

GCSE French Vocab List

Identity and culture

Customs and festivals



This is a non-exhaustive vocabulary list. Students are encouraged to make note of any new vocabulary they come across and learn it.

Le cadeau	=	present	se passer	=	to take place
L'église (f)	=	church	la recherché	=	research
La fête	=	celebration, party	sensibiliser	=	to raise awareness
fête des mères	=	Mother's Day	avoir hâte de	=	to be eager to
fête des rois	=	Epiphany	barbant	=	boring
fête du travail	=	May Day	la communauté	=	community
fêter	=	to celebrate	connaître	=	to know
feux d'artifice	=	fireworks	conserver	=	to keep
Jour de l'an	=	New Year's Day	décorer	=	to decorate
juif/juive	=	Jewish	la fin	=	the end
la mosquée	=	Mosque	s'installer	=	to settle in
musulman	=	Muslim	la lumière	=	light
Pâques	=	Easter	ouvrir	=	to open
poisson d'avril	=	April Fools' Day	passer	=	to spend (time)
religieux/religieuse	=	religious	le repas	=	meal
Saint-Sylvestre	=	New Year's Eve	réunir	=	to gather
Saint Valentin	=	St. Valentine's Day	voir	=	to see
Toussaint	=	All Saints' Day	le cadeau	=	present
veille de Noël	=	Christmas Eve	athée	=	atheist
la boule	=	bauble	bonne année	=	happy new year
la buche de Noël	=	Christmas log	bon anniversaire	=	happy birthday
la crêpe	=	pancake	bonne chance	=	good luck
se dépêcher	=	to hurry	la bougie	=	candle
la dinde	=	turkey	célébrer	=	to celebrate
l'huitre	=	oyster	chrétien	=	Christian
se reposer	=	to relax	commercial	=	commercial
se retrouver	=	to meet	félicitations	=	congratulations
le sapin	=	christmas tree	l'événement	=	event
les feux d'artifice	=	fireworks	la fête nationale	=	Bastille Day
se dérouler	=	to happen, take place	la foi	=	faith
l'anniversaire	=	birthday	la fête	=	charm
la collecte d'argent	=	collection of money	la gâteau des rois	=	cake for Epiphany
consommer	=	to consume	la Hanoukka	=	Hanukkah
s'entendre	=	to get on with	historique	=	historical
être croyant	=	to be a believer	impressionnant	=	impressive
la messe de minuit	=	midnight mass	jouer un tour	=	to play a trick
offrir	=	to offer	joyeux Noël	=	merry christmas
l'organisation caritative	=	charity	l'oie	=	goose
partager	=	to share	la reine	=	queen
la société	=	society	le roi	=	king
assister	=	to attend	le ramadan	=	Ramadan
le spectacle	=	show / event	prier	=	to pray
coûter	=	to cost	le sapin de Noël	=	christmas tree
dormir	=	to sleep	sentimental	=	sentimental
durer	=	to last	la synagogue	=	synagogue
les gens	=	people	les vacances	=	holidays
informatif	=	informative	la veille de Noël	=	Christmas Eve