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Using ICT effectively at Key Stage 4

Teaching about holidays in French

**Useful site: www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/eng/les_vacances_-_117_-_ks4
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The Welsh National Grid for Learning offers a complete package of activities to deliver the topic of holidays for GCSE French.

This pack consists of a series of 7 Units of work on the theme 'Holidays' which are suitable for use at GCSE. The pack includes interactive powerpoint presentations, worksheets and interactive games for practising reading, speaking, listening and writing. The final unit includes a series of 11 video clips for further exploitation on the theme.

The 7 units are as follows:

Unit 1: Les Pays

Unit 2: Où es-tu resté(e)?

Unit 3: Combien de temps?

Unit 4 : Comment as-tu voyagé?

Unit 5: Les vacances au passé

Unit 6: Le tourisme (Includes hotel, tourist information and lost property office)

Unit 7: Video clips

The whole pack is accompanied by teachers' notes with suggestions on how to use each resource.

This resource is one of several available on the site in different contexts and in different languages which could be used for KS4 teaching.

The pages for French can be found at [www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/eng/vtc-home/vtc-ks4-home/vtc-ks4-french\(2\)](http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/eng/vtc-home/vtc-ks4-home/vtc-ks4-french(2))

Although the resources are aimed at the WJEC GCSE specification, the contexts are equally applicable if students are aiming for GCSE with another awarding body.

For teaching and learning

Use of this pack of resources will equip students with the knowledge and vocabulary needed to talk about holidays in the past tense and to practise role plays in a holiday context, including those set in the tourist information office, the hotel and the lost property office.

Each part of the pack includes PowerPoint presentations which the teacher can use to present and practise the language contained within them. There are Word documents and interactive games which can be used with the whole class on the interactive whiteboard or as reinforcement and consolidation for students working in the ICT room or accessing the school network from home.

The pack gives valuable practice in all four skills and teachers could use the resources to prepare students for role plays and written work on the topic of holidays for students across the full range of ability.

Why this site was chosen

Written work on the theme of holidays lends itself to use of a range of tenses and covers several sub-topics such as hotels, travel, dates, weather and leisure activities. Students need plenty of practice with this topic and although schools may have resources these are often well-worn and may already have been used in KS3.

About the 'Using ICT effectively at Key Stage 4' series

www.languages-ict.org.uk/technology/ks4.htm

This series of advice sheets deals with the effective use of ICT at Key Stage 4 for teachers of modern languages. The series focuses on online resources characterised by their richness and potential for stimulating teaching and learning languages, particularly French, German and Spanish, at Key Stage 4. It is hoped that the suggestions and ideas put forward in the sheets will be of use to teachers of other languages.

The sites were chosen as useful resources for teachers dealing with topic areas which, for various reasons, may be classed as 'hard to teach' at Key Stage 4.

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