

The East Riding and Hull Cross-phase Translatathon - Primary 2026

The aim is for pupils in Years 5 or 6 (and 8/9 for the secondary competition) to practise and improve their vocabulary, pronunciation and memory skills in the target language (French, Spanish and German).

Native or bilingual pupils, as well as those who communicate in or are exposed to the language on a regular basis at home (speaking and/or listening), are not eligible to compete.

Words and phrases have been selected according to frequency, particularly during the early stages of language development (year 5/6) and for preparation for GCSE (year 8/9).

Primary Competition

For year 5/6, the competition will start in the autumn term Vocabulary will be relevant to the curriculum and aim to support classroom talk.

The competition consists of two stages:

Vocabulary list 1 – School Competition

Vocabulary lists 1 and 2 – Final Competition

Pupils will be given words or phrases to learn at the school stage of the competition and further words or phrases will be added for the second stage

Entrants into each stage will receive a certificate.

In the competition, pupils will be given the word or phrase in English and they will have to translate it correctly into the Target Language orally.

Pupils will be given **50 seconds** to correctly translate as many words/phrases as possible. Pronunciation must be accurate and clearly enunciated to be awarded the point. Pupils may finish their response if the question is asked when the minute timer goes off.

Pupils can pass at any time, but must say pass in the TL in the following way:

French Pass – je passe

Spanish Pass – paso

It is advised that pupils are tested on a weekly basis but it is appreciated that fortnightly in class time may be more manageable with the alternate week being self-tested by the pupils at home or outside the language lesson with pupils testing each other. As the vocabulary being tested has been planned to fit in with a typical curriculum, this can be done as a starter or a plenary to the language lesson.

The competition (stage 1 – school level)

At the end of the first stage, pupils should be tested individually without using prompts. This can be done in class or as part of an assembly.

Scores do not have to be shared to ensure the competition is inclusive not punitive.

Following feedback from last year we would like to give you the following advice:

- In the final, it is advised that you rehearse pupils as if for public speaking with an expectation that they will project their voices. The final will be held in the hall at **Beverley Grammar School on 25th June. The exact timings will be confirmed depending on the number of schools attending but we anticipate primary schools will join from late afternoon.**
- Pupils will have 50 seconds to correctly translate as many words/phrases as possible into the Target Language.
- The teacher should choose words/phrases in random order and should say the words in English, the pupil should then say the word/phrase in the Target Language using correct pronunciation and intonation.
- Pupils will receive one point per word/phrase correctly translated and pronounced within the time. If pupils begin a word/phrase when the timer goes, they should be able to finish.
- In the event of a tie, pupils with equal scores should participate in an additional one-minute round in which the number of passes should be counted.
- In the event of a tie in this additional round, the pupil with the least number of passes will be the winner of the tie-breaker.
- If they are still tied, a sudden death round should be played: Pupils should take it in turns to correctly translate a word/phrase. If a pupil translates a word/phrase incorrectly, they are out.

The competition (stage 2 – grand final) in teams of 4

This takes place in the summer term at **Beverley Grammar School**. The same rules apply.

School winners from the previous stage should meet weekly to test each other: this could be done at break or lunchtime.

Alternatively, or additionally, the relevant classes could test the winners each week as a starter or plenary.

The same rules apply as for Stage One, the only difference being that pupils will be tested on 80 words/phrases rather than 40. Each school can send a total of 4 pupils to compete in the cluster competition.

The winners will be announced on the day and there will be a prize-giving ceremony.

THE GRAND FINAL

This will take place at **Beverley Grammar School** on **25th June 2026**.

It is anticipated that the primary competition will start at 3.30pm

To show respect for all participants we ask that mobile phones are not used in the hall at any point.

Teams will comprise 4 members and prizes will be 4 x £20 Amazon vouchers for each member of the overall winning team and 4 x £10 vouchers for each member of the overall runner up team.

Vocabulary lists below.

Stage 1 French

1	Bonjour, ça va?	Hello, how are you?
2	salut	hi
3	au revoir	goodbye
4	ça va bien, merci	I'm fine thanks
5	Je m'appelle Charlie	I am called Charlie
6	Tu t'appelles comment? Comment t'appelles-tu?	What are you called?
7	J'habite en Angleterre	I live in England
8	J'habite à (Beverley)	I live in (Beverley)
9	J'aime le football	I like football
10	J'aime la pizza	I like pizza
11	Je n'aime pas la pizza	I don't like pizza
12	Je n'aime pas le foot	I don't like football
13	J'adore le chocolat	I love chocolate
14	J'adore le foot	I love football
15	Je déteste le chocolat	I hate chocolate
16	Je déteste le foot	I hate football
17	J'ai un frère	I have a brother
18	J'ai deux soeurs	I have 2 sisters
19	J'ai sept ans	I am 7 years old
20	J'ai huit ans	I am 8 years old
21	J'ai neuf ans	I am 9 years old
22	J'ai dix ans	I am 10 years old
23	J'ai onze ans	I am 11 years old
24	Mon jour préféré est lundi	My favourite day is Monday
25	Mon jour préféré est mardi	My favourite day is Tuesday
26	Mon jour préféré est mercredi	My favourite day is Wednesday
27	Mon jour préféré est jeudi	My favourite day is Thursday
28	Mon jour préféré est vendredi	My favourite day is Friday
29	Mon jour préféré est samedi	My favourite day is Saturday
30	Mon jour préféré est dimanche	My favourite day is Sunday

31	Le premier janvier	1 st January
32	Le premier avril	1 st April
33	Le quatorze février	14 th February
34	Le quatorze juillet	14 th July
35	Le trois mai	3 rd May
36	Le vingt mars	20 th March
37	Le sept juin	7 th June
38	Le trente et un octobre	31 st October
39	Le cinq novembre	5 th November
40	Le vingt-cinq décembre	25 th December

Stage 1 Spanish

1	¡Buenos días! ¿Cómo estás?	Hello, how are you?
2	¡Hola!	hi
3	¡Adiós!	goodbye
4	Bien, gracias	I'm fine thanks
5	Me llamo Charlie	My name is Charlie
6	¿Cómo te llamas?	What are you called?
7	Vivo en Inglaterra	I live in England
8	Vivo en Beverley	I live in (Beverley)
9	Me gusta el fútbol	I like football
10	Me gusta la pizza	I like pizza
11	No me gusta la pizza	I don't like pizza
12	No me gusta el fútbol	I don't like football
13	Me encanta el chocolate	I love chocolate
14	Me encanta el fútbol	I love football
15	Odio el chocolate	I hate chocolate
16	Odio el fútbol	I hate football
17	Tengo un hermano	I have a brother
18	Tengo dos hermanas	I have 2 sisters
19	Tengo siete años	I am 7 years old
20	Tengo ocho años	I am 8 years old
21	Tengo nueve años	I am 9 years old
22	Tengo diez años	I am 10 years old
23	Tengo once años	I am 11 years old
24	Mi día favorito es el lunes	My favourite day is Monday
25	Mi día favorito es el martes	My favourite day is Tuesday
26	Mi día favorito es el miércoles	My favourite day is Wednesday
27	Mi día favorito es el jueves	My favourite day is Thursday
28	Mi día favorito es el viernes	My favourite day is Friday
29	Mi día favorito es el sábado	My favourite day is Saturday
30	Mi día favorito es el domingo	My favourite day is Sunday

31	El primero de enero	1 st January
32	El primero de abril	1 st April
33	El catorce de febrero	14 th February
34	El catorce de julio	14 th July
35	El tres de mayo	3 rd May
36	El veinte de agosto	20 th March
37	El siete de junio	7 th June
38	El treinta y uno de octubre	31 st October
39	El cinco de noviembre	5 th November
40	El veinticinco de diciembre	25 th December

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Stage 2 French

1	s'il te plaît	please
2	merci	thank you
3	Un chat blanc	A blue cat
4	Un chien noir	A black dog
5	Un poisson bleu	A blue fish
6	Un poisson rouge	A red fish
7	Un poisson vert	A green fish
8	Un poisson jaune	A yellow fish
9	Ma mère est petite	My mum is small
10	Mon père est grand	My dad is tall
11	et	and
12	mais	but
13	aussi	also
14	Je suis cool	I am cool
15	Il est petit	He is small
16	Elle est petite	She is small
17	Il est grand	He is tall
18	Elle est grande	She is tall
19	Je vais au parc	I go to the park
20	Je vais au cinéma	I go to the cinema
21	Je vais au supermarché	I go to the supermarket
22	Quel âge as-tu?	How old are you?
23	Où habites-tu?	Where do you live?
24	Qui?	who?
25	Pourquoi?	why?
26	J'ai un stylo	I have a pen
27	J'ai une règle	I have a ruler
28	Je voudrais un stylo	I would like a pen
29	Je voudrais une règle	I would like a ruler
30	Je voudrais un crayon	I would like a pencil

31	Je parle français	I speak French
32	Je parle anglais	I speak English
33	Nous parlons français	We speak French
34	Nous parlons anglais	We speak English
35	J'aime regarder	I like to watch
36	J'aime jouer	I like to play
37	J'aime aller	I like to go
38	Tu aimes le chocolat?	Do you like chocolate?
39	Tu aimes la pizza?	Do you like pizza?
40	Tu aimes le foot?	Do you like football?

Stage 2 Spanish

1	Por favor	please
2	Gracias	thank you
3	Un gato azul	A blue cat
4	Un perro negro	A black dog
5	Un pez azul	A blue fish
6	Un pez rojo	A red fish
7	Un pez verde	A green fish
8	Un pez amarillo	A yellow fish
9	Mi madre es baja	My mum is short
10	Mi padre es alto	My dad is tall
11	y	and
12	pero	but
13	también	also
14	Soy guay	I am cool
15	Es bajo	He is short
16	Es baja	She is short
17	Es alto	He is tall
18	Es alta	She is tall
19	Voy al parque	I go to the park
20	Voy al cine	I go to the cinema
21	Voy al supermercado	I go to the supermarket
22	¿Cuántos años tienes?	How old are you?
23	¿Dónde vives?	Where do you live?
24	¿Quién?	who?
25	¿Por qué?	why?
26	Tengo un bolígrafo	I have a pen
27	Tengo una regla	I have a ruler
28	Quiero un bolígrafo	I want a pen
29	Quiero una regla	I want a ruler
30	Quiero un lápiz	I want a pencil

31	Hablo español	I speak French
32	Hablo inglés	I speak English
33	Hablamos español	We speak French
34	Hablamos inglés	We speak English
35	Me gusta ver	I like to watch
36	Me gusta jugar	I like to play
37	Me gusta ir	I like to go
38	¿Te gusta el chocolate?	Do you like chocolate?
39	¿Te gusta la pizza?	Do you like pizza?
40	¿Te gusta el fútbol?	Do you like football?