

## “HANG ON, LET ME THINK” PHRASES – TO GAIN MARKS

We can't always think of the answer straight away - we need to use phrases to give us a bit of time. But in French, you'll need to practise these as well, so that they become second nature - for example, "I would say that...", "that depends", "I would have thought that" etc.

The good news is that they apply to **all walks of life**, and are not topic specific. Highlight 10 or so to get you started - **AND LEARN THEM!** Gradually build up your base of phrases, and add a few of your own as well. Remember, use them whenever you want to grab a second or so to get your thoughts together!

1. Ça dépend...	1. That depends ...
2. qu'est-ce que vous aimez faire?	2. what do you like doing ?
3. qu'est-ce que vous voulez faire? (avec...)	3. what do you want to do? (with...)
4. j'aurais pensé que...	4. I'd have thought that ...
5. j'aurais dit que...	5. I'd have said that ...
6. je pense que...	6. I think that ...
7. c'est mon avis (que...) / A mon avis...	7. It's my opinion (that...) / In my opinion...
8. je dois dire que...	8. I must say that...
9. (PAST) j'ai entendu que ...	9. I've heard that ...
10. c'est possible de +infinitive	10. it's possible to (+ verb)
11. je suppose que... + sentence	11. I suppose that... + sentence
12. je trouve que... + sentence	12. I find/think that... + sentence
13. (PAST) j'ai trouvé que... + sentence	13. I found that...+ sentence
14. (PAST) j'ai trouvé ça (pas) très bien	14. I found that (not) very good
15. moi personnellement, j'aime ...	15. Personally, I like ...
16. moi personnellement, je n'aime pas ...	16. Personally, I don't like...
17. de temps en temps, oui	17. from time to time, yes
18. oui, souvent	18. yes, often
19. non, jamais	19. no, never
20. (PAST) comme j'ai [déjà] dit, ...	20. as I've [already] said ...
21. je recommande ...	21. I recommend
22. je recommanderais ...	22. I would recommend ...
23. parce que / puisque ...	23. because ...
24. oui, d'accord	24. yes, ok
25. non, ça ne va pas, je suis désolé(e)	25. no, I can't do that, I'm afraid!