

KEY ADVANCED HIGHER FRENCH SPEAKING PHRASES

These phrases are good to be learnt to act as fillers and sentence starters but also are useful to give yourself extra time to think before answering. Learn these phrases to make you feel calmer about your speaking exam.

Introduction

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| Je pourrais parler au sujet de....parce que c'est un sujet que m'intéresse vraiment ? | Could I speak about because it's a topic which really interests me |
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Opinion Phrases

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| À mon avis | In my opinion |
| Pour moi | In my opinion |
| Je pense que | I think that |
| Je trouve que | I find that |
| Je crois que | I believe that |
| J'estime que | I reckon that |
| Quant à moi | In my opinion |
| Selon moi | According to me |
| Je considère que | I consider that |
| Il me semble que | It seems to me that |
| Ce qui me frappe, c'est (que) | What strikes me is (that) |
| Ce qui m'attire, c'est (que) | What attracts me is (that) |
| Ce qui est important c'est (que) | What is important is (that) |
| Ce qui me plaît c'est (que) | What pleases me is (that) |
| Quel soulagement ! | What a relief! |

Connectives

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| Et | And |
| Alors | So |
| Mais | But |
| En plus | Furthermore, moreover |
| D'ailleurs | Besides |

Structures

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| Il faut + infinitive | You must |
| On doit + infinitive | You have to |
| On peut + infinitive | You can |
| On veut + infinitive | You want (to) |
| On voudrait + infinitive | You would like |
| On pourraut + infinitive | You could |
| On devrait + infinitive | You should |
| Il y a | There is /are |
| Il n'y a pas | There is not / are not |
| Il n'y a jamais | There never is / are |
| Il n'y a rien | There is / are nothing |
| Il n'y a que | There is / are only |

Agreeing

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| Oui, bien sur | Yes, of course |
| Oui, sans aucun doute | Yes, of course |
| Oui, avec plaisir | Yes, of course (with pleasure) |
| Oui, c'est ça | Yes, that's it |
| Ce n'est pas toujours le cas | Not necessarily |
| Moi non plus | Me neither |
| Moi aussi | Me too |

Expressing Uncertainty

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| Je ne sais pas | I don't know |
| Je ne sais pas exactement | I don't know exactly |
| Ça je n'avais pas considéré | I had never considered it |
| C'est un mystère | It's a mystery |
| Je n'en sais rien | I don't know |
| Ce n'est pas grave | It doesn't matter |
| Pas tout à faire | Not completely |
| Peut-être | Perhaps |
| Des fois, oui | Sometimes, yes (perhaps) |
| Malheureusement | Unfortunately |

Conjunctions

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| Cependant | However |
| Pourtant | However |
| Toutefois | However |
| Néanmoins | Furthermore |
| Mais | But |

Asking for help

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| Je n'ai pas (tout à faire) compris | I have no (completely) understood |
| Voulez-vous répéter, s'il vous plaît | Could you repeat please |
| Un moment s'il vous plaît | One moment please |

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