**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

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| **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 | adji,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 |
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| *With the addition of one or more accents* |  |  |  |
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| 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 | vehicule | nm |
| détermination | 1976 | determination, resolution | nf |