Progression in Modern Foreign Languages



Skill	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening	Explore the patterns and	Listen to spoken language and	Listen to and appreciate poems,	Begin to show understanding of
	sounds of language through	show understanding by joining in	songs and rhymes in the	more complex sentences in
	songs and rhymes.	and responding (e.g. with an	language.	'authentic' conversation,
		action)		picking out specific vocabulary
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	Link to spelling, sound and meaning of specific words Join in with actions to accompany familiar songs, stories and rhymes Repeat words modelled by teacher, show understanding with an action	Say a simple rhyme from memory; join in with words of a song or storytelling Pick out known words in an 'authentic' conversation	Follow text in the songs, identifying words Listen to 'authentic' conversation, picking out familiar phrases and sentences Begin to show understanding of more complex sentences in 'authentic' conversation, picking out specific vocabulary	Listen to and show understanding of more complex sentences in 'authentic' conversation, picking out specific vocabulary Listen to and appreciate stories and poems in the language. Identify patterns of language and link sound to spelling
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Speaking	Learn specific vocabulary; develop accuracy in pronunciation by listening to and repeating spoken words Recognise a familiar question and respond with a simple rehearsed response Name objects and actions and link words with a simple connective	Ask and answer questions with a rehearsed response using appropriate intonation Use common phrases Use description words e.g. colours, size Develop accuracy when pronouncing phrases, by listening to and repeating recordings of authentic speakers (teacher or recordings)	Ask and answer more complex familiar questions with a scaffold of responses Ask for clarification and help	Engage in short scripted conversations Express opinions in short conversations Speaking in longer sentences, learning to use particular sentence structures more flexibly to create own sentence
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Writing	Copy simple vocabulary Attempt to write taught vocabulary (single words) from memory	Attempt to write simple, short taught phrases from memory Write simple, short taught phrases from memory	Write simple, short taught sentences from memory including questions and responses	Present ideas and information in writing to an audience Adapt taught phrases to create new sentences

	Attempt to write simple phrases from memory	Write simple, short taught sentences from memory	Begin to use dictionaries to find the meaning of unknown words and to translate own ideas	To write a series of extended sentences
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Reading	Begin to recognise written vocabulary/ single words	Begin to recognise simple written phrases Recognise simple written phrases	Read and show understanding of more complex written phrases	Use a dictionary to understand the definition of unknown words Practice reading longer texts
	Recognise written vocabulary/ single words	begin to show understanding of more complex written phrases	Read and show understanding of simple writing	aloud, containing taught phrases and vocabulary
	Begin to recognise written phrases		Practice using a dictionary to find the meaning of unknown words	Present ideas and information orally to an audience
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Basic Grammar	Use words with nouns to identify gender	Use I and you Use adjectives with nouns	Use adjectives with nouns Begin to use verbs in the first	Consolidation of earlier grammar work
		Be able to form positive and negative versions of phrases.	person	Begin to use verbs in the second and third person
Greater depth	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Can they name and describe people? Can they use books or	Do they understand instructions, messages and dialogues within short passages?	Can they use their knowledge of value and substitute single words	, •
of new words? main por		Can they identify and note the main points and give a personal response on a passage?	Can they read independently? Can they use a bilingual dictionary or glossary to look up new words?	
		Can they name and describe places?	Can they use context to work out	unfamiliar words?

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	or glossary to look up new words?	
	Can they write simple opinions?	
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