



The Writing Mat...

AQA French 150 Word Paper 4 Writing Mat



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- ✓ Conditional tense used
- ✓ Imperfect tense used
- ✓ An idiom used
- ✓ Subjunctive used
- ✓ Modal verb used
- ✓ Après avoir/être used
- ✓ Si clause used
- ✓ Range of negatives used
- ✓ Direct object pronouns used



Après avoir/être
 après avoir mangé - after having eaten
 après avoir fini - after having finished
 après avoir acheté - after having bought
 après être allé(e) - after having gone...
 après être arrivé(e) - after having arrived

Subjunctive
 Bien que ce soit - although it is
 Je ne pense pas que ce soit - I don't think it is
 Pour que je puisse - so that I can

Imperfect
 Quand j'étais plus jeune - when I was younger
 J'aimais.. - I used to like
 Je jouais/faisais /allais.. - I used to play / do / go
 Je voulais - I wanted to...

Si Clauses

Si j'avais plus de temps/d'argent ...je ferais/j'achèterais - If I had more time/money..I would do/buy
 Si j'étais plus riche.....je donnerais - If I were more rich..I would give
 Si j'avais l'opportunité....je voyagerais / j'habiterais - If I had the opportunity...I would travel /live

Bullet points:

Récent / récemment - past tense
 Visite spéciale – past tense
 Avantages / inconvénients – opinions +reasons
 L'importance de..
 Positifs/ négatifs - opinions +reasons
 Avenir / projets – future tense
 Solutions – modal verbs

Relative clauses

Qui s'appelle- which is called
 Qui s'appellent – which are called
 Où on peut - where you can...
 Donc il faut.. – so you must...

Sequencing markers

D'abord - firstly
 Puis - then
 Ensuite - next
 Après - afterwards
 Finalement - finally

Opinions - past

j'ai pensé que - I thought that
 j'ai trouvé que - I thought that
 c'était - it was ce n'était pas - it wasn't

Negatives

Ne...pas- don't
 Ne...plus- no longer
 Ne ...jamais never
 Ne...rien- nothing
 Ne...que - only

Synonyms:

Important –
 nécessaire - necessary
 essentiel(le) - essential
 utile – useful
 sérieux - serious

Mémorable

inoubliable - unforgettable
 remarquable - remarkable

Direct object pronouns: avoid repetition

Find if the word you are referring to is feminine, masculine, or plural and choose your pronoun : **La, Le, Les** then follow the rules below
 It goes in front of the verb: **Je les aime = I like them**

Je l'aime = I like it, I like him, I like her

In a negative sentence it goes between 'ne' and the verb:

Je ne les aime pas = I don't love them

je ne l'aime pas = I dont love it, him, her

When using a verb followed by an infinitive, the pronoun goes in front of the infinitive **Je veux la manger = I want to eat it**

In the perfect tense it goes in front of 'avoir'

le l'ai mangé(e)= I ate it

je les ai vu(e)s = I saw them

Adding contrasting opinions

mais - but
 aussi - also
 en plus - also, in addition
 également - equally, also
 c'est vrai que - it's true that
 on dit que - they say that
 il faut dire que - you have to say that
 je suis d'accord - I agree
 je ne suis pas d'accord - I don't agree

Adverbs

vraiment - really (truly)
 tellement - really (so)
 incroyablement - incredibly
 extrêmement - extremely
 particulièrement - particularly
 seulement - only
 certainement - certainly

Idioms

c'est dommage que - it's a shame that
 quand je m'ennuie - when I'm bored
 j'en ai marre - I'm fed up
 ça vaut le peine - it's worth it (worth the effort)
 ça coûte les yeux de la tête - it costs an arm and a leg
 une perte de temps - a waste of time
 ça m'est égal - I don't mind
 ce n'est pas grave - it doesn't matter
 Il/elle a l'air triste - he/she appears to be sad

The Comparative and Superlative (the best, the worst, the biggest etc)

Superlative

Le sport le plus populaire – the most popular sport
La ville la plus visitée – the most visited town
les matières les plus intéressantes : the most interesting subjects



Don't forget to refer to at least **THREE** time frames...



Present

Modals...

On peut - you can
On doit - you must
Il faut - you must

Really useful verbs

Il y a - there is / are
Il n'y a pas de - there isn't / aren't
C'est - it is
Je suis - I am
J'ai - I have

I	
Je vais	I go
Je fais	I do/make
Je joue	I play
Je travaille	I work
Je mange	I eat
Je bois	I drink
Je finis	I finish
Je prends	I take
Je voyage	I travel
Je sors	I go out
Je dors	I sleep
Je parle	I talk
Je peux	I can
Je lis	I read

HE/SHE/WE	
Il/elle/on va	
Il/elle/on fait	
Il/elle/on joue	
Il/elle/on travaille	
Il/elle/on mange	
Il/elle/on boit	
Il/elle/on finit	
Il/elle/on prend	
Il/elle/on voyage	
Il/elle/on sort	
Il/elle/on dort	
Il/elle/on parle	
Il/elle/on peut	
Il/elle/on lit	

Past

Modals...

On pouvait - you could
On devait - you had to
Il fallait - you had to

Really useful verbs

Il y avait - there was / were
Il n'y avait pas de - there wasn't / weren't
C'était - it was
J'étais - I was
J'avais - I had

I	
Je suis allé(e)	I went
J'ai fait	I did
J'ai joué	I played
J'ai travaillé	I worked
J'ai mangé	I ate
J'ai bu	I drank
J'ai fini	I finished
J'ai pris	I took
J'ai voyagé	I travelled
Je suis sorti(e)	I went out
J'ai dormi	I slept
J'ai parlé	I talked
J'ai pu	I was able
J'ai lu	I read

Future

Modals...

On pourra - you will be able to
On devra - you will have to
Il faudra - you will have to

Really useful verbs

Il y aura - there will be
Il n'y aura pas de - there won't be
Ce sera - it will be
Je serai - I will be
J'aurai - I will have

I	
J'irai	I will go
Je ferai	I will do/make
Je jouerai	I will play
Je travaillerai	I will work
Je mangerai	I will eat
Je boirai	I will drink
Je finirai	I will finish
Je prendrai	I will take
Je voyagerai	I will travel
Je sortirai	I will go out
Je dormirai	I will sleep
Je parlerai	I will talk
Je pourrai	I will be able
Je lirai	I will read

Conditional

Modals...

On pourrait - you could
On devrait - you should
Il faudrait - you would have to

Really useful verbs

Il y aurait - there would be
Il n'y aurait pas de - there wouldn't be
Ce serait - it would be
Je serais - I would be
J'aurais - I would have

HE/SHE/WE

II ira	
II/Elle/On fera	
II/Elle/On jouera	
II/Elle/On travaillera	
II/Elle/On mangera	
II/Elle/On boira	
II/Elle/On finira	
II/Elle/On prendra	
II/Elle/On voyagera	
II/Elle/On sortira	
II/Elle/On dormira	
II/Elle/On parlera	
II/Elle/On pourra	
II/Elle/On lirai	

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Opinions - past tense

j'ai bien aimé - I liked
j'ai beaucoup aimé - I really liked
je n'ai pas beaucoup aimé - I didn't really like
j'ai détesté - I hated
ça m'a beaucoup plu - I really liked it
Giving reasons - past tense
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j'ai trouvé que - I thought that
j'étais de l'opinion que - I was of the opinion that
j'étais d'accord que - I agreed that
je n'étais pas d'accord que - I didn't agree that
c'était - it was
ce n'était pas - it wasn't

Giving reasons - future/conditional

ce sera - it will be
ce serait - it would be

Future tense expressions :

Quand je serai grand(e) - When I'm older
J'ai l'intention de + infinitive - I intend to
Je rêve de + infinitive - I dream of