

Turning verbs into nouns for news style

French B2 (upper intermediate) · Test

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Level: French B2 (CEFR upper intermediate) · **Standards:** CEFR B2, Reading

Time: 45 minutes · 8 questions · Total: 20 points · No dictionary

Question 1 Nouns from verbs (3 points)

Write the noun, with its article.

- a. licencier (1 point)
- b. réduire (1 point)
- c. échouer (1 point)

Question 2 Gender (2 points)

Write le or la.

- a. ... croissance (1 point)
- b. ... remboursement (1 point)

Question 3 Passive (3 points)

Put the verb in the passive in the tense given.

- a. Les rues (fermer, présent) pendant la fête. (1 point)
- b. Le bilan (publier, futur) demain. (1 point)
- c. Les résultats (annoncer, passé composé) hier. (1 point)

Question 4 Noun group (2 points)

Rewrite as a noun group.

- a. Le directeur a démissionné. (1 point)
- b. Le stade ouvre en juin. (1 point)

Question 5 Headline into sentence (2 points)

Write a complete sentence for each headline.

- a. Un pont fermé à Nantes (1 point)
- b. Baisse du chômage en Vendée (1 point)

Question 6 Reading: the article (3 points)

Read and answer in English.

Ouverture d'un marché couvert à Bordeaux

Le marché, financé par la ville, accueillera quarante commerçants dès avril. Sa construction a duré deux ans.

A short newspaper article about the opening of a covered market.

- a. What is opening and where? (1 point)
- b. Who paid for it? (1 point)
- c. Which noun in the text matches the verb construire? (1 point)

Question 7 Translation (2 points)

Translate into French.

- a. *The increase in rent worries the tenants.* (1 point)
- b. *Three students were arrested.* (1 point)

Question 8 Short writing (3 points)

Write a headline and two sentences in French about a company that moves to a new city. Use at least two nominalizations and one passive.