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**French Studies 3**

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**1. COMPLETE ALL THE INFORMATION BELOW:**

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**2. COMPLETE THE TEST BELOW TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY (WITHOUT HUMAN OR OTHER ASSISTANCE: NO DICTIONARIES OR GRAMMAR OR OTHER BOOKS).  
RETURN IT BY MAIL WITHIN 48 HOURS TO:**

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## How to type French accents

There are three main ways of typing accents with an English keyboard:

1. You can use numerical codes as follows:

<b>ACCENTS FRANÇAIS SUR CLAVIER ANGLAIS</b>		
Press [Alt] and type in the following codes in the numerical part of the keyboard Use either a 3 digit code (removing the 0) or the 4 digit one.		
ALT + 133 à (0224)	ALT + 210 Ê (0202)	ALT + 151 ù (0249)
ALT + 131 â (0226)	ALT + 211 Ë (0203)	ALT + 235 Û (0217)
ALT + 183 Å (0192)	ALT + 139 ï (0239)	ALT + 150 û (0251)
ALT + 182 Â (0194)	ALT + 216 İ (0207)	ALT + 234 Ü (0219)
ALT + 130 é (0233)	ALT + 140 î (0238)	ALT + 135 ç (0231)
ALT + 138 è (0232)	ALT + 215 Î (0206)	ALT + 128 Ç (0199)
ALT + 136 ê (0234)	ALT + 147 ô (0244)	ALT + 174 « (0171)
ALT + 137 ë (0235)	ALT + 226 Ò (0212)	ALT + 175 » (0187)
ALT + 144 É (0201)	ALT + 0156 œ	
ALT + 212 Ë (0200)	ALT + 0140 Œ	

2. You can use the letter keyboard, provided it is set as American, Australian or International English. The basic mechanism is to use the control button to activate a key followed by the letter you wish to put the accent on. In some cases, the mark needs to be activated by control + shift.

- é: type control + ‘ followed by e
- è: type `control + ` followed
- à: type `control + ` followed by a
- ï: type control+ shift+ i
- ô: type control+ shift + ^ followed by o
- ç: type control + , followed by c

3. If all else fails, you can use within Word the Insert symbol command (symbols, normal text).

**A. Testing your ability to form and to use verbs in past tenses (*passé composé* and *imparfait*) correctly and appropriately.**

**1. Complete the following sentences using the appropriate *passé composé* (or perfect) tense form of the verb given in brackets.**

Example: Nous ..... (accompagner) ma sœur à l'aéroport quand elle ..... (partir) à Paris.

→ Nous **avons accompagné** ma sœur à l'aéroport quand elle **est partie** à Paris.

- Paul ..... (donner) l'argent à Caroline.
- Julie ..... (ne pas étudier) les maths au lycée.
- Mes grands-parents ..... (venir) nous voir à Noël.
- Vous ..... (faire) votre lit ce matin ?
- Ils ..... (se coucher) très tard.

**2. Complete the following sentences using the appropriate *imparfait* (or imperfect) tense form of the verb given in brackets.**

Example: Elle ..... (avoir) vingt-cinq ans quand elle s'est mariée.

→ Elle **avait** vingt-cinq ans quand elle s'est mariée.

- La voiture ..... (rouler) à 110 km/h au moment de l'accident.
- Je ..... (finir) mon travail quand il m'a appelé.
- Brigitte et Guillaume ..... (être) à la plage hier ?
- Elles ..... (faire) la vaisselle quand le téléphone a sonné.

**3. Complete the following sentences using the appropriate past tense (*passé composé* OR *imparfait*) form of the verb in brackets.**

- L'accident ..... (arriver) hier à 22 heures.
- Quand je ..... (être) petit, ma famille ..... (passer) toutes les vacances d'été dans les Alpes.
- Mon père ..... (chercher) sa clef dans sa poche quand il ..... (remarquer) que la porte d'entrée de la maison ..... (être) ouverte.

**B. Testing your ability to use conjunctive pronouns correctly.**

**4. Respond affirmatively to the following questions, replacing the underlined noun or noun group in the question with a pronoun in your answer.**

Example: Tu as vu Jean aujourd'hui ?  
Oui, je l'ai vu ce matin.

- Tu as téléphoné à tes parents ?

Oui, ..... hier soir.

- Ils connaissent Julie ?

Oui, ..... depuis longtemps.

- Vous allez souvent à Paris ?

Oui, ..... tous les ans.

- Vous avez écrit les lettres ?

Oui, ..... hier.

**C. Testing your ability to communicate in written French providing information on familiar topics of personal interest.**

**5. Write a short text (100-150 words) about yourself.** The text should include:

- something about your past;
- some description of yourself and where you live using adjectives;
- something about your plans for the immediate and more distant future.
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**Attach the page on which you have written the text to this page before returning both as per instructions on page 1.**