

French Vocabulary List NCEA Level 3 (Curriculum Level 8)

The vocabulary and structures lists are to be considered as lists of those words and grammatical structures which students are expected to recognise and be able to use at this level. The lists build on the vocabulary and structures covered at NCEA Level 1 and Level 2.

Vocabulary and structures lists will provide the basis for the setting of external assessments for the externally assessed achievement standards. Where required, the meaning of any additional words beyond these lists will be provided.

Assessment for internally assessed achievement standards should also incorporate and have reference to the vocabulary and structures in these lists but may also extend beyond, depending on the topics covered in a programme of learning i.e. internal assessment is not bound by these lists in the way that external examiners are for setting external assessments.

A

à mi temps	part time
à partir de	from, as of
à peine	scarcely
abandonner	to abandon
accuser	to accuse
l' action (f)	action, plot
l' activité (f)	activity
actuel/actuelle	current
l' administration (f)	administration
admirer	to admire
agresser	to assault
l' agression (f)	the assault
ailleurs	elsewhere
alors que	whereas
l' amateur (m)	fan, supporter
améliorer	to improve
l' annonce (f)	advertisement
apprécier	to appreciate
l' article (m)	article
l' aspect (m)	aspect
assurer	to assure
atteindre	to reach, attain
attirer	to attract
au courant	up to date
au fond	at the bottom, essentially
au moins	at least
aucun	not a single, not one
augmenter	to increase
aussitôt que	as soon as
autant de	as much as, as many as
l' auteur (m)	author
l' autorité (f)	authority
autrefois	previously

autrement	otherwise
avant que/de	before doing something
l' avenir (m)	future
avoir tort	to be wrong
avouer	to admit
B	
la baisse	fall, drop (in prices)
baisser	to lower
la bande	band
la bande dessinée (B.D.)	(strip) cartoon
bas (m) basse (f)	low
la base	base
se battre	to fight
battre	to beat
la beauté	beauty
bien que	although
le boulot	job
C	
le/la candidat, candidate	candidate
le caractère	character
la carrière	career, quarry
le cas	case
la cause	cause
célèbre	famous
le centimètre	centimetre
le centre	centre
certain	certain
c'est-à-dire	that's to say
chacun	each one
la chaîne	channel, chain
la chanson	song
le/la chanteur, chanteuse	singer
charger	to load
le chef	head, chief, leader
le chiffre	figure (numerical)
le chômage	unemployment
chrétien (m) chrétienne (f)	Christian
la civilisation	civilisation
classique	classic, classical
combattre	to combat, fight
commettre	to commit
la compagnie	company
comparer	to compare
complet (m) complète (f)	complete, entire
compliqué	complicated
composé de	made up of
la composition	composition, essay
le compte	account
la connaissance	acquaintance, knowledge, understanding

conscient	conscious
la conséquence	consequence
conserver	to conserve
considérer	to consider
constater	to state
la construction	construction, building
contrôler	to inspect, check
la correspondance	correspondance, connection(trains, planes)
la couche	layer
coupable	guilty
couramment	fluently
le coût	cost
la création	creation
créer	to create
le crime	crime
la crise	crisis
la croissance	growth
cru	raw
cultiver	to cultivate
la culture	culture
D	
d'ailleurs	what's more, besides
d'après	according to, after
de nos jours	these days
le débat	debate, dispute
la décision	decision
déclarer	to declare
les dégâts (m)	damage
déguster	to taste, sip, appreciate
le/la délinquant, délinquante	offender, delinquent
la demande	request, application
démolir	to demolish
démontrer	to demonstrate
le département	department, French administrative division
dépasser	to overtake
dépendre	to depend
dépenser	to spend (money)
dès que	as soon as
le dessin animé	(animated) cartoon
détruire	to destroy
se développer	to develop
devenir	to become
deviner	to guess
diminuer	to diminish
le diplôme	diploma
la direction	guidance, management, leadership
disponible	available
dominer	to dominate
le dossier	document, file

doubler	to double, overtake
douter	to doubt
doux (m) douce (f)	sweet, smooth, soft, gentle
E	
l' échange (m)	exchange
s' échapper	to escape
éclater	to burst, explode
l' économie (f)	economy, economics
les économies (f)	savings
l' écran (m)	screen
écraser	to crush
l' écrivain (m)	writer
efficace	efficient
effrayant	frightening
égal	equal
l' égalité (f)	equality
l' élection (f)	election
l' élevage (m)	raising, breeding, farming
élevé	high, well brought up
élire	to elect, choose
l' embouteillage (m)	traffic jam
l' emploi (m)	use
l' employé (m) employée (f)	employee
l' employeur (m)	employer
ému	emotional, moved, touched
en revanche	on the other hand
engager	to commit, hire, engage, urge
l' ennemi (m)	enemy
l' enquête (f)	survey, inquiry
enregistrer	to record, register
entraîner	to drag, carry, take
l' entreprise (f)	undertaking, firm
l' entretien (m)	maintenance, upkeep, interview
environ	about, approximately
l' environnement (m)	environment
l' époque (f)	epoch, era, age
équilibré	balanced
l' espace (m)	space
l' esprit (m)	mind, spirit
essentiel (m) essentielle (f)	essential
établir	to establish
l' état (m)	state
les études (f)	studies
l' événement (m)	event
éventuel (m) éventuelle (f)	possible
évident	evident, obvious
éviter	to avoid
évoluer	to evolve, develop
évoquer	to evoke

exact	exact, accurate, correct
exagérer	to exaggerate
exiger	to insist, to require
expliquer	to explain
s' exprimer	to express oneself
extérieur	exterior
F	
fabriquer	to make, fabricate
la faculté	university
faire face à	to face (someone / thing), cope
le fait	fact
faute de	fault of, lack of
figurer	to imagine
final	final
la formation	training
la foule	crowd
fournir	to provide
frais (m) fraîche (f)	fresh, cool
les frais (m)	costs
franchement	frankly
la fraternité	brotherhood
la frontière	border
le futur	future
G	
gaspiller	to waste
général	general
le genre	style, kind, gender
gérer	to manage, run
le geste	gesture, movement
glisser	to slip, slide
le goût	taste
goûter	to taste
le gouvernement	government
grâce à	thanks to
la grève	strike
le groupe	group
la guerre	war
H	
s' habituer (à)	to get used (to)
la hausse	rise, increase
la hauteur	height
hésiter	to hesitate
l' horreur (f)	horror
hors de	outside of
I	
il y a	there is, there are, ago
l' imagination (f)	imagination
imaginer	to imagine
imiter	to imitate

immédiatement	immediately
l' immigré (m) immigrée (f)	immigrant
l' importance (f)	importance
les impôts (m)	taxes
l' impression (f)	impression
inconnu	unknown
indispensable	essential
l' individu (m)	individual
l' industrie (f)	industry
influencer	to influence
inquiéter	to worry
insister	to insist
s' installer	to settle in
s' intégrer	to fit in
l' intention (f)	intention
international	international
interroger	to interrogate, question
l' interview (f)	interview
l' intrigue (f)	plot, intrigue
introduire	to introduce
J	
le job	job
le jugement	judgement
jusqu'à ce que	until
la justice	justice
L	
le/la lecteur, lectrice	reader
la liaison	joining, close relationship
la libération (f)	liberation
licencier	to lay off, make redundant
le lieu	place
littéraire	literary
la littérature	literature
le local	premises
le loyer	rent
lutter	to struggle, wrestle
M	
majeur	major, greater
la majorité	majority
malgré	in spite of, despite
la manière	manner, way
la manifestation	manifestation, demonstration
manifester	to show, demonstrate
mélanger	to mix
le membre	member
menacer	to threaten
mener à	to lead to
le mensonge	the lie
mentir	to tell lies, lie

mériter	to merit, deserve
merveilleux (m) merveilleuse (f)	marvellous, wonderful
la mesure	measure, action, step
la méthode	method
le métier	profession, trade
le milliard	billion
le millier	a thousand or so
le million	million
le ministre	minister
la misère	misery, extreme poverty, destitution
moindre	less(er), lower(price), smaller(quantity)
se moquer de	to mock, make fun of, laugh at
le/la musicien, musicienne	musician
musulman	Muslim
N	
la nature	nature
net, nette	clean, spotless, clear(idea), straight(answer)
nier	to deny
n'importe..	any
nombreux (m) nombreuse (f)	numerous, large (family etc)
la nourriture	food, nourishment
la nouvelle	(piece of) news
nucléaire	nuclear
O	
obtenir	obtain, get
s' occuper de	to deal with, apply oneself to
l' oeuvre (f)	work
l' offre d'emploi (f)	a job offer
l' origine (f)	origin, beginning
l' ouvrier (m) ouvrière (f)	worker
P	
la paix	peace
par conséquent	as a result, consequently
par exemple	for example
par hasard	by chance, mistake
paraître	to appear, become apparent
pareil (m) pareille (f)	like, alike, similar
parfait	perfect
la parole	word
d'une part...d'autre part	on the one hand...the other hand
le parti	party (political)
participer	to take part in
particulier (m) particulière (f)	particular, special
le/la patron, patronne	owner, boss
la peine	penalty, punishment, trouble
le peintre	painter
la peinture	painting
le permis	the permit, licence
le personnage	character

peu	little
peu à peu	little by little
pire	worse
placer	to place
plaire à	to please, like
plaisanter	to joke
le plan	map, plan, schedule
la planète	planet
la plupart	majority, greatest part, most
plusieurs	several
plutôt	rather
le poème	poem
la poésie	poetry
le poète	poet
la politique	politics
polluer	to pollute
le poste	post, appointment, job
pour cent	%
pour que	in order that
poursuivre	to pursue, go after, chase
pourtant	however
le préjugé	prejudice
la presse	press (newspapers, magazines etc)
la preuve	proof, evidence
prévoir	to foresee, forecast, anticipate
privé	private
privé de	deprived of
la production	production
le progrès	progress
le projet	project
le/la propriétaire	owner
protéger	to protect
protester	to protest
prouver	to prove
la province	province, region
provoquer	to provoke
public (m) publique (f)	public
le public	public
puisque	since, as, seeing that
puissant	powerful
punir	to punish
Q	
qualifié	qualified
la quantité	quantity
quelque part	somewhere
quoique	though, although
quotidien (m) quotidienne (f)	daily
R	
ralentir	to slow down

ramener	to bring back again
rapporter	to bring back, return
rare	rare
réaliser	to realise, achieve, carry out (a plan)
la recherche	research, search
réfléchir	to reflect
régulier (m) régulière (f)	regular
religieux (m) religieuse (f)	religious
la religion	religion
remercier	to thank
rendre	to give back, return
se rendre compte de	to realise, understand
le renseignement	(piece of) information
renseigner	to inform
représenter	to represent
la république	republic
la résistance	resistance, opposition
résoudre	to resolve
ressembler	to resemble, be like
retenir	to hold back
la retraite	retirement
se réunir	to gather, meet
rire	to laugh
le rôle	role
le roman	novel
le rythme	rhythm
S	
le sable	sand
sain	safe
saisir	to seize, grasp, take hold of
le sans-abri	homeless person
satisfaire	to satisfy
sauver	to save, rescue
la scène	stage, scene
le secours	help, relief, aid
la sécurité	security, secureness, safety
sélectionner	to choose
selon	according to
le sens	sense, direction
le sentiment	feeling
la série	series, succession of events
servir (à)	to be useful
servir de	to be used as
le siècle	century
signifier	to signify, mean
simplement	simply
situer	to place, locate
la société	society
la solution	solution

sombre	sombre, gloomy
le son	sound
le sondage	survey
le souci	care, concern
souhaiter	to wish
soupçonner	to suspect
sourire	to smile
se souvenir de	to remember
spécial	special, particular
le stage	period of instruction, training course
la statistique	statistic, statistics
sucré	sweetened, sugared
suffire	to suffice, be enough
suggérer	to suggest
supprimer	to suppress, do away with
sûr	sure, safe, secure
sur le point de	about to do something, on the point of doing
surprendre	to surprise
survivre	to survive
la sympathie	sympathy, liking
T	
le tableau	board, picture, painting
tandis que	so long as, whereas, while
le tas	pile, heap
le taux	rate, price
la technique	technology
tel que (m) telle que (f)	such as, like
tellement	so, in such a way, to such a degree
le témoignage	testimony, evidence
la tendance	tendency, inclination
la tentative	attempt, endeavour
terminer	to terminate, end, finish
la terre	earth, the world, ground, land
le texte	text
tiers	third
le titre	title
toucher	to touch, move
traduire	to translate
traîner	to trail, drag, hang about on the streets
la tranche	slice
transformer	to transform
le travail	work
tuer	to kill
le type	type
U	
l' usine (f)	factory
V	
varier	to vary, change
la vérité	truth

verser	to overturn, pour
la vitesse	speed
la voix	voice
le vol	flight
voler	to steal, fly
le voleur	thief
la volonté	will
le volume	volume
voter	to vote
vouloir dire	to mean