

Big Ideas- Modern Foreign Languages

Big Ideas are the building blocks of subjects. They are: -

- Concepts and ideas that helps us make sense of lots of otherwise isolated or disconnected facts.
- Principles, theories, or processes that serve as a focal point of a subject.
- Something that changes the way a we think about information or schema.

The big ideas in this subject are: -

Big Idea	Description
Tenses	Communicating about the past, present and future relies on the knowledge of multiple verb structures in different timeframes.
Gender and agreement	Changes the way we see nouns in different languages and impacts all words in written and spoken communication.
Phonics	Sound patterns are the building blocks of language and vary from language to language. Understanding and using phonics correctly is imperative in oral and aural communication.
Audience and Cultural Awareness	The way in which we communicate depends on who we are and to whom we are talking. Understanding and respecting cultural differences and traditions.