

LITERACY MAT

FRENCH



ST BERNARD'S
HIGH SCHOOL

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

KEY VOCABULARY

Basic Phrases

- **Bonjour** – Good morning / Hello
- **Bonsoir** – Good evening
- **Merci** – Thank you
- **S'il vous plaît** – Please
- **Excusez-moi** – Excuse me
- **Oui** – Yes
- **Non** – No
- **Au revoir** – Goodbye
- **Bonne nuit** – Good night
- **Comment ça va ?** – How are you?

Numbers

- **Un** – One
- **Deux** – Two
- **Trois** – Three
- **Quatre** – Four
- **Cinq** – Five
- **Dix** – Ten
- **Vingt** – Twenty
- **Cent** – One hundred
- **Mille** – One thousand

Colours

- **Rouge** – Red
- **Bleu/Bleue** – Blue
- **Jaune** – Yellow
- **Vert/Verte** – Green
- **Noir/Noire** – Black
- **Blanc/Blanche** – White
- **Gris/Grise** – Grey

COMMAND WORDS

1. **Allez** – Go
2. **Faites** – Do / Make (from *faire*)
3. **Venez** – Come (from *venir*)
4. **Écoutez** – Listen
5. **Regardez** – Look
6. **Arrêtez** – Stop
7. **Attendez** – Wait
8. **Suivez** – Follow (from *suivre*)
9. **Prenez** – Take (from *prendre*)
10. **Donnez** – Give (from *donner*)
11. **Ouvrez** – Open (from *ouvrir*)
12. **Fermez** – Close (from *fermer*)
13. **Écrivez** – Write (from *écrire*)
14. **Lisez** – Read (from *lire*)
15. **Revenez** – Come back (from *revenir*)
16. **Montrez** – Show (from *montrer*)
17. **Asseyez-vous** – Sit down (from *s'asseoir*)
18. **Levez-vous** – Stand up (from *se lever*)
19. **Dites** – Say (from *dire*)
20. **Répondez** – Answer (from *répondre*)

KEY PHONICS

Vowel Sounds:

- **A** – /a/ like in "chat" (cat)
- **E** – /ə/ (schwa) or /ɛ/ (when stressed), like in "le" (the) or "mère" (mother)
- **I** – /i/ like in "si" (yes)
- **O** – /o/ like in "porte" (door)
- **U** – /y/ (a sound not in English, pronounced with rounded lips) like in "lune" (moon)

2. Consonant Sounds:

- **C** – /k/ before "a", "o", "u", or a consonant; /s/ before "e", "i", or "y". Example: "chat" (cat) and "ciel" (sky).
- **G** – /g/ before "a", "o", "u", or a consonant; /ʒ/ (like the "s" in "measure") before "e", "i", or "y". Example: "gare" (station) and "génial" (great).
- **H** – Usually silent in French, as in "homme" (man).
- **L** – Pronounced as in English, but in some cases like at the end of words, it can be silent, like in "soleil" (sun).

3. Common Letter Combinations:

- **AI** – /ɛ/ like in "pain" (bread)
- **EI** – /ɛ/ like in "neige" (snow)
- **OU** – /u/ like in "soup" (soup)
- **EU** – /ø/ (a sound not found in English) like in "feu" (fire)
- **OI** – /wa/ like in "voiture" (car)

4. Nasals:

French has nasal vowels which are unique compared to English:

- **AN, EN** – /ɑ̃/ or /ɛ̃/ like in "sans" (without) or "vent" (wind)
- **ON, OM** – /ɔ̃/ like in "nom" (name)
- **UN** – /œ̃/ like in "un" (one)

5. Liaisons:

Liaisons happen when the final consonant of one word is pronounced because the next word starts with a vowel. Example: "les amis" (the friends) – here, the "s" in "les" is pronounced. Learning French phonics requires practice and exposure to listening to native speakers.

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WRITING SUPPORT

Adjectives

Bien - Good
Nul: rubbish
Super - Great
Intéressant(e) - Interesting
Ennuyeux : Boring
Facile - Easy
Difficile - Difficult
Amusant(e) – fun
Génial(e) - Brilliant,

Verbs

Il y a: there is/there are
Je vais: I go
Je fais: I do
Je joue: I play
J'ai: I have
Je suis: I am

Opinions

J'adore: I love
J'aime: I like
Je n'aime pas: I do not like
Je déteste: I hate
Je pense que: I think that

Connectives

Et : and
ou: or
mais: but
aussi: also
cependant: However
par exemple: for example

KEY SKILLS

Écoutez! - Listen!

Répétez après moi. - Repeat after me.

Levez la main. - Raise your hand.

Silence, s'il vous plaît. - Silence, please.

Ouvrez vos livres. - Open your books.

Fermez vos livres. - Close your books.

Écrivez. - Write.

Lisez. - Read.

Montrez-moi. - Show me.

Est-ce que vous comprenez? - Do you understand?

Oui, je comprends. - Yes, I understand.

Non, je ne comprends pas. - No, I don't understand.

Demandez à votre voisin. - Ask your neighbor.

Travaillez en groupe. - Work in groups.

Préparez-vous. - Get ready.

Regardez le tableau. - Look at the board.

C'est bon. - It's good.

C'est incorrect. - It's incorrect.

Allez à la page... - Go to page...

Faites attention. - Pay attention.

TOP TIPS

Adverbs

toujours: Always
jamais: never
Normalement: normally
souvent: often
généralement: Generally
presque: almost

Intensifiers

assez: quite
très: very
Un peu: a little
aussi: too
beaucoup: a lot of

Time phrases

Lundi, mardi, mercredi,
jeudi, vendredi, samedi
dimanche : Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Sunday
Le matin: in the morning
L'après-midi: in the afternoon
Le soir: in the evening
Hier: yesterday
demain: tomorrow

Time sequencing

Pour commencer: to start with
Premièrement: firstly
Deuxièmement: secondly
Ensuite: then
Avant: before
après: after that