French outside of France

Age recommendation: 14–16 years

Key Stage: KS4 (higher end)–KS5

Duration: 30-40 minutes for each video (video 1: 12:14 minutes;

video 2: 17:33 minutes)

Keywords: francophone, countries, variety, French, Quebec, Haiti

Languages: French

Resources provided: • Two videos

• Two PowerPoint presentations (used for the videos)

Vocabulary sheet

WorksheetKey answers

Ideas for more activities

Other materials: Links and questions on the 'ideas for more activities' sheet

AIM

This aim of this activity is to get students to discover more about and reflect:

- the complexity of the concept of francophonie
- the diversity of the French language outside of France
- the reasons why French is spoken outside of French
- the reasons behind the variations in French outside of French

It also aims to develop students' listening comprehension skills (the video is in French) and get them to work one specific grammar point linked to the topic tackled here. A number of exercises on the activity sheet are also devised to develop writing and research skills.

PREPARATION

Pupils might want to familiarise themselves with the vocabulary they will hear. They can make sure they understand the words or expressions that will be used (see the **Vocabulary Sheet**) and they can check the pronunciation on the following website: https://forvo.com/

ACTIVITY

After watching each video, they should do the **exercises** on the activity sheet and check their answers with the key answers sheet – or this can be done together with the teacher and the whole class.

In small groups, students choose ONE activity listed on the **Activity Sheet**, do the relevant research and then present their work to the rest of the group.