



Modern Foreign Languages

Recommended Reading and Websites

We recommend the following websites to encourage independent learning. Parents can also encourage children to learn vocabulary regularly and test them on it. Encourage an interest in the country whose language they are studying. Point them in the direction of TV programmes and newspaper articles on events happening in China, France or Germany. Foreign television programmes and radio stations can be accessed online.

FRENCH

- **The Mary Glasgow magazines** <https://maryglasgowplus.com/>
- **Online Audio Dictionary**
<http://french.about.com/od/vocabulary/a/audiodictionary.htm> - look up individual words for pronunciation guidance and meaning.
- <https://www.wordreference.com/>
- **Languages Online** languagesonline.org.uk
- **MYLO** www.hellomylo.com – Use the ‘I need the basics’ activities to revise key topic areas (and build your confidence!). The ‘I’d like a challenge’ activities are GCSE level. The listening activities all have transcripts, but try doing them without reading these first.
- **Zut!** <http://www.zut.org.uk/intermediate/year10.html> - This site is available for free apart from weekdays from 10am – 4pm. Listening and Reading exercises are divided into topic areas.
- **Really Useful French** <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/haberg/index.htm> - The site is broken down into individual topic areas (scroll down to access these).
- **BBC Bitesize** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize> - GCSE-style Listening and Reading questions that you can mark online. Do the Foundation as well as the Higher activities. The Grammar section is useful for those annoying little words (try *Pronouns* and *When, where and how much*)
- **French Revision** <http://www.frenchrevision.co.uk/> - The Intermediate section contains core GCSE vocabulary and some sample exercises from EdExcel.
- **Languages Online** <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/> - A variety of exercises. Try the ones under ‘Tricolore 4’ for a challenge!
- **Language-gym** <http://www.language-gym.com> – Great for topic revision and excellent grammar revision tasks

- **1jour1actu:** Online news report about what is going in France and in the world. You can access to the radio, what videos, read online newspaper and do quizzes
<https://www.1jour1actu.com/>
 - **Lyrics training:** Enjoy learning languages for free, watching music videos and filling in the lyrics of your favourite songs in French. Either choose the language at the top and browse for a song, or search directly the song you want to work on.
<https://lyricstraining.com/>
 - **Duolingo:** Learning with Duolingo is fun and addictive. Earn points for correct answers, race against the clock, and level up. <https://www.duolingo.com/>
 - **Ashcombe videos:** watch the videos and then complete the exercises:
<http://www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/07-langcoll/MFL-resources/french/fr-video-index.shtml>
 - **French Radio:**
 - **NRJ** www.nrj.fr – Pop and chart music with some talking – possibly best to have on in the background
 - **Le Mouv** <http://www.lemouv.fr/> - French equivalent of Radio 1. Podcasts also available at <http://www.lemouv.fr/podcasts>
 - **Radio France** <http://www.radiofrance.fr/> - a variety of stations, a bit like the BBC. Try **France Info** for news (don't expect to understand everything though!)
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GERMAN

- **BBC Bitesize** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize> - GCSE-style Listening and Reading questions that you can mark online. Do the Foundation as well as the Higher activities. The Grammar section is useful for those annoying little words.
 - **GUT:** - This site is available for free apart from weekdays from 10am – 4pm. Listening and Reading exercises are divided into topic areas.
<http://gut.languageskills.co.uk/index.html>
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 - **Zimflex:** interactive exam papers:
<http://www.zimflex.co.uk/German/Germanhome.html>
 - **Ashcombe videos:** watch the videos and then complete the exercises:
<http://www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/07-langcoll/MFL-resources/german/ge-video-index.shtml>
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MANDARIN

- **Duolingo:** Learning with Duolingo is fun and addictive. Earn points for correct answers, race against the clock, and level up. <https://www.duolingo.com/>

- **Slow Chinese:** For pronunciation, there is a website called 'slow Chinese', you can find audios with slow speed on this website. <https://www.slow-chinese.com/>
- **Chinese Dictionary:** For character writing, written Chinese dictionary is really good, you can find gif to show how to write every character. <https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/>
- **Chairman Bao:** Another website I will recommend is called 'Chairman Bao', it rewrite Chinese news in simple Chinese level (HSK 1 – 6) for learners. You can find something to read at your level. <https://www.thechairmansbao.com/>
- **Du Chinese:** An app called 'Du Chinese' is also good for pronunciation
- **Mandarin courses:** You can also find Mandarin courses on [edx.com](https://www.edx.org) and [couseara.com](https://www.coursera.com), many beginner courses are free <https://www.edx.org/course/mandarin-chinese-first-steps-in-chinese>
- **'Chinesepod'** is a good website for practice listening, but it's not free.
- **Quizlet** Students can also use flashcards on Quizlet, I have made many flashcards on it. Mr Liu's username is 'chasemandarin'

Year 6 and Below

There are: 2 YouTube channels: **Chinese Buddy** and **Little Fox Chinese**. There are many Chinese songs in both channels.

- There are some Chinese learning apps seem really good for little ones: 'Miao miao' <https://bilingualkidspot.com/2019/02/13/learn-mandarin-chinese-with-miao-miao-kidz/>
- **'Infinite Chinese'** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.jernung.infinite.zho>
- **'Panda River Crossing: Learn Chinese!'** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.haydenjh.chineselearning&hl=en>
- **'Kids YAY - Learn Chinese'** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.gtbln.KidsTakeMandarin>