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FRANCE



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# Welcome!

This Travel Workbook is all about France. You'll learn about French geography, some history and plenty more. Just follow the instructions below to complete the Workbook and find the final answer!

1.

On the next page is an Answer Grid. Each line has a number which tells you which activity you need to do in order to find the answer.

2.

Do each activity puzzle. **The answer that has a red star is the answer that goes into the Answer Grid.**

If you don't know the answer, that's OK - you can research it! ask your parents, check on the Internet or ring your grandparents and ask them.

3.

When you've solved all the puzzles, from number 1 all the way to number 7, then the secret word is shown in the blue boxes.

4.

Share your answer with us or your parents. They'll tell us and we will make sure you get the next Travel Workbook.

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# 1. First Questions

There are lots of interesting things to learn about France! Answer the questions on this page by doing a bit of research - ask your parents, or look on the Internet to find the answers!

The flag of France is red, white and blue. Can you find what it looks like and draw it?



- How many people live in France? \_\_\_\_\_
- The national symbol of France is a \_\_\_\_\_ (Hint: Coq in French)
- What are the 8 neighbouring countries of France? (Write the answers on the back of this paper)

## Famous people

*Can you complete the names of these famous people from France? You'll need to do some research!*

This woman was from Poland but became French after her amazing research in radiology. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize. Her name was **Marie** \_\_\_\_\_ ★

The main characters in a famous French comic book series. He and his friend are from an area called Gaul and fight against the Roman empire using a special drink to make them stronger:

\_\_\_\_\_ **IX** & \_\_\_\_\_ **IX**.

After the French Revolution he became the 'Emperor of the French'. He tried to invade Russia but failed. His name was \_\_\_\_\_ **Bonaparte**.

In French her name was Jeanne d'Arc. She was a hero for leading the French army to win a battle at Orleans against the English during the Hundred Years' War.

Her name in English was \_\_\_\_\_ **of** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. The Map

France is a big country - the 3rd largest in Europe. It has roughly 6 sides, so it is sometimes called L'Hexagone which means The Hexagon (a shape with 6 sides).



A school class is travelling through France. Follow their route on the next page and maybe you can help them when they get in trouble.

The class arrives from England through the Channel tunnel to Calais.

The train then continues and drops the class off in the capital city.

There they spend a day and then get onto a bus and drive east to the city where the European Parliaments regularly meets, very close to the border.

After visiting the Parliament they drive south passing Lyon and the French Alps to arrive on the Southern coast, which is called the Côte d'Azur.

They have two lovely days on the beach. Then they continue their journey along the Pyrenees and north up the Western coast where they learn how to surf.

They continue their journey driving north all along the western coast passing La Rochelle.

In Rennes they take a left turn and drive until they can't go any further.

Unfortunately their bus breaks down and a replacement bus needs to come in from Paris.

**To which city does the replacement bus need to drive to pick up the class?**

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# 3. The Tour de France

The Tour de France is held every year in the summer and is a professional cycling race. The route changes every year and goes across the whole of the country. The person who is first in the ranking each day gets to wear a yellow jersey.

These cyclists are taking part in the Tour de France. Follow their routes to see who's winning. The answer to this puzzle is the name of the cyclist that wins the race.



Bradley



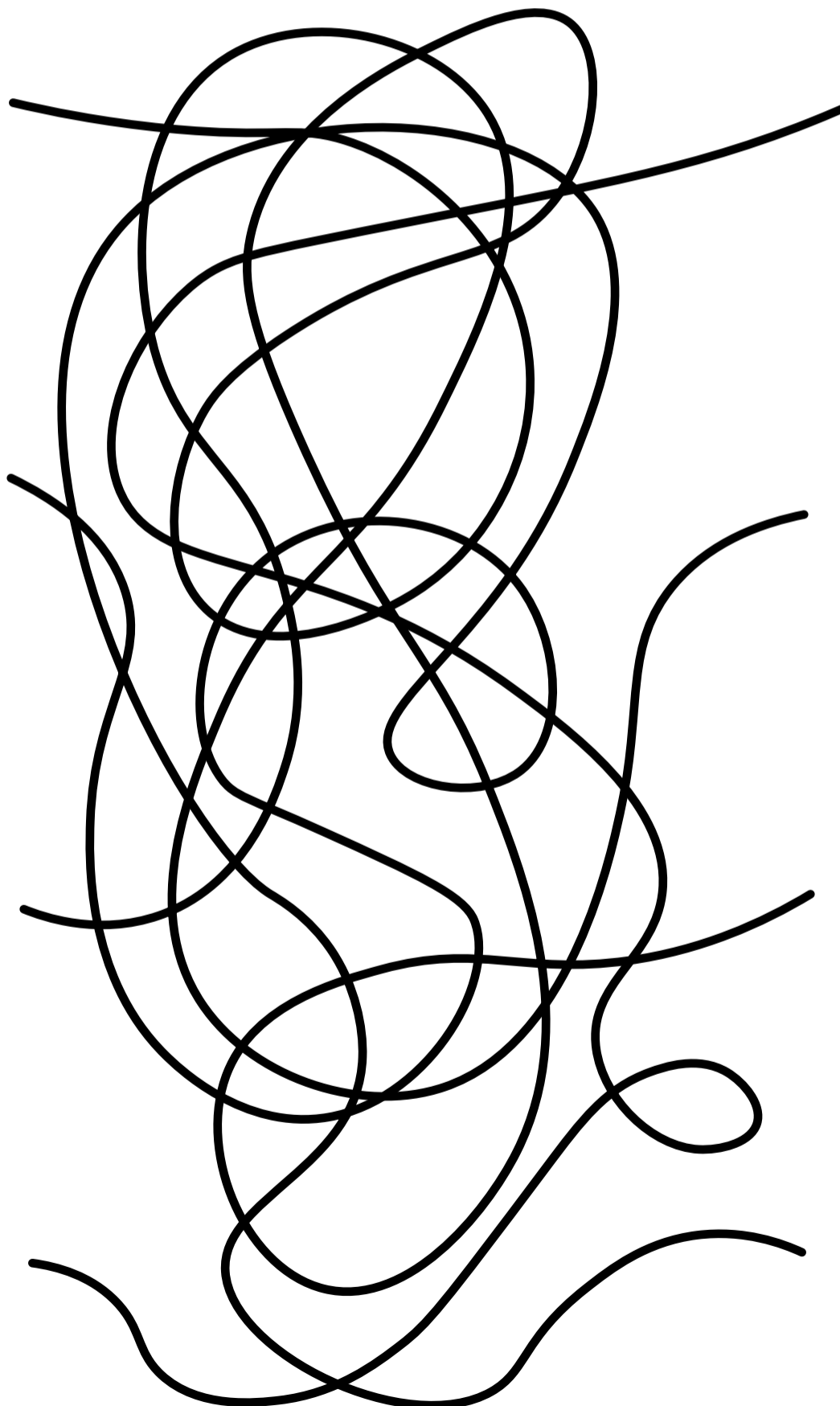
Eddy



Chris



Jacques



# 4a. Bastille Wordsearch

Many famous events happened in France. One of the most important things to happen was the French Revolution, when the French people got rid of their King by chopping off his head. The Revolution started with the Storming of the Bastille. You can read about it on the next page.

Try to find the words in the wordsearch below. The word that isn't in the wordsearch is the answer to this activity sheet.

Government	P	S	F	N	U	R	E	V	O	L	U	T	I	O	N	S	E	J	A	Pitchforks
Antoinette	J	A	J	O	I	F	P	O	D	B	M	E	N	E	Y	A	F	U	N	Democracy
Parliament	H	T	L	B	R	E	A	D	C	O	T	E	M	G	E	N	T	L	G	Bastille
Weak	D	H	U	L	S	T	R	E	C	N	W	R	M	P	D	D	G	G	R	Prison
Antoinette	T	A	X	E	S	L	R	M	D	A	S	E	R	P	E	G	Y	G	Y	Governor
Government	N	K	H	S	Z	E	O	O	D	P	S	E	P	M	E	I	J	O	G	Revolution
Antoinette	H	A	G	L	P	B	U	C	F	A	P	R	G	P	A	R	K	V	C	Guillotine
Weak	M	S	P	P	D	U	R	R	N	R	R	M	L	J	R	G	O	E	O	Bonaparte
Salt	S	D	A	O	A	N	N	A	O	T	I	G	L	Y	P	I	S	R	U	Emperor
Parliament	R	A	C	I	L	R	S	C	A	E	N	O	S	C	A	R	S	N	S	
Antoinette	K	E	L	D	G	E	U	Y	S	C	C	V	B	D	R	H	W	O	C	
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Salt	T	L	T	G	T	T	R	N	P	B	M	R	E	Y	I	M	D	T	U	
Parliament	L	A	E	G	U	I	L	L	O	T	I	N	E	U	A	V	D	V	S	
Antoinette	P	I	T	C	H	F	O	R	K	S	M	M	N	J	M	R	I	O	E	
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Salt	M	W	O	U	R	Y	R	L	D	N	G	N	N	R	N	F	G	T	E	
Parliament	F	A	M	I	N	E	R	E	T	V	M	T	K	T	T	R	R	F	A	
Antoinette	P	A	L	A	C	E	R	S	A	F	F	R	O	N	S	S	A	L	K	

The answer is: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



# 4b. The Storming of The Bastille

In 1789 France was a difficult place to live if you were poor. The very rich people were called nobles – they were friends with the King and Queen, lived in castles or palaces and had lots of servants to do their work for them. They didn't pay any **taxes**. Everyone else, like the bakers, the merchants, the people who made things, had to pay lots of money in tax. The working people were angry, especially as it was difficult to get food at that time. In France there was a famine, which meant it was hard to find food and simple things like bread and salt were expensive. Lots of people were hungry.

Also, the people didn't like the King and Queen very much. King Louis XVI (the Sixteenth) was a weak King who had trouble making decisions. His wife, Queen Marie Antoinette was also unpopular because she liked expensive parties and rich food. She didn't seem to care about the normal people of France at all.

The poor people in Paris were sick of the King so they decided it was time to get rid of him and have a **Parliament** instead, so the people could make some decisions. This form of government is called **democracy** because all the people can make decisions about laws. They wanted to fight against the King and his army but they didn't have many guns, only pitchforks and rakes. They knew that

**Taxes** are money that people give to the government so they can pay for things that everyone uses, like roads and schools

**Parliament** is a place where politicians meet to make laws for a country

When people talk about Kings which have the same name as a previous King, they use Roman Numerals like I, II, III instead of numbers

**Democracy** is a type of government where the people make decisions, usually by voting in elections

there was a supply of **gunpowder** in a building called The Bastille.

The Bastille was a prison where people who had upset the King went. Life there was tough and many prisoners died because it was so dirty and cold. The Bastille was also where some soldiers lived with their weapons.

On 14th July 1789, the people of Paris decided to attack the Bastille, steal the guns and free the **prisoners**. They did this and decided that and killed the **Governor** and some soldiers in the process. After this the French Revolution began. The people fought against the army and the nobles. Lots of nobles, including the King and Queen, were killed using a guillotine, which was a type of machine for cutting people's heads off quickly.

The people took over the ruling of the country and declared France a **Republic**. They have never had a King or Queen since then. Unfortunately, there were lots of fights about who should be the leader of France. After about 10 years of fighting, a man called Napoleon Bonaparte took over, and ruled as if he was a King, although he called himself an Emperor. He led France into many wars and only stopped when he tried to invade Russia and failed.

Lots of famous French symbols come from the Revolution, like the French national anthem, **La Marseillaise** and the national motto "Liberté, égalité, fraternité" which means "Freedom, equality, brotherhood". The storming of The Bastille, which started the Revolution, is celebrated every 14th of July and is called Bastille Day.

**gunpowder** is a powder that explodes when a flame touches it it was used in old fashioned guns

**Governor** is the name for the boss of a prison

**Revolution** is when people change the political system quickly, usually by fighting

**Republic** is the name for a country where there is no King or Queen and the people make decisions about the laws themselves

You can hear  
**The  
Marseillaise  
here**

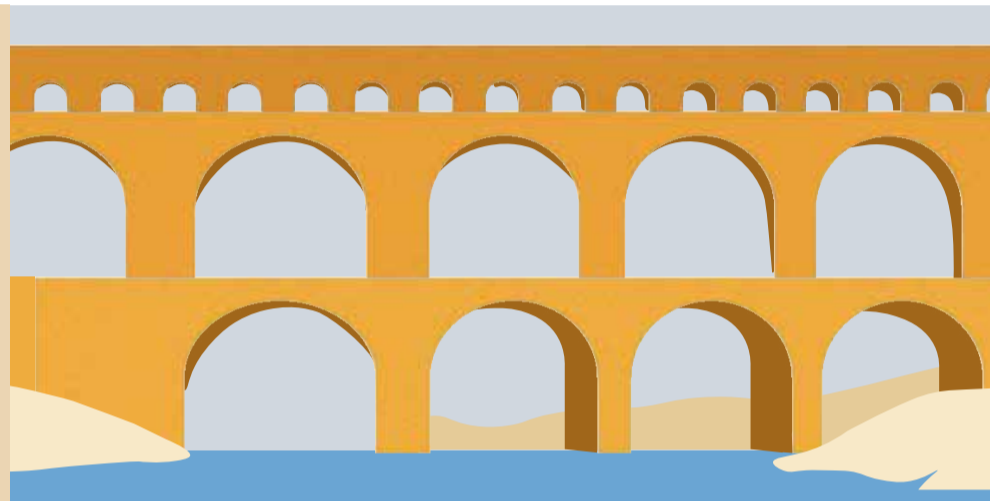
**LISTEN**

# 5. Famous landmarks

France is filled with famous buildings, both old and new. Can you answer the questions about these famous buildings?

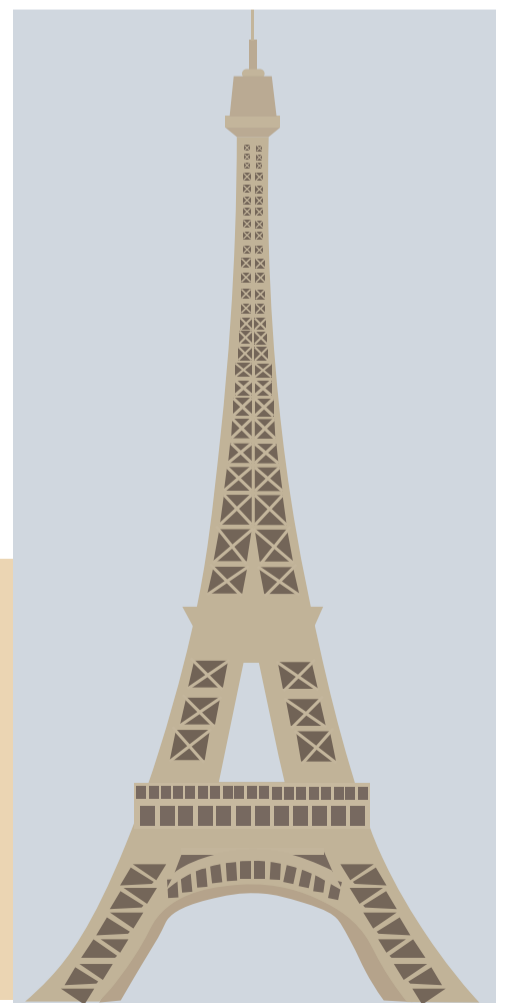
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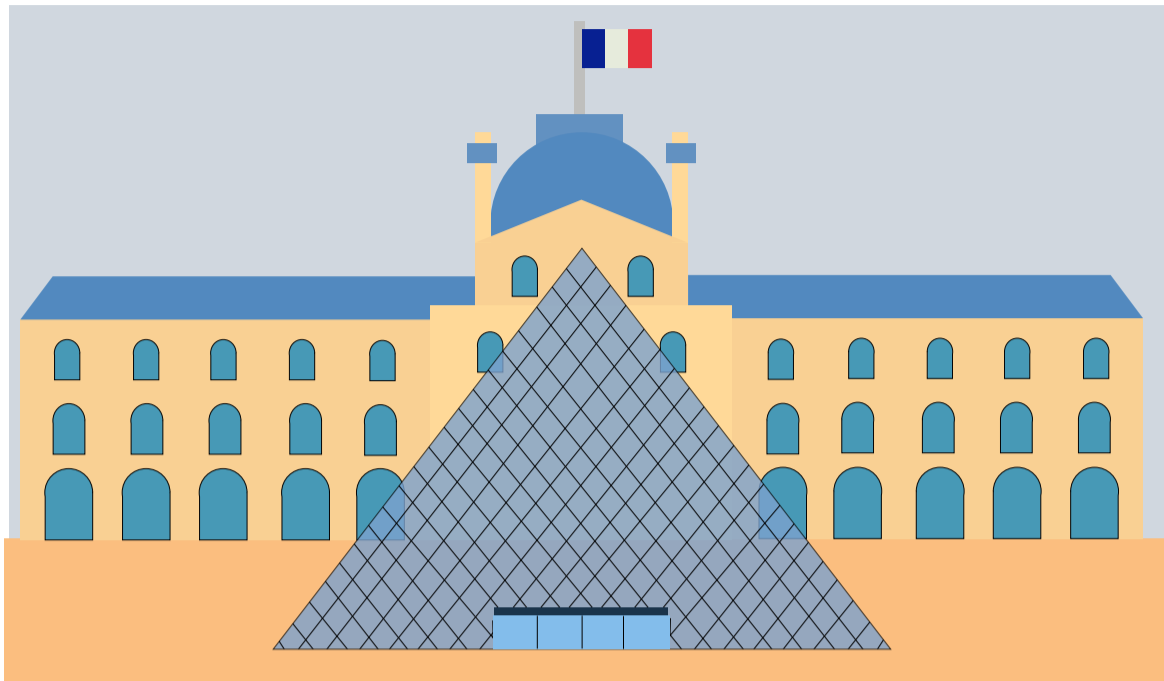
This is the famous “Pont du Gard” near Nimes in southern France. It was built by the Romans to carry something from one side of the valley to the other. But what?



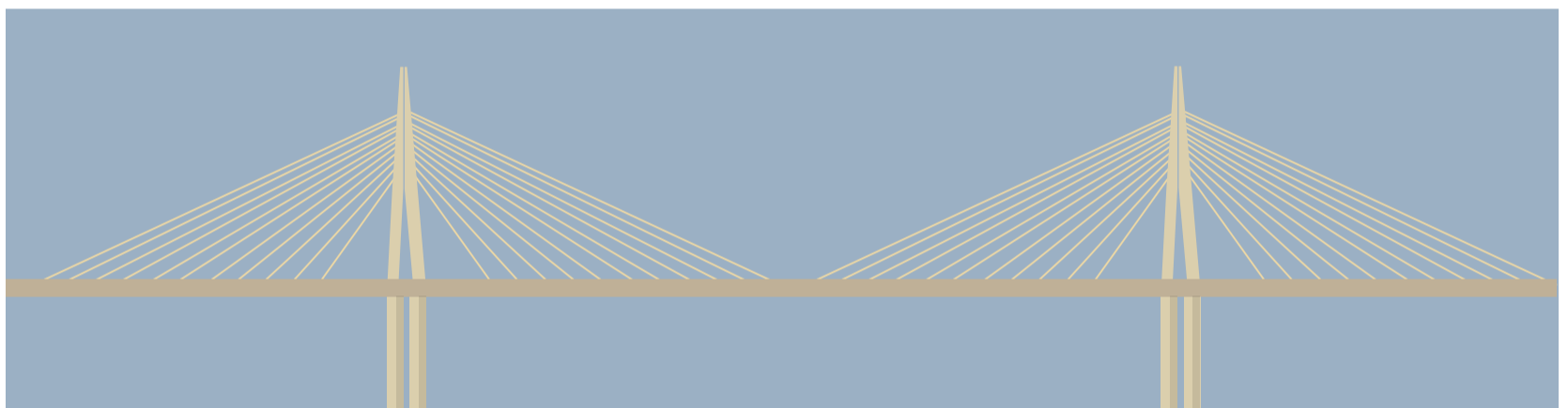
This ancient abbey is on an island in normandy in the north of France. In English, it's name is “St Michael's Mount” – but what is its name in French?

Gustave \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ was the engineer who built this tower in Paris between 1887 1889. It is one of the most famous structures in the world. What was the engineer's name? (Hint: The tower is named after him!)



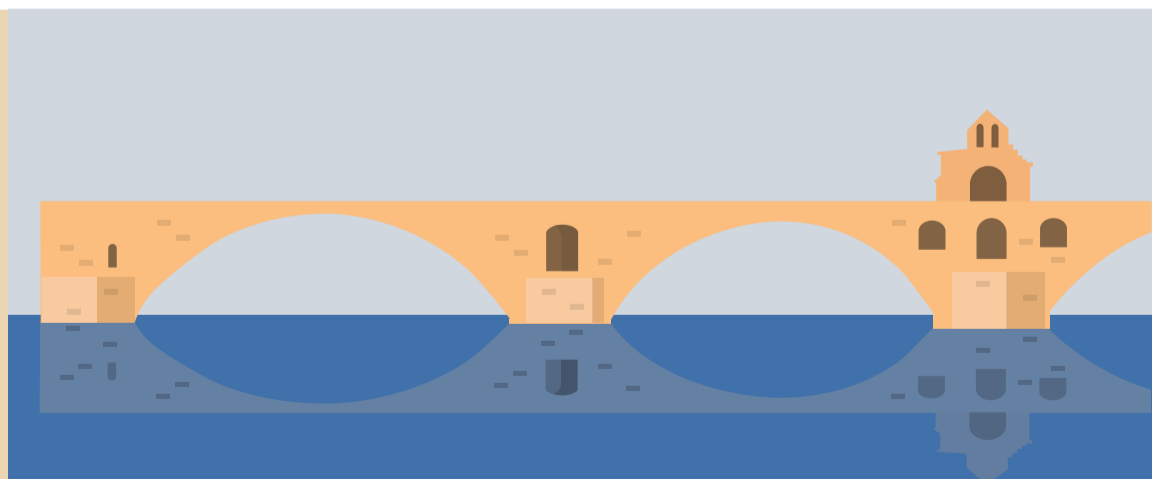


**This is (by far) the most visited art gallery and museum in the world – and it's in Paris! What is it called?**



**This is the tallest bridge in the whole world and one of the most beautiful - what is it called?**

**This is the Pont d'Avignon, a medieval bridge in the south of France. It is famous because the bridge only goes partway across the river.**



**It also has a song written about it, but what is the song called?**

# 6. Train Timetable

France has a big train network - it's over 18,580 miles long! You can travel around the whole country just by train. There are really fast trains called TGVs, intercity trains, regional trains called TERs or overnight trains that you can put your car on. You can also travel to other countries like the UK, Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany.

You are at Gare du Nord in Paris. From this station trains depart to Northern France and international destinations. Make sure you don't miss your train. Check the time on the station and the departure times for the trains and answer the questions.

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TGV	9023	10 : 40	LILLE
TGV	9371	10 : 43	AMIENS
EUR	8765	10 : 50	LONDRES ST PANC
EUR	56117	10 : 59	BRUSSELS MIDI
THA	7049	11 : 00	AMSTERDAM CNTR
TGV	7482	11 : 05	DUNKERQUE
TGV	53295	11 : 12	BEAUVAIS
TGV	9076	11 : 35	VALENCIENNES
TGV	50631	11 : 40	MAUBERGE
TGV	9343	12 : 00	LENS

**10 : 35**

**1. You want to go to Lille. How long do you have to wait before your train leaves?**

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**2. The train to Lille arrives at 11:44. What is the duration of the trip?**

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**3. The train to Amiens takes 1 hour and 9 minutes. What time does the train arrive?**

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**4. The train to Beauvais is 14 minutes delayed. When does it leave?**

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**5. You miss the train to Valenciennes, so you get the next train. But where does it go?**

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# 7. In the library

Remember to look for the star - that's the answer for this page!

There's been a flood in the archives of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France (the National Library of France). The records of some of the most famous French books have been damaged. Can you help the librarian by working out the missing authors and titles? You may need to do some research on the Internet for this one.

## FRENCH BOOKS

Title	Author	Description
The Three Musketeers	Alexandre DUMAS	The story of 4 young men who join together to defend their King
The Hunchback of Notre Dame	Victor  HUGO	About a man with a hunched over back who lives in a cathedral
The Little Prince	Antoine de SAINT-EXUPERY	A children's book about a magical prince who visits different planets in space
Journey to the Centre of the Earth	Jules VERNE	A scientist and his family travel underground to the middle of the earth, finding dinosaurs on the way
The Phantom of the Opera	Gaston LEROUX	In the Paris Opera House, a mysterious man who always wears a mask, ruins the upcoming opera.
Beauty and the Beast	Madame de VILLENEUVE	A beautiful woman goes to live with an ugly monster. She falls in love with him turning him into a Prince
Les Misérables	Victor HUGO	A book about the French Revolution from the view of the poor people

# 8. Time to eat

The James family is going out to eat. You can see the menu below. The only problem is - it's in French! Can you work out what each member of the family wants to eat? On the next page you can find some hints about their favourite foods and what they don't like to eat.

**You may need to use the Internet for this puzzle, or even Google Translate. Ask an adult for help if you're not sure.**

## Menu

### Entrée

Bouillabaisse  
Souffle fromage  
Jambon de montagne  
Crudités

### Plats Principaux

Moules frites  
Boeuf bourguignon  
Ratatouille  
Coq au vin

### Desserts

Crème brûlée avec framboise  
Mousse au chocolat  
Tarte au pommes  
Assiette de fromage

### À Boire

Jus d'orange  
Coca-Cola  
Vin blanc  
Vin rouge



**MUM**

Loves cheese  
Likes to eat chicken  
Prefers white wine with dinner



**DAD**

Loves fish soup  
His favourite main course is  
beef stew  
His favourite pudding has  
chocolate in it  
He likes to have red wine with  
dinner



**MAY**

Doesn't eat meat or fish so will  
choose vegetarian dishes as a  
starter and main course  
Prefers drinks which are not  
fizzy  
Loves raspberries



**JEAN**

Find ham really delicious  
Always likes to try mussels and  
chips  
His favourite dessert contains  
fruit  
Really doesn't like orange but  
loves fizzy drinks

**What will everyone eat?** Write out a list on a separate piece of paper. Don't forget to include a starter, a main course, a dessert and a drink!



**The answer to the puzzle is May's main course**

**Congratulations!**  
You've finished all the  
activity sheets.

The next workbook will be on

**AUSTRALIA!**

We're going Down Under, to find  
strange animals, wild landscapes and the  
oldest living culture in the whole world.

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next week to get the workbook

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