Cave Languages
Primary Languages Update – November-December 2025

Christmas Resources

If you go to the 'Sharing Good Practice' page of my website, in the section 'Interesting links to resources online' you will find the entries for December 2014 – 2024 which have links to a variety of resources to use in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Most of them should still be available. Here are the most popular ones from the last few years:

Videos Simple Christmas Songs in French
Je vous souhaite un Joyeux Noël! - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-V3IF8-fPk

Simple Spanish Christmas Songs
Vamonos

Simple French Nativity Story with audio also in Spanish
YouTube Primary Languages Network

Nativity Story Spanish - YouTube

Festive phrases in different languages
Coffee Break Languages

Interactive Christmas Stories in English, French, German and Spanish
French stories for language learning | Little Red Languages

Goethe Institute video Christmas in Germany
German Christmas Video

Christmas Songs and Stories in French
Christmas songs and stories

Design a Christmas jumper

Un Pull de Noël | Fun with French (funfrenchactivities.blogspot.com)

Advent calendar in German.

Advent calendar – The Voyage Kids

Christmas resources in various languages

Christmas (scilt.org.uk)

Christmas vocabulary in French

Learn and Play with Christmas vocabulary in French - YouTube

Christmas/New Year song in Spanish

Rockalingua

Christmas around the world

Primary school assemblies: Christmas Around the World - BBC Teach

New
French and Spanish advent colouring pages
https://www.canva.com/design/DAG43L775Sc/TBgTbR3PoNz0yTcLST6ccQ/edit?fbclid=IwY2xjawOSrAFleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETByUDlJenNPYTlMaWFzUHp4c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHkZ1rMxiALzk5QR7tuaNjHXUvrwD6zF84rAarWK57iRLgxaqFK3CoyCqX94__aem_ytJJ8qbqqq-hOKio6EhHpg

Simple French Christmas Song – Madame Cantin

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZVeueMzoB4

Free Online Primary Languages Course

The universities of Southampton and Reading are offering a free online course which is hosted by Future Learn. The course is entitled 'Challenge, creativity and empathy: Skills for primary language teaching.
https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/challenge-creativity-and-empathy-skills-for-primary-language-teaching

Free Ukrainian Language and Culture Education Pack

The British Council is offering this free education pack which is designed to bring elements of Ukrainian life into the classroom. You will find lesson plans, assembly ideas, background information and ready-to-use resources that introduce pupils to the richness of Ukraine's language and culture.
https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find/classroom/ukrainian-language-and-culture-education-pack?utm_source=fb&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=ceschools-schools-allp-uk-ukrainian-cultural-pack&utm_content=ukrainian-pack&fbclid=IwY2xjawN2or1leHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETByUDlJenNPYTlMaWFzUHp4AR5Mud-lMsZWI4j1O768-It7SlfZQiIgAXVSbrh3o8Ky7nPQXieBCBt2_XafDg_aem_KnZpidqEl-7HLQBMnjZqeQ

Curriculum and Assessment Review

If you have not had chance yet to look at the recently published 'Curriculum and Assessment Review' you can find it here:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/curriculum-and-assessment-review-final-report?fbclid=IwY2xjawN4D95leHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETByUDlJenNPYTlMaWFzUHp4c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHrdwFwQRXG_njoFR05WQWszqsQOJ_sMrGFZHFVnwBF2629q4BjBB96abOVxR_aem_k2Bh4QcMZCy_5I2B6erfrg&brid=VdP5_ZozljjDmc_DzJA8Pg
and the government's response is here:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690b2a4a14b040dfe82922ea/Government_response_to_the_Curriculum_and_Assessment_Review.pdf

Clare Seccombe has written a good analysis of the report regarding primary languages: https://changing-phase.blogspot.com/2025/11/the-curriculum-and-assessment-review.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawOSr0JleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETByUDUenNPYTlMaWFzUHp4c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHjH33CO7R_2uli0vjwKmRz7W4b29yGUCHadUTeuV90qT8lj7witydo6CNZpT_aem_VJZ_zISFsxAau7rOgfdTCw

Introduction to a German Club

The Goethe Institut is offering a free online about how to start a German Club using its resources. It will take place on the 22nd January 2026. You can book a place here: https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/anmf/rog.html?mc_cid=9854cd5308&mc_eid=35151aff51

North East Festival of Languages

Between the 6th January and the 31st March the North East Festival of Languages is offering a wide range of activities. There is multitude of free events, classroom activities and competitions designed to build skills and celebrate diverse languages, cultures and global connections. They are free and mostly online - definitely worth a look! https://expressyourselfne.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/UK-SCHOOLS-PROGRAMME-FESTIVAL-2026.pdf?fbclid=IwY2xjawOOb85leHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETByUDUenNPYTlMaWFzUHp4c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHh0I9HnpGCLdfReKm7PSe3bxNVjXlNwRB8YsRL3o1OeQIr4dgUuy1uuUPGhU_aem_Gp4QdKdz4EOUIwXO87jngA

I hope that the end of term goes well for you and you have a lovely Christmas break.

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember that to find out the latest news and information in between the newsletters, keep checking the Sharing Good Practice page of the Cave Languages website

Sharing good practice - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools

Joyeux Noël!

Best wishes
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