

Year 8 - French - Enrichment Activity - Poetry

- Core Tasks:**
- Read and understand a French poem
 - Create a glossary of the key vocabulary so that a younger pupil could understand the poem
 - Make a storyboard for the poem including pictures and quotes
 - List the verbs, adjectives and nouns in a table
 - Write a biography of the poet, in English, write a simple version in French
 - Express your opinion about the poem and how the poet has created a particular atmosphere, in English
 - Be ready to read the poem aloud with accurate pronunciation

- Extension:**
- Write your own poem, in French, in a similar style
 - Produce a 'video' of the poem with audio and acting out what it says happens
 - Create another artefact to go with your poem
 - Research into other poems by Prévert and or other French poets.
 - Memorise the poem to perform: accurate pronunciation and conveying meaning

Hints and Helps:

- Read the poem a few times through and see if there are any words which you understand.
- Use a dictionary to look up things that you are not sure of.
- Follow 'the story' and when you've worked through it, pick out the main ideas and create a storyboard - as you would in English, for example with Jabberwocky.
- Create a table with the headings, 'nouns', 'adjectives' and 'verb phrases'. Fill in the vocabulary in the correct column. This will help you when you write your own poem as you know what kind of word to substitute, whilst following the same pattern.
- Use the internet or information with your teacher, to help you find out about the poet.
- Comment on the poetry using the skills you've learnt in English - just because it's a foreign language doesn't mean to say you can't comment on it.

Success Criteria

- ☐ neat presentation
- ☐ glossary of the key vocabulary
- ☐ storyboard of the poem
- ☐ a list of the nouns
- ☐ a list of the verb phrases
- ☐ a list of the adjectives
- ☐ biography of Jacques Prévert, the poet
- ☐ write a paragraph giving details of what is good about the poem, mentioning characteristics of poetry

Déjeuner du Matin

Il a mis le café
Dans la tasse
Il a mis le lait
Dans la tasse de café
Il a mis le sucre
Dans le café au lait
Avec la petite cuillère
Il a tourné
Il a bu le café au lait
Et il a reposé la tasse
Sans me parler
Il a allumé
Une cigarette
Il a fait des ronds
Avec la fumée
Il a mis les cendres
Dans le cendrier
Sans me parler
Sans me regarder
Il s'est levé
Il a mis
Son chapeau sur sa tête
Il a mis son manteau de pluie
Parce qu'il pleuvait
Et il est parti
Sous la pluie
Sans une parole
Et moi, j'ai pris
Ma tête dans ma main
Et j'ai pleuré