

AQA French GCSE – Vocabulary

People and lifestyle

Identity and relationships



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Family members

familial	family (m) (adj)
la belle-mère	step-mother, mother-in-law
la famille	family
la femme	woman, wife
la fille	girl, daughter
la génération	generation
la mère	mother
la sœur	sister
la tante	aunt
le beau-père	step-father, father-in-law
le cousin	cousin
le fils	son
le frère	brother
le garçon	boy, waiter
l'homme	man (m)
le mari	husband
l'oncle	uncle (m)
le parent	parent
le père	father
l'adulte	adult (m,f)
l'enfant	child (m, f)
le/la partenaire	partner (m,f)

Higher only

la maman	mum, mummy
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Friendships, relationships and problems

célibataire	single, unmarried (m, f)
ensemble	together
seul	alone (m)
spécial	special (m)
l'aide (f)	help
la colère	anger
la communication	communication
la confiance	confidence, trust
la conversation	conversation
la copine	friend, girlfriend
l'indépendance (f)	independence
adolescent/ado	teenager, adolescent
l'ami	friend (m)
l'amour	love (m)
le copain	friend (m), boyfriend
le couple	couple
le mari	husband
le mariage	marriage, wedding
le PACS	civil partnership
le problème	problem
le sentiment	feeling
l'adulte	adult (m,f)
l'enfant	child (m, f)
le/la partenaire	partner (m,f)
proche	nearby, close
aider (... à + infinitive)	(to) help (someone + verb)
chatter/tchatter	(to) chat
communiquer	(to) pass on, communicate
comprendre	(to) understand
connaître	(to) know, be familiar with
discuter (de + noun)	(to) discuss, talk about (+ noun)
disputer; se disputer	(to) scold, tell off; (to) argue
écouter	(to) listen to
encourager (à + infinitive)	(to) encourage (+ verb)

entendre; s'entendre (avec ...)	(to) hear; (to) get on, get along (with someone)
excuser (de/pour + noun); s'excuser (de/pour + noun)	(to) excuse (for + noun), forgive (for + noun); (to) apologise (for + noun)
inviter	(to) invite
marier; se marier (avec)	(to) marry; (to) get married (to)
parler	(to) speak, talk
passer; se passer	(to) spend time, pass; to happen
promettre (à ...) (de + infinitive)	(to) promise (someone) (+ verb)
rencontrer	(to) meet, run into
séparer; se séparer	(to) separate; (to) break up
sortir	(to) go out, exit, take out, release
tomber	(to) fall

Higher only

la blague	joke
l'émotion	emotion, feeling (f)
l'enfance	childhood (f)
l'étape	stage, step (f)
la promesse	promise
la qualité	quality
la relation	relationship
la responsabilité	responsibility
l'argument	argument (m)
le conflit	conflict
le rapport	relationship, report
le respect	respect
le sexe	sex
le soutien	support
le type	type, guy
critiquer	(to) criticise
dépendre de	(to) depend on + noun
garder	(to) keep, take care of, look after
manquer; manquer à + s/o inversion	(to) fail to catch, miss; to miss
mentir	(to) lie
occuper; s'occuper de + noun	(to) fill, keep busy; take care of + noun
permettre (à ... de + infinitive)	(to) allow (someone + verb)
respecter	(to) respect
soutenir	(to) support
unir	(to) unite, join



Identity – sexuality and gender

bi(sexuel)	bi(sexual) (m)
gay	gay (m, f)
hétéro	straight, heterosexual (m, f)
non-binaire	non-binary (m, f)
queer	queer (m, f)
transgenre	trans (m, f)
l'identité (f)	identity
le PACS	civil partnership
le/la partenaire	partner (m,f)
le mariage du même sexe	same sex marriage



Equality

égal	equal (m)
handicapé	disabled (m)
la société	society
la tradition	tradition
le membre	member
changer; se changer	(to) change; to get changed

Higher only

libéral	liberal (m) (adj)
le citoyen	citizen
l'individu	individual (m)



Personality / Opinions

affreux	dreadful, awful, horrible (m)
agréable	pleasant, nice, agreeable (m, f)
amusant	funny, fun, enjoyable, amusing (m)
bavard	chatty, talkative (m)
calme	calm, quiet (m, f)
drôle	funny (m, f)
embêtant	annoying (m)
ennuyeux	boring (m)
fier	proud (m)
fort	strong (m), loud
gentil	kind (m)
heureux	happy (m)
inquiet	worried, anxious (m)
inquiète	worried, anxious (f)
intelligent	intelligent (m)
méchant	nasty, naughty, mean (m)
paresseux	lazy (m) (mpl, mixed gender pl)
sérieux	conscientious, responsible (m)
strict	strict (m)
sympathique/sympa	nice, kind, friendly (m, f)
terrible	terrible, dreadful (m)
timide	timid, shy, bashful (m, f)
traditionnel	traditional (m)
travailleur	hard-working (m)
travailleuse	hard-working (f)
triste	sad (m, f)
la personnalité	personality

Higher only

indépendant	independent (m)
patient	patient (m)
responsable	responsible (m, f)
sensible	sensitive (m, f)
vif	lively (m)
sentir; se sentir	(to) smell; (to) feel



Appearance and age

beau/bel	beautiful (m)
beaux	beautiful (mpl, mixed gender pl)
belle	beautiful (f)
court*	short (m)
grand	tall, big, large (m)
jeune	young (m, f)
joli	pretty, attractive (m)
petit	short, small, little (m)
vieille	old (f)
vieux/vieil	old (m)
la jeunesse	youth
la taille	size, height
l'âge	age (m)
le visage	face
les cheveux	hair
les yeux	eyes
ressembler à + noun; se ressembler	(to) look like + noun; (to) look alike

Higher only

belle	beautiful (f)
l'air	air, appearance (m)
l'œil	eye
grandir	(to) get bigger, get taller, grow
sembler	(to) seem



Pets

l'animal	animal, pet (m)
les animaux	animals, pets
le chien	dog

Higher only

l'oiseau	bird (m)
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Colours

blanc	white (m)
blanche	white (f)
bleu	blue (m)
brun	brown (m)
noir	black (m)
rouge	red (m, f)
vert	green (m)
la couleur	colour

Higher only

gris	grey (m,f)
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Nationalities and languages

allemand	German (m)
américain	American (m)
anglais	English (m)
britannique	British (m, f)
canadien	Canadian (m)
espagnol	Spanish (m)
français	French (m)
la langue	language, tongue
l'Européen	European (m)

Higher only

africain	African (m)
arabe	Arabic, Arab (m, f)
belge	Belgian (m, f)
chinois	Chinese (m)
francophone	French-speaking (m, f)
marocain	Moroccan (m)
québécois	from Quebec (m)
suisse	Swiss (m, f)



Religion

bouddhiste	Buddhist (m, f)
chrétien	Christian (m)
juif	Jewish (m)
musulman	Muslim (m)
religieux	religious (m)
l'identité (f)	identity
la religion	religion
la tradition	tradition

Higher only

catholique	Catholic (m, f)
la foi	faith
prier	(to) pray



Name

le nom	full name, surname, name
appeler; s'appeler	(to) call; to be named

Higher only

présenter; présenter ... à	(to) present, show; (to) introduce someone to
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Life and death

mort*	dead (m)
la date	date
la mort**	death
la vie	life
mourir	(to) die