

# Mastering AP listening and note-taking

## AP French Language and Culture · Worksheet

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**Level:** AP French Language and Culture · **Standards:** AP French Language and Culture (College Board CED), Interpretive Communication: Audio Texts

### Problem 1 Match the signal word (easy)

Match each signal word with its function: contrast, cause, result, conclusion.

- a. donc
- b. en revanche
- c. parce que
- d. pour résumer

### Problem 2 Write the numbers (easy)

A radio host reads out figures. Note each one in digits, as you would on your note sheet.

- a. soixante-quinze kilomètres
- b. quatre-vingt-douze minutes
- c. soixante et onze élèves
- d. quatre-vingts places

### Problem 3 Preview the question (easy)

Choose the information to listen for in this question: Combien de personnes ont participé au festival ?

- a. a name
- b. a number
- c. a place
- d. a reason

### Problem 4 Decode the symbols (easy)

Rewrite each note as a full French sentence.

- a. prix du pain ↑
- b. pluie → retard du bus
- c. ville ≠ village

### Problem 5 Formal or friendly (easy)

Choose whether each line comes from a formal interview (vous) or a friendly chat (tu).

- a. Vous avez grandi à Liège ?
- b. Tu viens ce soir ?
- c. Pourriez-vous nous expliquer votre projet ?

### Problem 6 Complete the transcript (easy)

Complete the radio line with *pourtant*, *donc*, *parce que*.

Le métro est en panne, \_\_\_ les voyageurs prennent le tram. Le tram est lent, \_\_\_ ils arrivent en retard, \_\_\_ la ligne est surchargée.

### Problem 7 Find the main idea (medium)

Read this report heard on a Montréal radio station, then choose the main idea.

Depuis septembre, quarante écoles de la ville servent un repas végétarien par semaine. Les parents sont partagés, mais les élèves goûtent volontiers.

- a. Parents refuse all school meals.
- b. Schools introduce a weekly vegetarian meal and reactions are mixed.
- c. Students dislike vegetables.
- d. Forty schools closed in September.

### Problem 8 Translate signal phrases (medium)

Translate into French.

- a. however
- b. as a result
- c. thanks to
- d. to sum up

### Problem 9 Order the strategy (medium)

Put the steps in order: (a) check answers against notes, (b) listen again for numbers and reasons, (c) read all questions, (d) listen for the gist.

### Problem 10 Correct the note-taking (medium)

A student wrote this note after hearing La mairie a réduit le budget des bus de 15 %.: *bus ↑ 15 %*. Correct the note and explain the error.

### Problem 11 Study the note sheet (medium)

Study the notes, then answer in French in a full sentence: what problem does the museum face, and what solution is suggested?

musée Lyon — 12 000 visit. ↑  
 pb : pas assez de parkings  
 tarif : 8 € / pers.  
 solution ? navette gratuite ?

*Notes taken during a radio report about a museum.*

### Problem 12 Podcast about a garden (medium)

Read the transcript of a podcast heard in Nantes. Answer the questions in English.

Je m'appelle Fanta et je coordonne un jardin partagé près de la gare. Au début, nous étions six voisins. Aujourd'hui, nous sommes quatre-vingt-trois. Nous récoltons des tomates, mais surtout, nous partageons des repas le samedi.

- a. How many members were there at the start, and how many now?
- b. What matters most to Fanta, harvesting or sharing meals? Cite the signal word.

### Problem 13 Fact or opinion (medium)

Label each statement from a radio report as *fact* or *opinion*.

- a. La piscine ouvre à huit heures.
- b. C'est évidemment la meilleure piscine de la région.
- c. L'entrée coûte trois euros.

### Problem 14 Speaker's attitude (medium)

Read the interview extract with a basketball coach from Dakar. Choose the speaker's attitude.

Honnêtement, je suis fier de l'équipe, mais je ne vais pas dire qu'on est prêts. Il reste beaucoup de travail.

- a. boastful
- b. proud but cautious
- c. angry
- d. indifferent

### Problem 15 Notes to sentences (hard)

Write two French sentences from these notes: *vélos en libre-service, Lausanne, 2022, + écolo, – pas assez de stations.*

### Problem 16 Chart and report (hard)

Read the chart and the audio line, then say in English whether the report agrees with the chart. Explain.

Chez les jeunes, c'est la musique qui arrive en tête des loisirs, devant la lecture.

**Loisirs préférés des 18-25 ans (en %)**

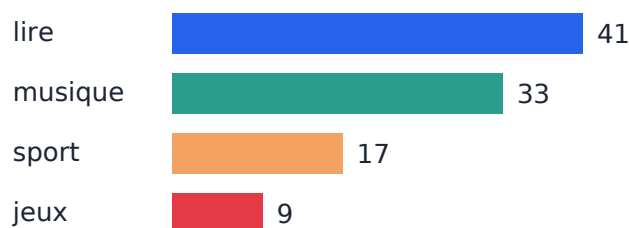


*Chart used with a short audio report.*

### Problem 17 Infer the meaning (hard)

Read the extract from a report on a Bordeaux market. Answer in English: what can the listener infer about the vendor's mood?

Cette année, les cerises sont rares et chères. Je ne me plains pas, c'est la nature ; mais mes clients, eux, soupirent un peu.

**Problem 18 Summarize in French** (hard)

Summarize this announcement in one French sentence of at most twenty words.

Attention, mesdames et messieurs, le train pour Strasbourg partira de la voie 7 et non de la voie 3. Le départ est avancé de dix minutes, à 14 h 20.

**Problem 19 Purpose and audience** (hard)

Read the opening of a podcast. Name in English the purpose and the intended audience.

Bienvenue dans « Mon premier appart ». Aujourd'hui, trois étudiants à Rennes racontent comment ils ont trouvé un logement sans stress.

**Problem 20 Write your own notes** (hard)

Imagine a one-minute podcast about a school recycling project. Write six lines of notes in French with at least three symbols and two numbers, then write a two-sentence conclusion.