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THEME 1: Identity and Culture

Key sentences – careful with adjective agreement!

My friend Anna is tall.	Mon amie Anna est grande
My friend Ben is very tall.	Mon ami
My friends are very funny.	Mes amis sont
My best friend is shy but intelligent.	Mon meilleur ami
My best friend (female) is very pretty and sporty.	
A good friend is generous and kind.	Un bon ami
A good friend should be patient and fun.	devrait être

Untangle Translation

Je m'entends bien with my family. Il y a five people in my famille: my mum, mon père, et mes 2 brothers.

Mes frères are called David and Marc. David est assez tall and very mince. Sometimes il peut être a bit annoying mais normalement we get on well.

PARALLEL TRANSLATION

Ma famille est assez grande. Nous sommes _____ chez moi. Ma mère, mon _____, mon frère cadet, ma grande _____ et moi. Ma mère _____ Natacha, _____ trente ans. Ma mère est très sévère mais assez amusante. Mon père est _____ grand que ma mère, _____ Paul et _____ trente-deux ans. Mon petit frère _____ David, _____ il a cinq ans, il est _____. Ma soeur Sarah _____ a treize ans et elle est très belle. Sarah est plus intelligente _____ David.

_____ un chien noir qui _____ Roxy. J'ai aussi trois cousins, _____ Daniel, Miguel et Claire. Mon oncle et ma tante _____ Daniela y Marc. _____ avec mes grands-parents.

My family is _____ big. We are five in my house. My _____, my father, my younger _____, my older sister and me. My mother is called Natacha, she is _____ years old. My mother is _____ strict but _____ fun. My dad is taller than my mum, he is called Pablo and is _____ years old. My younger brother is called David, he is _____ years old, he is boring. My sister Sarah is _____ years old and is _____ pretty. Sarah is more intelligent than David. We have a _____ who is called Roxy. Also I have _____ cousins, they are called Daniel, Miguel and Claire. My _____ and _____ are called Daniela and Marc. They live with my _____

Le mariage

1. J'aimerais me marier parce que je pense que c'est très romantique.

_____ to get married _____.

2. Je n'aimerais pas _____ car _____.

_____ to get married _____ it's too expensive.

3. Je voudrais _____ mon copain, mais je ne veux pas me marier.

_____ to live with _____, _____ want _____.

4. _____ sont divorcés alors _____

My parents _____ and so I don't want to get married.

Le futur – find the pairs and then do the translation

Dans le futur	To meet someone
Quand j'aurai vingt-cinq ans	When I'm 18
Connaître quelqu'un	Next year
Sortir avec quelqu'un	In the future
Quand j'aurai dix-huit ans	When I'm 25
L'année prochaine	To go out with someone

When I'm 25 I'd like to get married.

In the future I'd like to meet someone.

When I'm 18 I'd like to go out with someone.

Next year I'd like to meet someone.

When I'm 18 I'm going to go to America.

La tecnologie

J'aime la technologie car c'est utile.	I like
les portables car ils sont	I like useful.
la technologie	I don't like technology
dangereuse.	I hate technology because it's dangerous.
sont	I think that mobile phones are dangerous.

Parallel translation

2. La meilleure chose _____ est qu'elles sont faciles, _____ et sont à la mode.

The best thing about new technologies _____, modern and _____

3. _____ sans mon MP3 _____ ça me détend d' _____ de la musique et de danser.

I can't live _____ because it _____ to listen to music _____

4. Pour moi _____ la radio sur mon portable _____ de la musique et les nouvelles .

_____ it's very important to have _____ because I can listen to music _____

5. Je n'aime pas _____ sur mon portable. _____ la télé numérique.

_____ to watch the TV _____. I prefer _____.

Untangle Translation

I use mon portable tous les jours, I think that ils sont très useful because on peut chat to your friends. En plus you can écouter de la musique and take photos. Un aspect négatif is that sometimes ils peuvent être dangerous. Last week j'ai utilisé my mobile pour lire des emails.

La télévision

français	anglais
Je pense que _____ est une _____ de temps.	_____ TV _____ waste
Ils diffusent beaucoup d'émissions intéressantes.	_____ are broadcast
_____ la télévision _____	I think that _____ is educational.
_____ trop de violence.	TV has _____
La télé nous offre un service d'information.	
La télé _____ car les gens parlent moins.	_____ is not good because _____
_____ pour la santé	TV is bad _____

La musique

In my opinion rap music is the best music in the World. It's incredible and I love the different rhythms. My friend thinks that rap music is stupid but I don't agree. He prefers RnB music because he thinks it's more relaxing. However me, I think that it's irritating.

A mon avis _____ la meilleure musique dans le monde. _____ et j'adore les rythmes _____. Mon ami _____ la musique rap _____ mais je ne suis pas d'accord. _____ la musique RnB. _____ Mais moi, _____ c'est pénible.

Les films

I like horror films because they are exciting.	_____ les films d'horreur _____ ils sont passionnantes.
I don't like horror films because they are not exciting.	
I prefer action films because they are fascinating.	____ _____ les films d'action car _____ fascinantes.
I prefer romcoms because they are fascinating.	_____ les comédies romantiques _____ _____ _____
I hate action films because they are terrible.	

Le cinéma

Match the pairs and then translate the sentences below:

La semaine dernière	I went
Le weekend dernier	Yesterday
Hier	It was
Je suis allé	Last week
J'ai regardé	I watched
C'était	Last weekend

Last week I went to the cinema with my friends.

Yesterday I watched a film with my brother.

Last weekend I went to the cinema and watched a horror film, it was amazing.

Yesterday, I watched a romcom, it was very funny.

La nourriture

Au restaurant

Vocab

Je voudrais – I would like

Une table – a table

L'addition – the bill

I would like a table for 4 people:

I would like a table for 2 people please:

I would like a mineral water:

I would like a lemonade:

I would like the bill:

Meals

Use the text below to help you to translate the 4 sentences into accurate French.

Pour le petit déjeuner, normalement je bois un café au lait et je bois du pain grillé. Le matin j'ai très faim alors je mange beaucoup. Le soir, pour le dîner je mange du poulet et des pommes de terre.

1. For breakfast, normally I drink tea with milk and I eat cereal.
2. In the morning I'm really hungry so I eat a sandwich.
3. In the evening I eat a burger and chips.
4. For my dinner I have fish and vegetables.

Parallel translation

_____ people really like _____ cheese. There are _____, for example I like Brie. _____ cheese after dinner.

Les français _____ manger le fromage. _____ beaucoup de fromages différents, _____. Normalement on mange le fromage _____.

Untangle Translation

Yesterday je suis allé au resto with my parents pour célébrer my birthday. I ate un hamburger avec des chips. I love les frites because they're bons. Normally I eat sain, par exemple chicken with a salad. Je mange toujours lots of fruit because c'est important. I would like to go to Mexico and eat de la nourriture mexicaine, comme des tacos.

SPORT

I like football because it's fun.	J'aime _____ parce que c'est _____
I like football and rugby because they're fun.	_____ le foot et _____ parce qu'ils sont _____
I like horseriding and swimming because they're exciting	_____ parce que _____ passionnantes.
I prefer golf because it's relaxing.	_____ le golf _____
I like swimming because it's easy.	_____
I like to play tennis because I'm active.	_____

C'est toi le prof!

Read this person's translation and circle their errors (there are 10).

I like sports because I'm very active. I prefer golf because it's relaxing and fun, but I don't like horseriding because it's dangerous. On Mondays I play basketball with my friends, and on Fridays I play football with my family.

J'aime les sport car j'ai très actif. Je préféré le golf car c'est relaxant et amusante, mais je n'ai pas l'équitation parce que c'est dangereux. Les mardis je joue au basket avec mes amis, et le vendredi je jouer au foot avec mon famille.

Traduce al español:

VOCAB

Passer du temps – to spend time

Marquer un but – to score a goal

Les billets - tickets

Trouver une bonne affaire - to find a bargain.

When I have time, I like to do sport because it is fun and I like to spend time with my friends. I am good at football and I usually score a goal when I play. When I was little, I used to prefer to do swimming.

Last weekend I went to a football match with my dad. I bought the tickets online and I found a bargain. The game was incredible and my favourite team won. I took lots of photos of my favourite players.

CUSTOMS/FESTIVALS

*on + verb in the third person (like on boit) can be translated as one, or they, or every we depending on context!

C'est une fête qu'on célèbre dans la ville de Lyon.	which is celebrated in the _____ of Lyon.
On boit du champagne pour célébrer _____	champagne in order to _____
toute la _____	One eats with all the family.
Normalement on danse dans la rue jusqu'à très tard.	until very late.
	Normally we eat until very late.
Au Canada on mange de la nourriture spéciale pour fêter Noël.	food

Untangle Translation

Salut I'm called Paula and I live in Angleterre but last year I visited Marseille in France with my family, it was hot! I saw the fireworks for the fourteenth of July. There were lots of people in the street. There was also a military parade in the centre.

THEME 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Home

Translate – remember, adjectives go AFTER the noun (apart from petit and grand which go before)

J'habite dans une maison blanche.	
	I live in a green house.
	I live in a modern house.
Nous habitons dans un appartement confortable.	
	We live in a small flat in the city.
Ils habite dans une maison ancienne à la campagne en Espagne.	
	They live in a really old house on the coast in England.

Untangle Translation

J'habite dans a big house à la campagne. I like ma maison because I think that c'est confortable. In my house il y a huit pièces. There is a big kitchen, un salon, a bathroom, a modern dining room, a big bathroom and et trois chambres. I like my bedroom car j'aime la couleur.

Where I live

Parallel translation

J'habite dans une grande ville, qui s'appelle Bordeaux. Dans ma ville il y a beaucoup de magasins, _____, _____ Bordeaux. In _____ lots of _____, trois supermarchés, plusieurs parcs , deux centres sportifs, y un centre commercial. J'aime ma ville _____, several _____, _____, and a _____. _____ my city car il y a beaucoup à faire. Mais, dans le futur j'aimerais habiter à Paris.
_____ to _____. But, _____.

TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH

Ma ville n'est ni belle ni particulièrement intéressante mais il y a tout ce qu'il faut pour vivre bien. Il y a beaucoup de magasins différents et des installations sportives. C'est une ville industrielle et c'est un peu sale mais il y a les montagnes à seulement vingt minutes en voiture et le paysage est beau. Je ne dirais pas que j'adore habiter ici, mais ce n'est pas mal.

KEY STRUCTURES

Ni...ni = neither nor
Ce que = that which
Sans = without

Charity and voluntary

Je donne de l'argent aux sans abris.	I give
Je devrais donner de l'argent aux sans abris.	I should give
Je fais du bénévolat tous les weekends	volunteering
Je devrais faire du bénévolat tous les lundis.	
J'aide dans un foyer pour les jeunes.	I help in a shelter for young people.
	I should help in a shelter for young people.
Je recueille de l'argent pour une association qui combat le cancer.	I collect funds for
Je devrais recueiller	I should collect funds for a charity that combats cáncer.

Untangle Translation

In my opinion il y a beaucoup de problèmes in my city. Par exemple, there are lots of sans abris. Last weekend I went a Bristol et j'ai vu two young people qui habitent dans la rue. I think that the government devrait faire plus pour help poor people y ceux qui n'ont pas de travail.

Healthy/unhealthy

Food – adjective agreement

J'adore la pizza car c'est délicieuse.	I like pizza because it's delicious.
J'aime _____ car elles sont _____	I like chips because they're delicious.
Je préfère la glace _____	I prefer ice cream because it's tasty.
	I love sweets because they're tasty
Je déteste le fromage car c'est dégueulasse.	_____ it's disgusting.
	I hate apples because they're disgusting.
A mon avis _____ très sains.	_____ hamburgers are not very healthy.
	I think that salad is very healthy.

TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH - smoking

De nos jours beaucoup de jeunes fument. Je ne fume pas car je pense que c'est dangereux. Fumer affecte les poumons et le cœur, et le risque de cancer est plus élevé. Beaucoup de personnes fument car ils pensent que c'est cool. Ils veulent sembler plus 'adultes', mais je crois qu'ils sont bêtes.

KEY STRUCTURES

De nos jours = Nowadays
Les poumons = the lungs
Le cœur = the heart
Sembler = to seem

Parallel translation – exercise

Je pense que _____ . J'adore _____
_____ je fais de l'exercice trois fois par semaine.
_____. La semaine dernière
_____ j'ai gagné.
_____ il faut seulement deux personnes pour jouer,
_____. Dans le futur j'aimerais aller à la montagne
_____. _____, mais ça semble super amusant.
_____. I am quite a healthy person. _____ sports and in
general _____. I go to the gym and I play
tennis. _____ Bristol to play tennis and
_____. I really like tennis because _____, and
it's faster than golf. _____ and do skiing. It's a
bit dangerous, _____

Environment

Il est important de recycler.	
_____	A mon avis il est important de recycler le papier.
_____	I think that it's very important to recycle plastic bottles.
Dans le futur je vais _____ les bouteilles en plastique.	In the future I'm going to recycle _____
_____	In the future I'm going to recycle lots of paper.
_____	In the future my family and I (we) are going to recycle paper and plastic bottles.

Untangle Translation

I live in a big city en Angleterre. J'aime my city but there are quelques problèmes environnementaux. Par exemple: there are too many cars, et les gens n'utilisent pas beaucoup le bus. Ils devraient prendre public transport pour proteger the environment. En plus, il y a des problèmes avec les déchets in the road. Je dirais que the city is assez sale.

Poverty and Homelessness

Les sans abris	Homeless _____
_____ beaucoup de _____	There are lots of homeless.
	There are lots of homeless where I live.
_____ on devrait _____ pour aider	I think that we should do more in order to help the homeless.
_____, je donne de _____	I help the homeless, I give money.
	In order to help the homeless, we should give more money

Poverty

Je crois que la pauvreté est un grand problème. Les politiciens devraient faire plus pour améliorer la situation actuelle. Ils pense que c'est la responsabilité des ONGs. Il n'y a pas d'eau potable dans quelques quartiers. Je m'inquiète beaucoup à cause cette situation.

Actuel = current
améliorer = to improve
s'inquiéter = to worry
l'électricité
la sécurité = safety

1) Translate into English

2) Translate the following into French, using the text above as a model

In my opinion poverty is a serious problem. The politicians in France should (use the conditional of devoir) do more to improve the situation. They think that it's the responsibility of NGOs, and of individuals. There isn't electricity in some areas. The safety of poor people really worries me.

HOLIDAYS/TRAVEL

Tenses work out

Normalement je vais en Italie avec ma famille.	
	Normally I go to Spain with my friends.
_____ en voiture car c'est confortable.	Normally I go by _____
	Normally I go by plane because it's fast.
L'année dernière je suis allé en Écosse.	Last year I went to Scotland.
	Last year I went to Portugal with my family, I went by car.
	Last year I went to Spain with my grandparents, I went by boat.
L'année prochaine je vais aller aux États-Unis	
	Next year I'm going to go to Australia.
	Normally I go to Ireland, but next year I'm going to go to America with my friends.

Untangle Translation

Last year je suis allé en vacances à Montréal. It was incroyable. Premierement I visited the city mais I lost mon portable. Ensuite I went shopping and I bought quelques cadeaux. Plus tard I ate lots of chips and we danced beaucoup. I also drank hot chocolate. The hotel was assez grand and there was a pool and a restaurant. There was beaucoup à faire and it was très animé. The bad thing was that there weren't beaucoup de magasins but there were des espaces verts.

THEME 3: Education and future plans

School

Untangle Translation

Mon collège very big and it's mixed. C'est situé in Portishead, it's une petite ville près de Bristol. There are lots of installations, par exemple we have a large library, beaucoup de salles d'informatique et a canteen. I like my school because les profs sont nice and quelques uns sont funny. My ideal school would be un peu plus petit et il y aurait a swimming pool.

Subjects

Opinion	Subject	Verb	Adjective (m)	Adjective (f)
À mon avis (I think)	l'anglais	(parce que) c'est	utile(s)	utile(s)
Je dirais que (I would say that)	L'EPS	(parce que) ce sont	pratique(s)	pratique(s)
J'aime..	l'espagnol		amusant(s)	amusante(s)
J'adore...	le théâtre		intéressant(s)	intéressante(s)
Je préfère...	le dessin		facile(s)	facile(s)
Je n'aime pas...	les sciences		ennuyeux	ennuyeuse(s)
Je déteste	les maths		embêtant(s) (annoying)	embêtante(s) (annoying)

*Think carefully about singular and plural

I hate PE because it's boring.	
I like Drama because it's useful.	
I think that English is interesting and easy.	
I like Maths because it's easy and practical.	
I think that Science is annoying but useful.	
I would say that Art is really fun and practical.	
I think that Spanish is very useful, and I would say that it is quite easy.	

Rules

Fill in the table, and then use it to help you to translate the sentences below.

On doit	You must
On ne doit pas	
On peut	You can
	You can't
Porter du maquillage	To wear makeup
	To wear jewellery
	To use a mobile phone
Manger du chewing en classe	
	To listen to the teacher

1. On doit écouter le professeur.
2. On ne peut pas manger du chewing en classe.
3. On ne peut pas porter des bijoux.
4. You can't use a mobile phone in class.
5. You must not wear makeup.
6. You must not use a mobile phone in class.

Uniform

Untangle Translation

I wear un uniforme scolaire. Je porte une white shirt, black pantalon, et a tie. I don't like mon uniforme parce que I think that it's assez moche. However, je crois que il est plus facile de porter un uniforme. My ideal uniform serait un jeans and un t-shirt car it would be confortable.

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Si _____ beaucoup, je vais _____ de bonnes notes.	If I study lots, I'm going to get good grades.
_____ j'obtiens _____ à l'université.	If I get good grades, I'm going to go to uni.
Après _____, je vais _____ le BAC.	_____ the exams, _____ to do _____
Si _____, _____ aller au lycée _____	If he studies a lot, he's going to _____ and do A levels.
	After the exams we are going to do A levels.
Si _____ le temps, _____ chercher du travail.	If I have time, I'm going to look for work.

Career

J'aimerais être prof.	I'd like _____ a _____
	I'd like to be a doctor.
Dans l'avenir _____ pompier.	_____ I'd like to be a fireman.
_____ je vais _____	In the future _____ to be a fireman.
Je préférerais travailler en équipe.	_____ in a team.
_____ dans un bureau.	I'd prefer to work _____.
_____ gagner beaucoup d'argent.	I'd like to earn lots of money.
	I'm going to earn lots of money.

Untangle Translation

Je suis une personne travailleuse and in the future, si j'obtiens de bonnes notes, I'd like to travailler avec l'informatique parce que I think that it's very interesting. I'm logique et I like les ordinateurs. Pour moi l'argent isn't very important, mais j'aimerais to work in a team.