

French or Spanish Menu Design Challenge 2026:

Unleash Your Creativity!



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Welcome to the 2026 Language Festival North West Menu Design Competition!

This year, we are challenging you to step into the role of a restaurant owner, chef and designer. Your task is simple: create a complete, original menu in either French or Spanish.

The interpretation of this task is entirely up to you. Will you design an elegant Parisian bistro menu, a vibrant tapas bar selection from Madrid or something completely imaginary, like a zero-gravity fast-food cart?

The Challenge & The Rules

Category	Requirement Details
The Task	Create a three-course menu (plus drinks) for a French or Spanish restaurant. Think about flavour combinations, ingredients and presentation.
Language	The text of the menu (dish names, descriptions, prices, categories) must be written entirely in either French or Spanish. Include a short written description (in French or Spanish, if possible) of the menu and its inspiration.
Key Content	Your menu must include: Starters/Entrées/Primer Plato, Main Courses/Plats Principaux/Segundo Plato, Desserts/Desserts/Postres and Drinks/Boissons/Berbidas

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Format	Maximum size is A3 (or two A4 sheets joined). Submissions can be hand-drawn/hand-written or digitally designed
Submission	<p>Entries should be submitted to the following email competition@jlhlanguages.org and include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher name and email • School name and address • Name and year group of applicant or applicants <p>IMPORTANT: All submissions need to be entered digitally.</p>

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged by a panel of the JLH Languages team on the following three equally important criteria:

1. Creativity and originality : Unique combination of dishes and ingredients.
2. Language : Clear explanation of why dishes and ingredients were chosen, fostering opinions and justifications.
3. Visual Presentation: How well-designed, attractive and clearly laid out is the menu?

Deadline

All entries must be submitted to competition@jlhlanguages.org by **27th February 2026**. Good luck!

Who is organising this?

Languages Fest North West working in conjunction with JLH Languages. JLH Languages brings French and Spanish to life through immersive restaurant experiences in the UK. Have you ever wished you could give your students an amazing cultural trip without leaving the UK? Immersive restaurant experiences in French and Spanish are the perfect solution! They bring that authentic, real-world feel directly to your students, giving them a fun and memorable way to use their language skills. You can visit the restaurant near Cannock, Staffordshire (WS12 2DN) or we can bring the experience to your school.

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