## Phrase 1

## Basic skills:

numeracy = the capacity to count
literacy $\neq$ illiteracy
to be literate $\neq$ to be illiterate
-> to be able to read and write fluently $\neq$ to be unable to read and write fluently
$10 \%$ of people are illiterate in France; this comes in contradiction with the principle of free and compulsory // mandatory education for all which compels // obliges children to go to school up to the age of 16.
to compel sby to do sthg
to oblige sby to ...
to force sby to ...

## Mots de liaison: yet / however / nevertheless / still

$>$ School is compulsory for all children up to the age of 16 and yet // however// nevertheless // still, there are $10 \%$ of illiterate adults in France today.

Attention STILL a 2 sens; ne pas confondre avec « encore » ; de même entre ce « yet » et le « not ... yet» ci-dessous :
Ex: Where is Paul?
He's still sleeping OR He has not arrived yet.

## Phrase 2

a survey : une enquête
a study: une étude
a poll: un sondage
to be concerned $\mathbf{B Y}$ sthg = to be interested $\mathbf{I N}=$ to be involved $\mathbf{I N}$
to be concerned $\mathbf{A B O U T}=$ to be worried $\mathbf{A B O U T}=$ to be preoccupied $\mathbf{B Y}$
Donc il faut faire attention à la préposition qui accompagne l'expression car elle en modifie le sens.
school leavers = young people who have decided to get a job just after school, either at 16 or at the end of high school; so not necessarily drop-outs but young people who don't want to enter higher education // who don't want to go on with their studies.
to leave school
to drop out of school
a drop-out (pluriel: drop-outs)= un décrocheur
a pupil (for young schoolchildren)
a student (for high school or university students)

## Exams:

At the end of middle school : the GCSE = the General Certificate of Secondary Education (equivalent du Brevet des collèges)
At the end of high school: the A-levels (GB)// a high school degree (equivalent du Baccalauréat)

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You take an exam -> either you pass your exam
    -> or you fail your exam
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## Phrase 3

almost = presque
to lack $\emptyset$ sthg (verb); ex: to lack $\varnothing$ money - to lack $\varnothing$ time (attention à la construction par rapport au français)
a lack of (money; time; etc) (noun)
a plant: une usine
a factory: une usine
a company: une entreprise

## GRAMMAR

"He is 17 years old" expression de l'âge que vous connaissez tous
-> He is a 17-year-old boy // He is a nice boy -> l'élément souligné est un adjectif, au même titre que 'nice'. Donc tirets obligatoires pour fabriquer 1 seul et unique mot + absence de ' $s$ ' puisque les adjectifs sont INVARIABLES en anglais.
-> 17-year-olds should be able to read fluently: ici on a fabriqué un nom à partir de l'expression de l'âge, donc là aussi des tirets mais cette fois comme c'est un nom pluriel, il prend un 's' à la fin comme tous les noms au pluriel.

## Phrase 4

to improve = to make better = to upgrade (pour une machine, un appareil)
an improvement // an upgrade
to increase $\neq$ to decrease
an increase $\neq$ a decrease
a rate
a percentage ; 10 percent
Rappel: college = university
a lower-income family $\neq$ a higher-income family
low $\neq$ high
to have a low-paid job $\neq$ to have a well-paid job
to get paid for your work = to receive a wage // a salary
to earn money
income = wage + other sources of revenue

## Phrase 5

## School absenteeism

to skip a lesson / to skip school = to choose not to go to a specific lesson or to school for a day, two days or more
to miss school = not to go to school because you are sick or for any other good and valid reason truancy $=$ school absenteeism
to play truant = to miss school deliberately a truant = a pupil who practices truancy = an absentee pupil
a drop-out = a pupil who ends up not going to school anymore after playing truant too much
dramatic (adjective)/ dramatically (adverb) FAUX-AMIS
a dramatic increase $=$ a spectacular increase
Ex: the price of petrol has dramatically increased these last few years
Ex: there has been a dramatic increase in the price of petrol these last few years.
a figure: un chiffre
figures = statistics
Rappel: a state school = a state-funded school = a non-private school

## Phrase 6

to prosecute sby = to sue sby (poursuivre en justice). A ne pas confondre avec 'to persecute'.
a prosecution $=$ a lawsuit
a fine = a sum of money you have to pay to the state or to the police when you do not respect a law or a regulation
to fine sby = to give sby a fine
child benefit (les allocations familiales)
to deprive sby of sthg = priver qn de qch

## Phrase 7

tuition fees = university fees (cf cours d'ouverture)
to let sby do sthg = to allow sby to do qthg
The British government voted a measure // a law that allows British universities to set their own fees // that lets universities free to set their own fees. As a consequence, the most selective and most prestigious universities raised those fees // increased those fees to up to 12,000 pounds $=£ 12,000$

Attention ponctuation inversée!
Fr: 3,5\% = Br: 3.5\%
Fr: $3500=\mathrm{Br}: 3,500$

