

Cognates

Cognates are referred to in the AQA specification as "words which have the same form and essentially the same meaning in French and in English (eg innocent, justice, muscle, rectangle). When such words occur in context, students can be expected to understand them in English and French. (AQA GCSE French specification, p.17). Below is a list of the cognates that are not already on the AQA French vocabulary list and are among the 2000 most frequently occurring words.

Word class key: adj: adjectives; adv: adverbs; conj: conjunctions; nm/nf: nouns (masculine/feminine); prep: prepositions; v: verbs

Source of frequency rankings, translations and word class data: Lonsdale, D. & Le Bras, Y. (2009). *A frequency dictionary of French: Core vocabulary for learners*. London: Routledge

Word	Frequency ranking	Translation	Word class
cause	127	cause	nf
question	144	question	nf
possible	175	possible	adj
simple	212	simple	adj
condition	281	condition	nf
international	282	international	adj
programme	340	program	nm
action	355	action	nf
minute	375	minute	nf
position	383	position	nf
effort	388	effort	nm
dollar	432	dollar	nm
commission	461	commission	nf
population	509	population	nf
nature	542	nature	nf
charger	544	to load, charge	v
organisation	570	organisation	nf
double	574	double	nm, adj
nation	576	nation	nf
technique	592	technique, technics, technical	nf, adj
article	604	article	nm
canadien	611	Canadian	nmf, adj
local	622	local	nm, adj
mission	627	mission	nf
production	638	production	nf
impossible	652	impossible	nm, adj
total	658	total	nm, adj
passage	674	passage, way	nm
importance	715	importance	nf
instant	769	instant, moment	adj, nm
opinion	777	opinion	nf

message	792	message	nm
secret	796	secret	nm, adj
dossier	798	file, record; case	nm
proposition	799	proposition, proposal	nf
absence	802	absence	nf
source	817	source, spring	nf
crime	819	crime	nm
impression	825	impression	nf
octobre	826	October	nm
normal	833	normal	adj
province	861	province	nf
capital	879	major, chief, principal; capital, assets	nm, adj
discussion	882	discussion	nf
honorable	893	honorable	adj
institution	937	institution	nf
disposition	948	arrangement, disposition	nf
opposition	972	opposition	nf
signal	978	signal	nm
document	997	document	nm
animal	1002	animal	nm
prison	1010	prison	nf
table	1019	table	nf
application	1030	application	nf
profit	1032	profit, benefit	nm
communication	1036	communication	nf
vote	1046	vote	nm
combat	1062	fight, combat	nm
influence	1083	influence	nf
camp	1084	camp	nm
violent	1119	violent	adj
conscience	1124	conscience, consciousness	nf
initiative	1129	initiative	nf
exact	1133	exact, correct	adj
exception	1134	exception	nf
existence	1153	existence	nf
version	1165	version	nf
couple	1167	couple	nm
art	1181	art	nm
analyse	1204	analysis	nf
conclusion	1215	conclusion	nf
excellent	1225	excellent	adj
moral	1226	moral, morale	nm, adj
code	1228	code	nm
rare	1233	rare	adj
village	1295	village	nm

circuit	1309	circuit	nm
constitution	1350	constitution	nf
participation	1351	participation	nf
tradition	1371	tradition	nf
obstacle	1393	obstacle	nm
minimum	1410	minimum	nm, adj
photo	1412	photo	nf
trait	1423	line, feature	nm
courage	1431	courage	nm
favorable	1443	favorable	adj
obligation	1444	obligation, bond	nf
final	1461	final	adj
expression	1471	expression	nf
leader	1499	leader	nmf
distance	1502	distance	nf
vision	1505	vision, view	nf
convention	1513	agreement, convention	nf
radio	1526	radio	adj, nm, nf
prudent	1529	prudent, careful, cautious	adj
expert	1557	expert	nmf, adj
patient	1569	patient	nmf, adj
notion	1570	notion	nf
modification	1583	modification	nf
menace	1607	threat	nf
fiscal	1637	fiscal	adj
volume	1640	volume	nm
exportation	1644	export	nf
instrument	1650	instrument	nm
assurance	1656	insurance, confidence	nf
finance	1677	finance	nf
accent	1694	accent	nm
concert	1697	concert	nm
dimension	1717	dimension	nf
front	1729	front, forehead	nm
cabinet	1742	cabinet, agency, office	nm
indispensable	1746	essential	adj
euro	1753	euro	nm
phase	1754	phase	nf
immense	1759	immense	adj
constant	1762	constant	adj
sort	1780	fate, curse	nm
original	1814	original	nm, adj
surprise	1815	surprise	nf
pension	1821	pension; room and board, boarding school	nf
figure	1825	face; figure	nf

susceptible	1827	sensitive, touchy	adj
latin	1844	Latin	nmf, adj
alliance	1846	alliance	nf
trace	1848	trace, mark, track	nf
strict	1859	strict, absolute	adj
observation	1863	observation	nf
rupture	1867	break, rupture	nf
office	1868	office, bureau	nm
assumer	1870	to assume	v
argument	1874	argument	nm
incident	1885	incident	adj, nm
café	1886	coffee, café	nm
norme	1897	norm, standard	nf
match	1906	match, game	nm
distribution	1911	distribution	nf
proportion	1918	proportion	nf
canal	1919	canal, channel	nm
briser	1920	to break	v
destruction	1921	destruction	nf
transmission	1933	transmission	nf
prudence	1966	prudence, care, caution	nf
liaison	1968	liaison, connection	nf
consultation	1969	consultation	nf
durable	1985	durable, long-lasting	adj
concept	1989	concept	nm
style	1999	style	nm
With the addition of one or more accents			
région	241	region	nf
président	268	president	nm
présence	365	presence	nf
rôle	371	role	nm
âge	502	age	nm
conséquence	617	consequence	nf
élément	621	element	nm
expérience	679	experience	nf
matériel	703	material, equipment	nm, adj
différence	738	difference	nf
fédéral	828	federal	nm, adj
procédure	993	procedure	nf
libéral	1080	liberal	nmf, adj
réserve	1162	reserve	nf
régional	1169	regional	adj

récent	1178	recent	adj
télévision	1179	television	nf
libération	1250	liberation	nf
extrême	1270	extreme	adj
édition	1298	publishing, editing, edition	nf
résolution	1342	resolution	nf
téléphone	1366	telephone	nm
génération	1386	generation	nf
réflexion	1394	reflection	nf
précéder	1413	to precede	v
référence	1424	reference	nf
idéal	1429	ideal	nm
représentation	1469	representation	nf
évident	1488	evident	adj
coopération	1496	cooperation	nf
considérable	1511	considerable, significant	adj
évidence	1517	evidence	nf
définition	1587	definition	nf
séparation	1613	separation	nf
cinéma	1623	cinema	nm
électoral	1714	electoral	adj
déficit	1657	deficit	nm
thème	1720	theme, topic	nm
sévère	1733	severe	adj
réputation	1741	reputation	nf
précision	1756	precision	nf
compétence	1757	competence	nf
préoccupation	1847	worry, concern	nf
émotion	1854	emotion, feeling	nf
réception	1926	reception	nf
manœuvre	1931	manoeuvre	nm,nf
fédération	1945	federation	nf
véhicule	1959	vehicle	nm
détermination	1976	determination, resolution	nf