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**TEF**

**CANADA**

**VOCABULARY**

**800 WORDS**

**TO SUCCEED**

**+ 160 linking words with**

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# Forword

Dear French learners,

I lead students from beginners to advanced and as you know TEF is really useful not only to improve your French but also to give credit to your skills when you apply for job or Canadian University. I helped many students to achieve this goal and today I continue with this new study guide about vocabulary.

I'm happy to see that the first three books I published about the TEF exam are best sellers. They helped many students to prepare for the TEF and TEFAQ. Those books explain what to expect at the exam and provide many sample questions as well.

Many of you need more vocabulary to express your ideas at the exam. You may have a good level but sometimes your hard work is wasted because of some basic words that you forgot or simply don't know. Basics words are also very important. Some students tend to forget these essential words because of stress or lack of preparation.

That's why I decided to gather more than 800 words that can be used for this TEF exam. I'm confident this will help you to save a lot of time and energy.

My goal is that students can take the TEF exam and be confident they can succeed. This book's purpose is to

be practical and straightforward. If you have any question or want to have an exam simulation with me, send me an email at [jean@getsetfrench.com](mailto:jean@getsetfrench.com).

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## **About the author**

Teaching French is my job, and I specialized in pronunciation and exam/interview preparation. For several years, I have helped French learners to succeed the DELF and improve their TEF score, pass interviews with French recruiters or universities, and help French learners to travel in France with more confidence.

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## **Should you take the TEF Canada exam?**

Taking the TEF allows you to test your knowledge in French from beginner to advanced. This exam has 4 different parts (compréhension orale, compréhension écrite, expression orale, expression écrite)

If you want to study or work in Canada you will need to take the TEF Canada. TEF means Test d'Évaluation du Français, it helps to assess your level if you plan to apply for a job in Canada or enter a Canadian university. Canada is part of French-speaking countries since one of its provinces (Québec) has French as an official language besides English.

If your goal is to immigrate Canada (or Québec taking the TEFAQ), you will need to take the TEF Canada. As a result, Canadian administration will deliver a visa if you get the required level. Having this test makes it possible to immigrate and work anywhere in Canada. It is compulsory if you want to apply for the Canadian citizenship.

TEF Canada is recognized by the Federal Government of Canada as a proof of your skills in French during the immigration process. The score is valid for 2 years. There is also a specific test (TEFAQ) if you want to immigrate to Québec.

To apply for Canada immigration, you will need to take these parts:

Compréhension écrite (Reading)

Compréhension orale (Listening)

Expression écrite (Writing)

Expression orale (Speaking)

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## **Evaluating system**

TEF test is not based on the CEFR levels (unlike the DELF) but it is based on the NCLC that has 12 levels. For example, it is better to get a score of 7 or higher on this level scale if you want to have the chance to work in Canada. Just like the DELF you will need to proof your ability in French (Compréhension orale, compréhension écrite, expression orale, expression écrite).

Compréhension écrite: 60 minutes – 50 questions – 300 points.

Compréhension orale: 40 minutes – 60 questions – 360 points.

Expression écrite: 60 minutes – 2 sujets à traiter – 450 points.

Expression orale: 15 minutes – 2 sujets à traiter – 450 points.

Every part must be taken at the same session. If you are not satisfied with one of the scores, you will need to retake the whole exam. To apply for Québec immigration, you will need to take these parts:

Compréhension orale

Expression orale

Compréhension écrite (just for the main petitioner, optional)

Expression écrite (just for the main petitioner, optional)

**Maximum score for each part:**

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Compréhension orale : 40 minutes – 60 questions – 360 points.

Expression écrite : 60 minutes – 2 sujets à traiter – 450 points.

Expression orale : 15 minutes – 2 sujets à traiter – 450 points.

Unlike DELF tests the score of the 4 tests is not compensated between each other. Each test must be passed correctly.

## **Admission score**

Express entry (C1 ou C2)

Studies: at least 700 points and 14/20 for the writing part

**To get a B2 level you will need this score for:**

- Expression Orale : 348

- Expression Ecrite : 348

- Compréhension Orale : 279

- Compréhension Ecrite : 232

### **SCORES FOR C1 LEVEL:**

SKILL	SCORE
Compréhension Ecrite	233-247 (NCLC: 8) 248-262 (NCLC: 9) 263-277 (NCLC: 10)
Compréhension Orale	280-297 (NCLC: 8) 298-315 (NCLC : 9) 316-333 (NCLC : 10)
Expression Ecrite	349-370 (NCLC: 8) 371-392 (NCLC: 9) 393-415 (NCLC: 10)
Expression Orale	349-370 (NCLC: 8) 371-392 (NCLC: 9) 393-415 (NCLC: 10)

### **SCORES FOR C2 LEVEL:**

<b>SKILL</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Compréhension Ecrite	278-300 (NCLC: 11 à 12)
Compréhension Orale	334-360 (NCLC : 11 à 12)
Expression Ecrite	416-450 (NCLC: 11 à 12)

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# Quick insight of the tests

## **Compréhension écrite**

4 sections - 50 questions in a multiple answers quiz

1 hour

Goal: assess your ability to read and understand written documents.

## **Compréhension orale**

4 sections – 60 questions

40 minutes

Goal: assess your ability to understand spoken French listening audio recordings.

## **Expression écrite**

2 sections

1 hour

Goal: assess your ability to express yourself in written French.

## **Expression orale**

2 sections

15 minutes (total duration of the test) - 1 minute to prepare for each section.

Goal: assess your ability to express yourself and speaking in French.

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# Expression Écrite

## SECTION A

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What you are asked to do:

You will be given the beginning of an article. You have to continue the article by writing at least 80 words.

Add at least 80 words to the beginning of the article

With several paragraphs

The text must be short but with at least two paragraphs

Ending the article with a positive aspect

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### Example

*Voici le début d'un article de presse. Terminez cet article :*

- en ajoutant à la suite un texte de 80 mots minimum
- en faisant plusieurs paragraphes.

Surprise dans une boîte aux lettres. En Belgique, un

chômeur de 31 ans a découvert dans sa boîte aux lettres une enveloppe avec plus de 6000 euros et un mot indiquant : « bonne chance ! »

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## **par contre**

*however*

-Example: Si aucune victime n'est à déplorer, par contre de sérieux dégâts ont été causés.

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## **par exemple**

*for example, for instance*

-Example: Par exemple à Toulouse, nous exploitons également de la publicité sur les vélos.

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## **par la suite**

*thereafter, subsequently*

-Example: J'ai l'espoir de pouvoir être embauché définitivement par la suite.

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## **par rapport à**

*in relation to*

-Example: Cela représente une progression de 6 % par rapport à l'an passé à la même époque.

## **parce que**

*because*

-Example: Souvent, il se produit des accidents parce que les jeunes ne font pas attention.

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## **particulièrement**

*particularly, especially*

-Example: Le début de l'année s'avère particulièrement mauvaise sur les marchés financiers.

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