



**CERTIFICAT DE COMPÉTENCES EN LANGUES
DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPÉRIEUR
CLEES**

Langue : ANGLAIS
Niveau : CLES B1

CORRIGÉ

I – Listening task

Vidéo 1 – Happy House Sitters 2'48

- 1) What are the reasons why Francine enjoys house-sitting ? Fill in the grid with quotes from the video: (4 items, 3 points: 1pt par colonne correctement renseignée)

<i>Feeling of freedom</i>	<i>Way of traveling</i>	<i>Who you meet</i>
(Doing) what I like When I like <i>Les éléments en gras sont attendus</i>	- smart - fun - cheap	<i>Un parmi :</i> - beautiful people - Precious dogs

- 2) Justify the following statements with quotes: (2 items, 2 points)

- It is an original way to find a place to stay when on vacation
“get a little bit of **holiday accommodation...**” OR “do a bit of traveling” (éléments en gras attendus)
- It is easy to find house-sitting opportunities.

“**She’s been in demand** ever since”

- 3) Fill in the gaps in the following quote: (2 items, 2 points)

“They need to think carefully and *be prepared* to carry out the *little duties* that the home owner is asking them to do.”

- 4) True or false? Circle the appropriate answer. (3 items, 3 points)

- House-sitting is done in big cities only. *True / False?*
- The cost for Francine is reduced to transport and food. *True / False?*
- Francine also benefits from taking care of animals. *True / False?*

Vidéo 2 - Trusted Housesitters

5) Tick the elements mentioned in the video. (3 items, 3 points :1point par item coché ou non coché)

What are the benefits of house-sitting?

- have time to really know the people you meet.
- stay in nice places
- it's a more sustainable way of traveling

6) List the required qualities to be a good house-sitter according to Rachel Martin.
2 items, 2 points

- caring
- trustworthy
- (you) love pets

7) Tick the house-sitters' motivations mentioned in the video. 3 items, 3 points

- x It's a way to spend time with pets when you don't have any
- x It's a way to escape from noisy environments
- It's a way to experience Christmas in an original setting

8) Quote 2 advantages of house-sitting where there is a dog 2 items, 2 points

- companionship
- people always talk to you (if you have a dog) / connect with people
- feeling like a local (and not like a tourist)

Total compréhension de l'oral .../20 points – 12 points (60 %) pour valider la compétence

Transcription of videos

Video 1: Happy House Sitters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnIl2Iqsy9o&t=15s>

Francine: I am the happiest homeless pensioner in Australia doing what I like when I like.

Voix off: That's right Francine is a pensioner, she's homeless and she couldn't be happier. This out-of-work schoolteacher has found a smart, fun and, most importantly, a cheap way to see the world! The 61-year-old grandmother is a house-sitter.

Francine: I get to meet beautiful people, their precious dogs.

Ruth Meyers: Pensioners in our service do get a little bit of holiday accommodation or do a bit of traveling.

Voix off: Francine joined Ruth Meyers website "Happy House Sitters" last year and she's been in demand ever since.

Ruth Meyers: They need to think carefully and be prepared to carry out the little duties that the home owner is asking them to do.

Voix off: So far, bubbly Francine has been to Calrossie, Mount Eliza, Rye, Hastings, Ballarat, she's currently in Brisbane, then it's on to Flowerdale in Tasmania before heading off to Atherton in North Queensland, a stint in a wildlife refuge in Finch Hatton gorge near Mackay is next. Back to Caulfield, and after that, on to Tetbury in the UK!

Francine: Lovely people

Voix off: Francine pays to be a member of the "Happy House sitters" website. She doesn't get paid by the home-owners, so her pension is not affected. The cost is limited: the airfare to get to the house she's sitting, petrol while she's there and food

Ruth Meyers: the house-sitter usually get themselves a police clearance

Voix off: it's cheap for the home-owners too: it costs them nothing other than the utilities. Compare that to putting a dog in a kennel for at least \$25 a day and to pay a house-sitter which can be hundreds of dollars

Woman: I think she's winning

Francine: yes

Voix off: Francine tends to sit for people who own pets. At the moment, it's **Meatball**, the bullterrier who is her constant companion and he doesn't seem to be missing his owners in the slightest

Woman: You spoil them, don't you?

Francine: oh yes

Voix off: the folder album is full of furry and even feathered friends she's made along the way. She gets very attached to some

Francine: I did cry when I left Chester, that was very hard, a chocolate lab

Voix off: and with pets she says, she's never lonely, the homeowners get taken care too

Francine: every time I go, I leave flower arrangement or a leaf arrangement, greenery

Voix off: easy to see why she's in such demand

Video 2 Trusted Housesitters

Adapté de : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvBBuud07Gs>

"One of the things about TrustedHousesitters that had been (sic) a nice benefit is being able to meet people from all over the world and really getting to know them."

"It combines my love of animals and my love of travel so it's a win-win for me, it's perfect."

“You can be in a flat in the city, you can be on a beach but you're in a home in kind of a unique situation and then the cost of it is zero.”

“We're getting somebody who wants to care for our dog and they're getting a nice place to stay in the centre of Barcelona, it's a great system I mean it's really... I wish I'd thought of it.”

“And I've had 3 brilliant housesits. One in the Swiss Alps, another one in London and the third one was in Paris.”

“I don't want any money for doing it, I get enjoyment out of it. “

“If you can demonstrate that you're caring, and you're trustworthy, and obviously if you love pets as well, then simply register with the site, and once you create a profile you start to receive the latest housesits in your e-mail and if you like a housesit then you apply directly to that homeowner and then you basically continue the conversation with one another.”

“Some people genuinely want to come and be with pets because they don't have their own and they want to spend time with animals; other people just want to come somewhere peaceful and quiet to work; the family we had staying just wanted to escape from all the Christmas chaos in England and just come somewhere quiet.”

“We share a meal, we share a bottle of wine, we have a drink together, we feel welcome and it's a good exchange.”

“As a solo traveller it can get quite lonely on the road so having a pet around for that companionship, especially a dog, is fantastic. People always talk to if you have a dog. So it's a great way to connect with people as well.”

“Taking a walk in Central Park with a dog and feeling like a local and not like a tourist.”

“The second time we had a ‘trustedhousesitter’ come she just happened to come right when our neighbourhood was having their neighbourhood festival - festival Mayor de Sarria. I was actually sort of sad to be leaving our neighbourhood. However, Caroline had the opportunity to absorb all of the festival happening in our neighbourhood and that was a great bonus - for her.”

“For me it's a win-win: I get to see animals, places... But I just get to spend that time in the local community, the local environment, and everybody comes out happy.”

“If anybody was considering being a sitter, yeah I think you'll thoroughly enjoy it, it's one of the most rewarding things that we've done.”

II – Reading task

Texte 1 *House-sit and see the world for free*

1) Say if the following statements are true or false and justify with a quote **4 items, 4 points. Bonne réponse + bonne citation pour avoir le point**

	True	False
House-sitting suits best people traveling alone Quote: It can work particularly well for families looking for a large house to stay in	X	
House-sitting involves cleaning up Quote: keep the house safe, tidy and in a good condition	X	
You might have to pay a small charge in some cases Quote: may be asked to contribute some rent	X	
House-sitters may use the family car Quote : Sometimes homeowners lend me their car	X	

2) You want to know what is forbidden. What questions should you ask (quote the text): **(2 items, 2 points)**

- If there are any rooms they'd prefer you didn't go into
- whether I can have friends come to stay.

3) You want to know if the place is the right match for you. What should you ask about? List at least 2 elements: **(2 items, 2 points)**

2 réponses parmi:

- whether they have references from anyone else
- who has house-sat for them before
- Get a feel for their standards
- how far the place is from the nearest shops

Texte 2 Proven tips to get your first housesitting job

4) Quote at least **one advantage** of the TrustedHouseSitters website.
1 item parmi quatre possibles, 1 point. (éléments en gras attendus)

- TrustedHousesitters has **listings from all over the world**
- **its solid reputation** (in the industry)
- **how it interacts with its customers**
- **you can view listings 24 hours before unregistered members**

5) What kind of references can you mention if you don't have positive comments on your TrustedHouseSitters profile yet? List **one example**. **1 item parmi trois possibles. 1 point.**

- reference from previous landlords or homeowners
- Airbnb, HomeAway, or VRBO reviews from property owners
- house or pet sit in your local area and request a review of your services

6) Once you prepare your personal application message to a home-owner, what should you mention? Fill in the grid for each category: **3 items, 3 points.**

About your qualifications	About the dog(s) they have	About where they live
- your skills	- if you have personal experience with this breed Or - Use their names	- If you've visited their city before OR - let them know you are familiar with the area. OR - let them know you've looked into transportation option

Texte 3 Our private resort – Tropical garden with pool

7) What are the duties expected by Sonja? Fill in the grid **with 2 tasks** for each category **(4 items. 4 points)**

In the garden	About the dog
- Water the garden weekly - Mow the Lawn - (Maintain the pool) <u>2 éléments attendus</u>	- Feed the dog - Give her medication - Cuddle her <u>2 éléments attendus</u>

8) What are the advantages of Sonja's offer? Circle True or False. 3 items, 3 points

The house is isolated

TRUE /FALSE?

There are nice trails to discover the surrounding environment near the house

TRUE/FALSE?

Their dog is a young puppy.

TRUE/FALSE?

Total compréhension de l'écrit .../20 points – 12 points (60 %) pour valider la compétence

III – Writing task

(Total : 150 to 200 words)

✍ You have decided to be house sitter. You register online and create your profile on the website TrustedHousesitters.com. Use the form provided.

About Me :

- Introduce yourself : first name (Alex, fake name), nationality, age, occupation.
- Explain your dream trip (original, worldwide, various places to stay, interesting meetings...)
 - *T1: see the world; V1: doing what I like when I like; smart, fun and cheap (way of traveling); V1: meet beautiful people, meet precious dogs*
- Mention the qualities which would make you a good house-sitter.
 - *V2 : trustworthy, caring, love dogs*
 - *T1: able to keep the house safe, tidy and in good condition.*

Why I want to house sit :

- Explain why you would like to house – and pet-sit.
 - *V2: meet people from all over the world; escape noisy environment*
 - *V2: live/feel like a local, spend time in the local community; people always talk to you when you have a dog*
 - *V2: be with pets because I don't have my own and I want to spend time with animals; companionship*
 - *V1: taking care of animals*

My experience / skills:

- Mention your experience with previous landlords and pet-owners, and send your references
 - *T2: rent an apartment, reviews on AirBnB, housesat for my friends and family*
- Describe your skills : tasks and duties you feel capable of in the garden or with animals.
 - *T3: cuddle / feed / walk the dog ; mow the lawn, water the plants, maintain the pool.*
 - *V1: be prepared to carry out little duties*

IV – Speaking task

Vous allez enregistrer un message.

Vous donnerez d'abord votre numéro de candidat en reprenant la phrase suivante : « mon numéro de candidat est... ». Vous disposerez d'abord de cinq minutes de réflexion pendant lesquelles vous pourrez prendre des notes sous forme de mots-clés (attention, pas de phrases rédigées), puis vous enregistrerez votre message (3 minutes). Lorsque vous aurez fini votre message vous direz la phrase suivante : « Fin du message. »

Avant de sortir, vous devrez rendre ce document ainsi que vos notes.

En tenant compte de la mise en situation proposée ci-dessous, vous vous appuyerez sur le dossier que vous venez de travailler (textes et vidéos), pour développer les points mentionnés.

Scenario: You have just created your profile on **TrustedHousesitters.com**. Now you would like to send your vocal personal application message to Sonja and Bill (Text 3) to be their house-sitter. Talk about yourself and elaborate on your motivations, according to the prompts :

- **Introduce yourself [fake name : Alex] and show your interest for the principles of house-sitting, the TrustedHousesitters website and the possibilities and advantages they offer;**
 - *T2: listings from all over the world, good reputation, good interaction with customers;*
 - *V2: companionship (solo traveller, it can get quite lonely on the road, having a pet around, people always talk to if you have a dog, great way to connect with people); have time to really know the people you meet*
 - *V2: meet people from around the world; feeling like a local*

- **Show your interest for Sonja and Bill 's offer as well as for their dog.**
 - *T3: Location of the house (quiet street, close to shops), walking tracks*
 - *T2: let them know you've looked into transportation option*
 - *T3: 14 year-old Belgian Shepherd called Neffie*

- **Demonstrate your skills and ability to care for their house and dog, referring to your past experience ;**
 - *T3: feed / cuddle / medication;*
 - *T3: Water the gardens, mow the lawn, maintain the pool*
 - *T2: References from previous landlords*
 - *V2: trustworthy, caring, love dogs*

- **Talk about your expectations. Make sure to include the questions you still have before ending your vocal with an appropriate message to the hosts.**
 - *V1: doing what I like when I like; smart, fun and cheap (way of traveling); V1: meet beautiful people, meet precious dogs*
 - *Questions de CE T2: Things like if there are any rooms they'd prefer you didn't go into, and whether I can have friends come to stay. Get a feel for their standards and ask them whether they have references from anyone else who has house-sat for them before. It's also good to ask about practicalities like how far the place is from the nearest shops. Sometimes homeowners lend me their car...*