**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
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| **Past Tense*** Describe how your relationships were different when you were younger
* What activities you enjoyed doing as a family/ friendship group
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| **Future Tense*** Activities/ projects/ holidays you would like to do in the future
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| **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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**REMEMBER TO INCLUDE:**

* 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
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| **Past Tense*** Things you used to do when you were younger
* Your opinion
* Why you stopped/ no longer participate
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| **Future Tense*** What you will continue in the future
* Activities you would like to try if you had the time/ money etc.
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| **Opinions*** Why are hobbies important?
* What reasons can you give (x3)
* One comparison phrase
* One superlative phrase
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* Make sure you always give a reason for your opinion (e.g. I like playing the saxophone because I love Jazz music).

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
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| **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?
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| **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?
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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)
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| **Present Tense** | Town description:* Size
* Features (e.g. park/ castle/ museum/ shops etc.)
* Urban or rural?
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| **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**
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| **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**
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| **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)
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