Sample theme B\_French[[1]](#footnote-1)Θ

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| **Sample activities or tasks**: Complete a mock online enquiry form for an exchange; role-play a Skype call in target language (TL); conversation with family about how the exchange is going; research and use information about the exchange destination; role-play interactions with host family; role-play school and classroom interactions in TL country; write a blog about the exchange; write an email to host family in TL country; prepare a presentation on cultural differences between home country and TL country… | | | | |
| **STRAND** | **ELEMENT** | **LEARNING OUTCOMES**  *(From the Specification for Junior Cycle MFL)* | **COMPETENCES**  *(Informed by the CEFR)* | **SAMPLE EXPONENTS** |
| **Communicative**  **competence** | **Listening** | 1.2 **Recognise frequently used words and phrases related to areas of immediate relevance** and experience, including the language of routine classroom interactions  1.3 **Identify specific information in texts related to familiar topics** such as **announcements**, **conversations**, simple news items | Students can understand the main point in announcements  Students can understand (and give) simple instructions | Nous viendrons te/vous chercher à la gare  Mets la table s’il te plait  Mettez la table, s’il vous plait  Assieds-toi/Asseyez-vous  Ouvre(z) la porte  Les portables sont interdits  L’école sera fermée |
| **Reading** | 1.7 **Identify specific information** in a range of texts **dealing with familiar topics**  1.8 **Source and use authentic texts to explore topics of relevance** **through a range of media** | Students can search for and find specific information in everyday material  Students can understand regulations when expressed in simple language  Students can isolate the information required from a brochure or website | La famille d’accueil  Le profil  Les arrhes  Le règlement scolaire  L’argent de poche  Quotidien, hebdomadaire, mensuel  Le numéro d’urgence  Si vous avez besoin d’aide  Si tu as besoin d’aide  Les documents de voyage  Une recherche  Il est interdit de…  L’adresse e-mail  L’horaire  Les coutumes |
| **Spoken production** | 1.10 **Convey simple descriptions**, presentations or announcements on **familiar topics** | Students can give a simple presentation or description using simple phrases | C’est une grande ville  Normalement, il fait beau  Il y a… personnes dans la famille d’accueil  Nous arrivons à X, le (date)  Nous y passerons … jours |
| **Spoken interaction** | 1.12 **Use simple polite forms** **in formal and informal situations** such as greetings, thanks, **introductions** and respond appropriately  1.15 **Take part in routine classroom interactions such as pair and group work**, asking questions, language games and activities, **asking for help and repetition where necessary** | Students can engage in routine social interactions and ask for repetition or clarification to aid understanding  Students can make and respond to suggestions  Students can agree and disagree with others  Students can manage simple and routine exchanges in the classroom | Je m’appelle…  Je viens de…  Je suis un(e) élève Irlandais(e)  Je resterai ici pour un mois  Pourriez-vous parler plus lentement?  Peux-tu parler plus lentement?  Désolé(e), je ne comprends pas.  Comment dit-on…?  Que signifie X?  Excusez- moi, pourriez-vous m’aider?  Pardon, peux-tu m’aider?  C’est ton tour/ à toi maintenant  Puis-je te/ vous demander… ?  Puis-je commencer?  Je (ne) suis (pas) d’accord  À mon avis  Comment iriez-vous là?  Comment vas-tu y aller ?  À quelle heure est le déjeuner? |
| **Writing** | 1.20 **Write short descriptions of past, present and future events, activities and personal experiences** as well as imaginative texts  1.22 **Produce** and edit **texts and interact with others** **in writing using appropriate digital technologies** | Students can write short simple blog entries  Students can send short simple emails and text messages to convey important information  Students can write short simple emails expressing thanks  Students can use the past and future tenses  Students can describe events in the past | Le billet d’un blog  Cliquez ici  Mettre à jour (v)  La mise à jour (n)  Je vais aller/J’irai  Je suis allé(e)  À bientôt!  Il y a une réunion après l’école  Je serai en retard ce soir  Je prendrai le dernier train  J’ai raté le bus  Merci  Je te/vous remercie  Mon séjour m’a beaucoup plu  J’ai beaucoup amélioré mon français  J’aimerais/J’aime faire ce voyage parce que… |
| **Language awareness** | **Comparing the target language with other languages they know**  **Reflecting on how they learn language** | 2.5 **Compare grammar and vocabulary of the target language with that of other languages they know, making connections and distinctions as appropriate**  2.7 **Monitor and assess their own learning**, using feedback they receive to **reflect on** what they need to improve and **set goals for improvement** | Students can identify similarities and differences in language structure  Students can set and monitor individual learning goals | Nouns are either masculine or feminine or plural  I noticed that...  The word for X sounds like the same word in language Y  My goal is…  At the end of the exchange I hope that I...  I find this difficult because…  I enjoyed working on this because… |
| **Socio-cultural knowledge and intercultural awareness** | **Learning about relevant facts** | 3.2 **Discover and use facts and figures related to the target country/countries such as statistical data, festivals, inventions, famous people** | Students can research and use basic facts about the country/countries of the TL | La population de X est…[[2]](#footnote-2)Θ  Y & Z sont des francophones célèbres  Le chanteur/ groupe francophone le plus populaire est …  Un festival  Célébrer/fêter |
|  | **Comparing their culture with that of the country/countries related to the target language** | 3.9 **Appreciate how cultural differences influence social relations, such as in greetings and eating together** | Students can appreciate cultural and social differences | En /au/aux (dans le pays) X, on se salue:[[3]](#footnote-3)Θ  -en faisant la bise  -en se serrant la main  La journée scolaire en X est…  En / au /aux X, on prend le repas principal à Yh  Il est normal de…  Pour le petit déjeuner, on prend… |

1. Θ In this sample theme, the CEFR competences are mainly at A2 level. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Θ This could be in the target language and based on information from engaging with learning outcome 3.2 from the socio-cultural strand. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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