

LESSON 2 - SEPTEMBER 10TH 2024

LEVEL TEST

LEVEL B2 – C1 (<https://www.service-public.fr/>)

C1 correspond à un niveau d'utilisateur expérimenté (niveau autonome).

Cela signifie que vous avez les capacités suivantes :

- Comprendre des textes longs et exigeants et saisir des significations implicites
- S'exprimer spontanément et couramment sans trop devoir chercher ses mots
- Utiliser la langue de façon efficace et souple dans la vie sociale, professionnelle ou académique
- S'exprimer sur des sujets complexes de façon claire et bien structurée et manifester son contrôle des outils linguistiques d'organisation, d'articulation et de cohésion du discours

What does being a student in a Preparatory class mean for you ?

- Article Olympics



VOCABULARY

Text review = synthèse

Key question = problématique

Documents :

Doc 1



Doc 2 - Article AI

source BBC, AI Godfather quits Google and warns about the dangers of AI

Introduction : topic/author/date/source/type/transition

Article summary : AI and its dangers as seen by Mr Hinton // other opinions/points of view presented in the article

Transition : after looking at... // taking into account....

Key question : To what extent ?

CAREFUL !!!! QUESTION STRUCTURE : AUX + SB + VB.

TO WHAT EXTENT DO/DOES/CAN + SB + VB ?

Idea 1

- argument :
- examples :

Idea 2

- argument
- examples

Idea 3

Conclusion : rephrasing + opening

Picture/Photo/Caricature etc

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Picture description

*What is in the picture?
In the picture I can see ...
There's / There are ...
There isn't a ... / There aren't any ...*

*Say what is happening with the present continuous
The man is ...ing
The people are ...ing
It's raining.*

*Where in the picture?
At the top/bottom of the picture ...
In the middle of the picture ...*

*On the left/right of the picture ...
next to
in front of
behind
near
on top of
under*

*If something isn't clear
It looks like a ...
It might be a ...
He could be ...ing
Maybe it's a ...*

Symbols

Statue of liberty : "We will not forget that Liberty has here made her home; nor shall her chosen altar be neglected."

—President Grover Cleveland, accepting the Statue of Liberty on behalf of the U.S.,
October 28th, 1886

A symbol stands for an idea. The Statue of Liberty stands in Upper New York Bay, a universal symbol of freedom.

- originally – emblem of the friendship between the people of France and the U.S. and a sign of their mutual desire for liberty, it was also meant to celebrate the abolition of slavery following the U.S. Civil War. Over the years the Statue has become much more.
- greeting millions of immigrants and embodying hope and opportunity for those seeking a better life in America.

Play on words : meaning

Immigration from Mexico

Transition : after looking at... // taking into account...

Key question : To what extent is immigration a source of cultural richness in the USA or a burden for the American society?

Idea 1 history of the US

- argument : USA as a country of immigrants
- examples : European immigration

Idea 2 language, culture, food etc

- argument
- examples

Idea 3

Conclusion : rephrasing + opening

HOMEWORK : prepare your commentary for the article on AI (10 minute oral presentation)