lucie face due to social media?

- b. Raphaël and Yanis are talking about the advantages and disadvantages of social media.

What do they say?

Listen to the recording and complete the following tables in **English**.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

- (i) Raphaël:

advantage
disadvantage

- (ii) Yanis:

advantage
disadvantage

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SECTION B: DICTATION

12. You are going to hear someone talking about travel.

Sentences 1–3: write down the missing words in the gaps provided. In each gap, write only one word in French.

Example: Le train est confortable.

1. Je aux

2. Les sont trop

3. Elle en

Sentences 4–6: write down the full sentence that you hear in the space provided.

Example: Le voyage est rapide.

4.

5.

6.

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ZigZag Practice Exam

Supporting GCSE (9–1) Edexcel French: 2024

French Listening Examination

Foundation Tier: Practice Paper 1 Non-write on Version

Time allowed: 45 minutes

5 minutes: reading time

40 minutes: exam time

The maximum mark for this paper is 50.

Information:

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- Answer all questions in both sections.
- In Section A, answer the questions in **English**.
- In Section B, complete the dictation in **French**.
- You must not use a dictionary.
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SECTION A: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Weather

1. The report is talking about the weather. What does it say?

Listen to the recording and write A, B or C for each question.

- a. In Paris, it is... (1)
 A cold
 B average
 C warm
- b. The weather in the south of France is... (1)
 A snowy
 B cloudy
 C sunny



In Town

2. Clara is talking about her home town. Which places does she mention?

Listen to the recording and identify the **three** correct answers.

A	Town Hall	D	Museum
B	Station	E	Park
C	Supermarket	F	Post Office

School Subjects

3. Louis is talking about his school subjects. What does he say?

Write the word or phrase from the box below which fits in the gap of each sentence.

There are more words/phrases than gaps.

Chemistry	English	funny	Art	strict
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- a. Louis' favourite subject is
- b. He only has once a fortnight.
- c. He thinks his History teacher is

My Best Friend

4. Emma is talking about her best friend. What does she mention?

Listen to the recording and identify the **three** correct answers.

A	shy	D	lazy
B	chatty	E	intelligent
C	hard-working	F	sporty



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Films

5. Ahmed is talking about films. What does he say?

Listen to the recording and write A, B or C for each question.

- a. Ahmed has always enjoyed... (1)
A comedies
B science-fiction films
C historical films
- b. Ahmed prefers watching films... (1)
A at the cinema
B on TV
C on his laptop
- c. The last film Ahmed watched...
A last week
B last night
C last Tuesday
- d. Ahmed liked it...
A acting
B special effects
C storyline

Future Job

6. Nathan is talking about his future career. What does he say?

Listen to the recording and write your answers in **English**. You do not need to write more than one word.

- a. Nathan's preferred future career...
b. Why Nathan would like to do that job...
c. What Nathan wouldn't like about it...

Protecting the Environment

7. Sylvie is talking about what she does at home to protect the environment. What does she say?

Listen to the recording and write A, B or C for each question.

- a. Sylvie... (1)
A takes out the bins
B reduces energy at home
C goes to school by bike
- b. Her parents refuse to... (1)
A travel to work by bus
B take the train on holiday
C buy an electric car

Reading

8. Alessandro's mother is talking about her son's love of reading. What does she say?

Write the word or phrase from the box below which fits in the gap of each sentence. Use each word/phrase only once.

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science-fiction magazines educational exciting

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A this summer
B at Christmas
C next year
- b. Fathia is going away for the... (1)
A hiking
B swimming
C shopping
- c. Jade would always go... (1)
A to the beach
B to the city
C to the mountains
- d. According to Théo... (1)
A get a tan
B keep fit
C rest

Social Media

11. a. Lucie is talking about social media. What does she say?
Listen to the recording and answer the questions in **English**. You do not need to write in full sentences.
 (i) Why does Lucie message her friends on social media?
 (ii) What problem does Lucie face due to social media?

- b. Raphaël and Yanis are talking about the advantages and disadvantages of social media.
Listen to the recording and write one advantage and one disadvantage for each person. You do not need to write in full sentences.
- (i) Raphaël: (2)
 • Advantage
 • Disadvantage
- (ii) Yanis: (2)
 • Advantage
 • Disadvantage

SECTION B: DICTATION

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 1. Je ... aux ...
 2. Les ... sont trop ...
 3. Elle ... en ...
 Sentences 4–6: write down the full sentence that you hear in French.
 Example: Le voyage est rapide.

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Transcript

Section A: Listening Comprehension

Track	Question 1: Sport		
20	Narrator	M1	Louis ?
	Louis	M2	Mon sport préféré c'est le tennis.
	Narrator	M1	Emma ?
	Emma	M2	J'aime bien faire du vélo.
	Sylvie	M1	Sylvie ?
	Sylvie	F2	La natation c'est ma passion. J'adore la piscine.

Track	Question 2: At the Train Station		
21	Narrator	M1	Le train pour Paris va partir à 19h30. Si vous voyagez, allez au point de départ numéro 1. Dans le train, on peut acheter des cafés.

Track	Question 3: Watching TV		
22	Marie	F1	Le soir, après l'école, j'aime me reposer devant la télévision. J'aime les séries de science-fiction car je les trouve intéressantes. Les adultes disent que j'ai seulement droit à deux heures de télévision par semaine, mais ce n'est pas assez.

Track	Question 4: My Sister		
23	Sarah	F1	Ma sœur est plus jeune que moi. Elle a le même âge que moi. Je m'entends très bien avec elle, même si, de temps en temps, elle est un peu assez folle.

Track	Question 5: Music		
24	Narrator	M1	Quelle sorte de musique préférez-vous ?
	Marc	M2	Ma famille et moi aimons écouter de la musique.
	Narrator	M1	Comment est-ce que vous aimez écouter de la musique ?
	Marc	M2	Moi, j'écoute sur mon portable. Je l'ai acheté l'année dernière.
	Narrator	M1	Vous êtes une famille qui aime la musique ?
	Marc	M2	Mon oncle et sa meilleure amie sont chanteurs d'opéra.

Track	Question 6: Clothes Shopping		
25	Shop Assistant	F1	Bonjour madame. Quelle robe que vous cherchez ?
	Diane	F2	Pour son anniversaire, mon amie veut une robe rouge. Elle voudrait de nouvelles baskets pour courir. Elle aime les baskets blanches.

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Track	Question 7: The Eiffel Tower		
26	Sabrina	F1	Pour les touristes, le site le plus célèbre de Paris est fermée le vingt-cinq décembre seulement et le centre-ville. On y trouve un café et le prix d'entrée

Track	Question 8: Mental Health		
27	Rachid	M1	Pour être en bonne santé mentale, je pense qu'il faut dormir huit heures chaque nuit. Quand je suis en temps avec mon chat : avoir un animal peut être un bon moyen de se reposer, aussi j'adore faire le vendredi soir. Je trouve que me reposer à la campagne font toujours du bien.

Track	Question 9: Gaming		
28	Manon	F1	Chaque matin, je me lève tôt pour jouer à des jeux. Mais je déteste les jeux avec trop de violence. Mon seul sur sa console mais, tout simplement, je crois que les réseaux sociaux est beaucoup plus passionnant

Track	Question 10: At the Doctor's		
29	Docteur	M1	Mathis, comment allez-vous ?
	Mathis	M2	Je ne vais pas très bien. J'ai mal à la gorge et j'ai
	Docteur	M1	Nathan, qu'est-ce qui ne va pas ?
	Nathan	M3	Je ne peux pas dormir. Je vais toujours au lit de bon
	Docteur	M2	Mathis, êtes-vous malade ?
	Mathis	F1	Oui, j'ai mal au ventre et j'ai mal à l'oreille.

Track	Question 11(a): Holiday Destinations (Paris)		
30	Fatima	F1	Ma famille adore partir en vacances au bord de la mer parce que nous faisons de la natation et nous jouons

Track	Question 11(b): Holiday Destinations (Paris)		
31	Narrator	F1	Hugo ?
	Hugo	M1	Ma femme et moi préférons voyager à la montagne. Les sports d'hiver sont notre passion. Quand il neige, boire un chocolat chaud devant le
	Narrator	F1	Sofiane ?
	Sofiane	F2	Ce que j'aime le plus, c'est un week-end dans une ville à l'étranger. Je m'intéresse aux musées et j'adore cuisiner internationales.

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Section B: Dictation

Track	Question 12: Food and Drink		
32	Narrator	F1	Exemple : Il achète du pain.
	Narrator	F1	Sentence 1 Manger des légumes est sain.
33	Narrator	F1	Sentence 2 Le chou est délicieux.
34	Narrator	F1	Sentence 3 Ma mère adore les framboises .
35	Narrator	M1	Exemple : La cuisine est grande.
	Narrator	M1	Sentence 4 Le restaurant est ouvert.
36	Narrator	M1	Sentence 5 Je prends le déjeuner tard.
37	Narrator	M1	Sentence 6 Elle boit un café noir.

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Mark Scheme

SECTION A: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Question number	Answer
1(a)	A
1(b)	B
1(c)	C
2	B, D, E
3(a)	science-fiction
3(b)	exciting
3(c)	happy
4	C, D, F
5	C
5(a)	C
5(c)	A
5(d)	B
6(a)	a dress
6(b)	(her) step-brother
6(c)	white
7(a)	B
7(b)	A
7(c)	B
8(a)	sleep
8(b)	positive
8(c)	laughing
8(d)	party
8(e)	nature
9	A, C, E
10(a)	A
10(b)	A
10(c)	C
10(d)	C
11(a)	By the sea / seaside
11(b)	swim or play on the beach
11(c)	preferred holiday destination: mountains reason: winter sports / drinking hot chocolate (by the fire)
11(b)(ii)	preferred holiday destination: city / cities abroad reason: museums or international foods

SECTION B: DICTATION

Question number	Answer
1	manger / légumes
2	chou / délicieux
3	mère / framboises
4	Le restaurant est ouvert.
5	Je prends le déjeuner tard.
6	Elle boit un café noir.

Mark	Number
10	19–20
9	17–18
8	15–16
7	13–14
6	11–12
5	9–10
4	7–8
3	5–6
2	3–4
1	1–2
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