

Reading strategies for AP print sources

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: Print Texts

Problem 1 Match question types (easy)

Match each stem to its type: main idea, detail, vocabulary, inference.

- a. Que signifie « pourtant » ?
- b. Quel est le sujet principal ?
- c. Que laisse penser l'auteur ?
- d. Combien coûte le séjour ?

Problem 2 Identify the text type (easy)

Write article, ad, email, or chart for each clue.

1. Objet : Réunion du club ... Cordialement, ...
2. Inscription avant le 15 mars ! 1 450 \$ CA
3. Titre, axe horizontal, légende en %
4. Selon la mairie, le nombre de cyclistes a augmenté.

Problem 3 False friends (easy)

Choose the correct meaning.

1. actuellement — currently / actually
2. une librairie — library / bookstore
3. assister à un concert — help at / attend

Problem 4 Vocabulary in context (easy)

Choose the meaning of the bold word.

1. Il pleut, **pourtant** nous sortons. (yet / therefore / because)
2. La mairie **promet** une consultation. (cancels / promises / refuses)

3. Les commerçants **s'inquiètent**. (are worried / are happy / are leaving)

Problem 5 Find the main idea (easy)

À Nantes, la mairie a ajouté vingt kilomètres de pistes cyclables cette année. Le nombre de cyclistes a augmenté de 18 %. Pourtant, certains commerçants s'inquiètent : moins de places de parking pourraient éloigner les clients en voiture. La mairie promet une consultation avant la fin du mois.

Choose the main idea.

- Cycling grows, but shopkeepers worry about parking.
- Nantes closes all its shops.
- Cars are now forbidden in the city.

Problem 6 Find the detail (medium)

Use the Nantes text in the previous problem.

- How many kilometers of bike lanes were added?
- By what percent did the number of cyclists rise?
- When will the consultation take place?

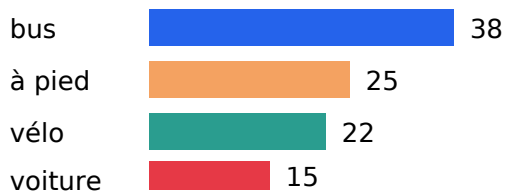
Problem 7 French number format (medium)

Rewrite each number the French way.

- 1,450 dollars
- 12.5 %
- 3,200 students

Problem 8 Read the bar chart (medium)

Les élèves de Seconde A : moyens de transport (%)

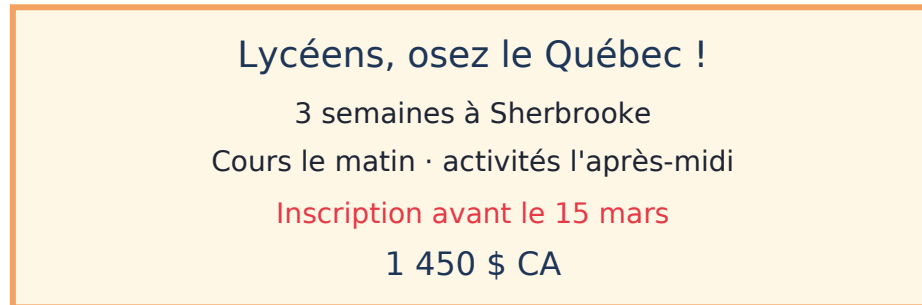


Class survey of travel to school.

- Which transport is the most common?

2. Do the percentages total 100?
3. How much higher is bus than car?

Problem 9 Read the ad (medium)



A poster for a language trip.

1. How long does the trip last?
2. What is the deadline?
3. What happens in the afternoon?

Problem 10 Make an inference (medium)

From the Nantes text, choose the best inference: (a) the mayor hates cars; (b) some shopkeepers fear fewer customers; (c) cycling will soon stop. Explain in one sentence which words support your choice.

Problem 11 Word families (medium)

Give the English meaning using the known word.

1. augmenter → une augmentation
2. inquiet → s'inquiéter
3. un commerce → un commerçant

Problem 12 Author's purpose (medium)

For each text, choose purpose: inform, persuade, entertain.

1. Inscrivez-vous maintenant : places limitées !
2. Le nombre de cyclistes a augmenté de 18 %.
3. Le vieux chat dormait sur le piano, rêvant de souris géantes.

Problem 13 Spot the connector (medium)

Read the sentence and say what the underlined connector expresses (contrast, cause, consequence or addition).

1. Le tramway est gratuit le dimanche ; **pourtant**, peu d'habitants le prennent.
2. Les loyers augmentent, **c'est pourquoi** beaucoup d'étudiants partagent un appartement.
3. La mairie plante des arbres **et** crée de nouvelles pistes cyclables.
4. Le festival est annulé **à cause de** la tempête.

Problem 14 Tone in a literary excerpt (hard)

Le vieux Mamadou ouvrit la fenêtre. Dehors, la pluie tombait sur le marché désert. Pour la première fois depuis longtemps, il eut envie de partir.

1. Choose the tone: nostalgic / joyful / angry.
2. What does the empty market suggest?

Problem 15 Guess from prefixes (hard)

Give the meaning.

1. défaire
2. relire
3. inconnu
4. impossible

Problem 16 Eliminate wrong options (hard)

Question: Que pense la mairie des pistes cyclables ? Options: (a) Elle les trouve inutiles. (b) Elle les juge bénéfiques mais écoute les commerçants. (c) Elle va les supprimer. (d) Elle a oublié de les construire. Choose the best answer and say why each other option fails.

Problem 17 Text and chart (hard)

Statement: La majorité des élèves vont au lycée en voiture. Decide true or false using the bar chart in problem 8, and explain with numbers.

Problem 18 Summarize in English (hard)

Write a two-sentence English summary of the Nantes text.

Problem 19 Compare two sources (hard)

Compare the Nantes article and the Québec poster: what is the purpose of each, who is the audience, and which one contains an opinion?

Problem 20 Write a response (hard)

Write a short French email (4 to 5 sentences) to the city hall of Nantes reacting to the article. Give one opinion and one question.