

## SUCCESS AT GCSE

### To achieve Grade C standard or higher, you need to:

- Complete all parts of the ASSESSMENT.
- Include opinions and reasons for those opinions.
- Use the present tense, past tense and future tense correctly.
- Include longer sentences with appropriate linking words and adverbs.
- Include some description and choose **original** words to describe things
- Ensure that your writing is as accurate as possible. Use a dictionary to check the spellings
- Make sure all your sentences make sense and don't repeat yourself.

### Useful adverbs

Personnellement	personally
normalement	normally
vraiment	truly/really
d'habitude	usually
généralement	generally
heureusement	fortunately
malheureusement	unfortunately

peut-être	perhaps
plutôt	rather
pourtant	however
presque	almost
quelquefois	sometimes
récemment	recently
souvent	often



### Useful Opinions

À mon avis	In my opinion
D'après-moi	In my opinion
Je pense que	I think that
Je crois que	I believe that
Je trouve que	I find that
Je dois admettre que	I must admit that
Il me paraît que	It seems to me that
J'estime que	I reckon that
Je considère que	I consider that
Pour moi	For me

### Common mistakes

Ma copine: my friend (girl)  
 Mon copain: my friend (boy)  
 Mes copines: my friends (girls)  
 Mes copains: my friends (boys/ boys and girls)  
 Je m'appelle : my name is  
 C'est : it is  
 C'était: it was } + **masculine adjective**  
 Ça sera: it will be }  
 Je m'appelle/il s'appelle/elle s'appelle  
 Amusant(e): fun/funny/amusing  
 Intéressant: interesting  
 Je suis allée / nous sommes allé(e)s I went/we went

### Linking words

parce que / car	because	en plus	moreover	si	if
mais	but	à cause de	because of	comme	as
et	and	en bref	in short	puisque	since
toutefois	however	que	that/which	aussitôt que	as soon as
donc	therefore	bien que	although	surtout	especially
malgré	is spite of	quand	when		

### Time markers for sequencing

pour commencer	to start with
tout d'abord	first of all
au début	in the beginning
puis	then
next	ensuite
plus tard	later
mais maintenant	but now
tout de suite	immediately
enfin	in the end
finalement	finally
comme j'ai déjà dit	as I said
après	after that
aujourd'hui	today
bientôt	soon
un jour	one day

### Referring to the past

c'était	it was
dans le passé	in the past
déjà	already
depuis	since
samedi dernier	last Saturday
l'année dernière	last year
il y a deux ans	two years ago
récemment	recently
avant	before

### Referring to the future

après-demain	the day after tomorrow
le lendemain	the next day
je voudrais+inf	he/she would like
à l'avenir/dans le futur	in the future
la semaine prochaine	next week
l'année prochaine	next year
je vais+inf	i'm going to
ça sera	it will be

