**GCSE Higher Tier stick-in writing strips** (by Mel Bulmer)

**THEME 1: IDENTITY AND CULTURE**

**Topic 1: Me, My Family and Friends**

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| **Present Tense**   * Describe your family/ friends * Describe their personalities and physical characteristics * Say if you get on with them or not, and why * Describe activities you do normally with your friends * Describe your best friend |
| **Past Tense**   * Describe how your relationships were different when you were younger * What activities you enjoyed doing as a family/ friendship group |
| **Future Tense**   * Activities/ projects/ holidays you would like to do in the future |
| **Opinions**   * Is marriage important? * What reasons can you give (x3) * Which is more important: family or friends? * What reasons can you give (x3) * One comparison phrase * One superlative phrase |

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* At least 3 different tenses
* Response (answer the question)
* A variety of adjectives to describe your activities
* A variety of different connectives (parce que, puisque, car, tandis que)
* Time phrases (When I was younger, in the future, now, four times a week etc.)
* A variety of opinion phrases (e.g. à mon avis, je suis passionné par, j’ai horreur de(s))
* Make sure you always give a reason for your opinion (e.g. I used to hate my brother because he teased me, now we get on very well because we both love football).

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**Topic 2: Free-time activities**

* Music
* Cinema and TV
* Food and Eating Out
* Sport

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| **Present Tense**   * Things you do now * Things you like to do * Things you don’t like to do * Reasons for your opinions |
| **Past Tense**   * Things you used to do when you were younger * Your opinion * Why you stopped/ no longer participate |
| **Future Tense**   * What you will continue in the future * Activities you would like to try if you had the time/ money etc. |
| **Opinions**   * Why are hobbies important? * What reasons can you give (x3) * One comparison phrase * One superlative phrase |

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Vous écrivez un article sur les vacances pour un magazine français.

Décrivez :

* L’importance des vacances
* Des vacances mémorables

Ecrivez environ **150** mots en **français**. Répondez aux deux aspects de la question.

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| **Present Tense**  Opinion:   * State your opinion plus reasons **WHY** * Positive opinion (x3) plus reasons **WHY** * Negative opinion (x3) plus reasons **WHY** * At least one comparison phrase * At least one superlative phrase |  |
| **Past Tense**  *(remember Passé Composé AND Imperfect)*  Description:   * Where you went * Who you went with * How you got there * Where you stayed   Reasons:   * Why was it memorable? * What were the positives and why? * Were there any negatives? * Would you go return? |  |
| **Future/ Conditional Tense**  Future Plans:   * Where would you like to go in the future? * Why? * If you had the money/ time/ opportunity, where would you go? |  |

Vous décrivez là où vous habitez pour votre blog.

Décrivez :

* Votre ville et ses attractions
* Les aspects positifs et négatifs de votre maison
* Une visite récente à votre ville
* Où vous voulez habiter à l’avenir

Ecrivez environ **90** mots en **français**. Répondez à chaque aspect de la question.

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| **Present Tense** | Your town :   * Name of your town * Region (e.g. South West) * Country (e.g. England) * Location (countryside/ city/ seaside/ mountains) |
| **Present Tense** | Town description:   * Size * Features (e.g. park/ castle/ museum/ shops etc.) * Urban or rural? |
| **Present Tense (plus one conditional)** | Opinions of your house:   * Short description (e.g. house or bungalow, garden, number of rooms and floors) * Things you like (x 3) and **WHY** * Things you don’t like (x 3) and **WHY** * One thing you would change (Je changerais…) and **WHY** |
| **Past Tense (Passé Composé and Imperfect)** | Recent visit:   * What you did * Who you were with * What you saw * What you liked and **WHY** * What you didn’t like and **WHY** |
| **Future Tense (Aller + verb infinitive) and Conditional** | Future:   * Where (country/ region/ town or city) * Reasons (try to give at least one positive and one negative) |