

There is room for every student in the French Immersion program to improve their French. In general, students are trending towards lower levels of writing abilities and, in many cases, significantly lower levels of oral French abilities.

Here are some tips for students and parents. The best results will come if we work collaboratively!



What can your student do at home?

- sustained silent reading in French for at least 20 minutes at a time
- reading out loud in French, either to self or others, to boost confidence and improve accent
- watching 10 minutes of French content, with or without French subtitles depending on your child's level. Avoid English subtitles
- listen to French music (I recommend this only for students with advanced French abilities)
- take advantage of any and all opportunities to have a discussion with somebody in French

How you can support your student

- Discuss with your student what they have read, watched, or listened to
 - If you speak French, have the conversation in French.
 - If you can understand French better than you speak French (like most of us!) ask questions in English and encourage your student to respond in French
 - Otherwise, have the conversation entirely in English. It will still give your student a valuable opportunity to reflect on, respond to, and share what they have learned
- Encourage your student to seek out and participate in French cultural activities. This can include something as simple as having a conversation with a French speaker

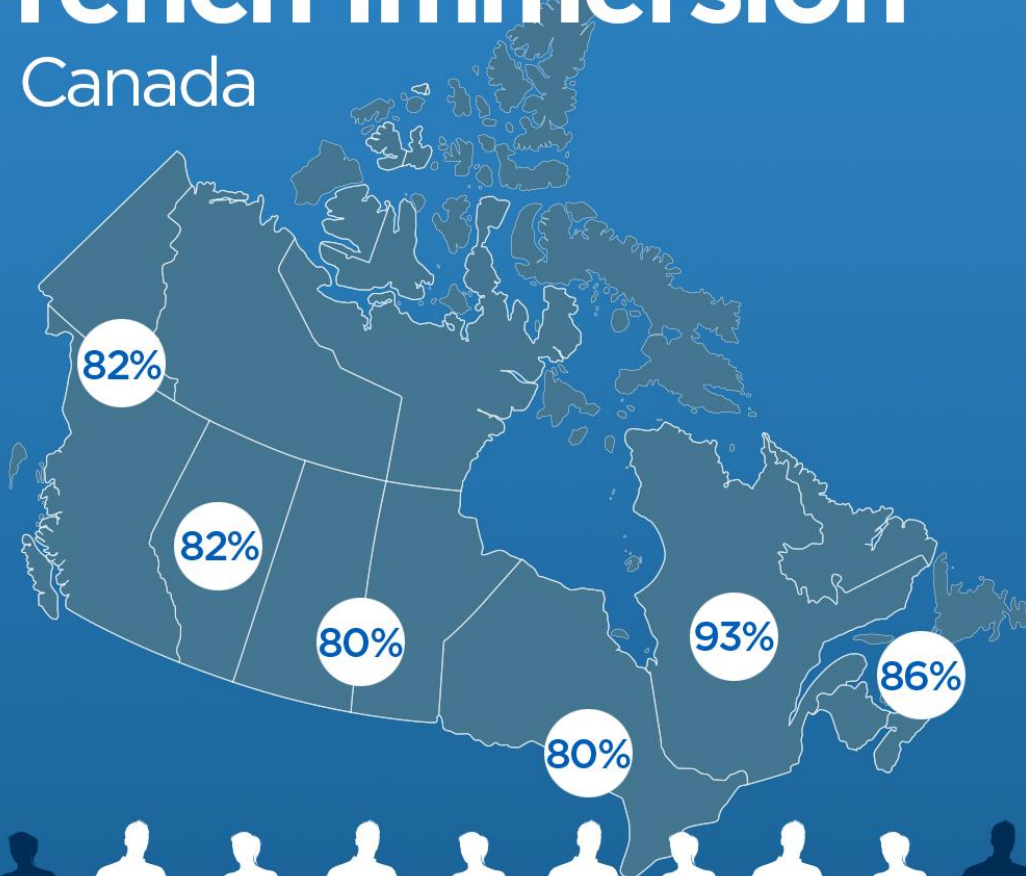
General Guidelines

- I recommend students use at least one of these strategies every day during the school week. Taking the weekend off can help consolidate what has been learned during the week.
- Content should be student driven. Students who choose material that interests them will be much more likely to adopt these strategies over the long term.
- If your student reports that they understand more than roughly 90% of what they are reading, watching, or listening to, then the French level of the content they are choosing is too easy for them.
- If your student is reporting that they cannot understand at least 75% of the material, the level is too difficult.



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In Canada



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Canadians say more needs to be done so that young people can become bilingual

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