



FRANCE

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**WINSTON
ACADEMY**

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

A Look at the pictures below and tick the places you know in France.



Eiffel Tower



Louvre Museum



Notre-Dame Cathedral



The French Alps



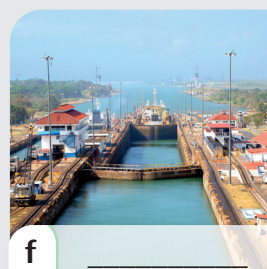
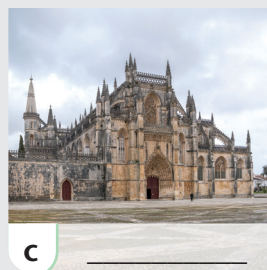
Palace of Versailles



Pont du Gard

B Match the words to the pictures and then use them to fill in the blanks.

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|-----------------------|------------|----------|
| 1 cathedral | 2 canal | 3 travel |
| 4 gothic architecture | 5 visitors | 6 guide |



- 1 Notre-Dame Cathedral is one of the best examples of _____.
- 2 In the summer, Cannes attracts many _____. They usually come for a beach holiday.
- 3 We visited the famous _____ in Paris last week.
- 4 You should walk around Carcassonne with a _____, so that you can learn a lot about its history.
- 5 We would like to _____ across Germany next summer.
- 6 My sister really enjoys travelling across the _____ by boat.

CHAPTER 1



WELCOME TO FRANCE

Before Reading

*What do you know about France?
Would you like to visit it?*

Bonjour! That means “hello” in French. My name is Andrée. I live with my family in Cannes. It is in the south of France. Next week, we will travel across France. There are many fantastic places to see. I can’t wait!

French Culture

France is in Europe and it uses the Euro. It is a member of the European Union. It has got six neighbours. They are Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and Spain.

France is famous for its food: French croissants, cheese, and bread. It is also famous for its philosophers like Descartes. Philosophers are great thinkers. They love thinking so much, and they have interesting ideas. These ideas are usually about life itself. All French students learn some philosophy in secondary school, so they learn to think deeper.

France has got a rich culture. A lot of people from different countries and religions live in France. That makes it an important cultural centre of the world.

Cannes

We will start our trip from Cannes. It is in the southeast of France. In summer, lots of people visit Cannes. They enjoy clean beaches and sunshine.

Every year, there is a famous film festival in Cannes. Visitors can see lots of famous people all around the city. People can watch new films at the festival. Some of the films win awards. Also, the red-carpet fashion is amazing. All **celebrities**¹ wear fashionable clothes for this festival. Many photographers take their pictures on the red carpet.

There are the Lérins Islands near Cannes. You can go there in a few minutes by boat. We will visit some of them. There is a prison on one island, but it is closed. The most famous **prisoner**² was The Man in the Iron Mask. Nobody knows his name.



¹ **celebrity:** someone who is famous like an actor or a singer

² **prisoner:** someone who is in prison for a crime



VIDEO QUIZ

Watch this video to learn about a very popular festival in France. What do people do in this festival? Would you like to join them?

EXERCISES

CHAPTERS 1-2

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A Answer the questions below.

- 1 What does "bonjour" mean?

- 2 Who lives in France?

- 3 How often does Cannes Film Festival happen?

- 4 Who built the Pont du Gard aqueduct?

- 5 Will Andrée and her family stay in Pont du Gard?

- 6 Where will Andrée eat France's famous goat cheese?



B Listen and fill in the blanks with the correct information.

- 1 Philosophers are great _____.
- 2 Italy and _____ are neighbours to France.
- 3 Many _____ visit Cannes for the film festival.
- 4 Lérins Islands are _____ Cannes.
- 5 Pont du Gard is almost _____ years old now.
- 6 Andrée tells us to take a tour around Carcassonne with a _____.

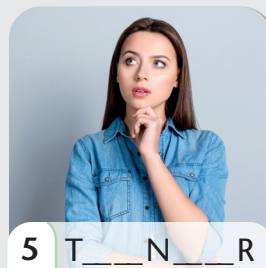
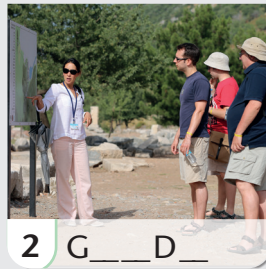
VOCABULARY CHECK

A Match the words to the definitions.

a	Fashionable	b	Imagine	c	Local
d	Excited	e	Interesting	f	Attract

- ☐ 1 To make people come to a place for special things
- ☐ 2 Popular at some time
- ☐ 3 To make a picture of something in your mind
- ☐ 4 Something very different
- ☐ 5 Feeling very happy
- ☐ 6 Belonging to a place you are talking about

B Look at the pictures and find the words.



GENERAL EXERCISES

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)?

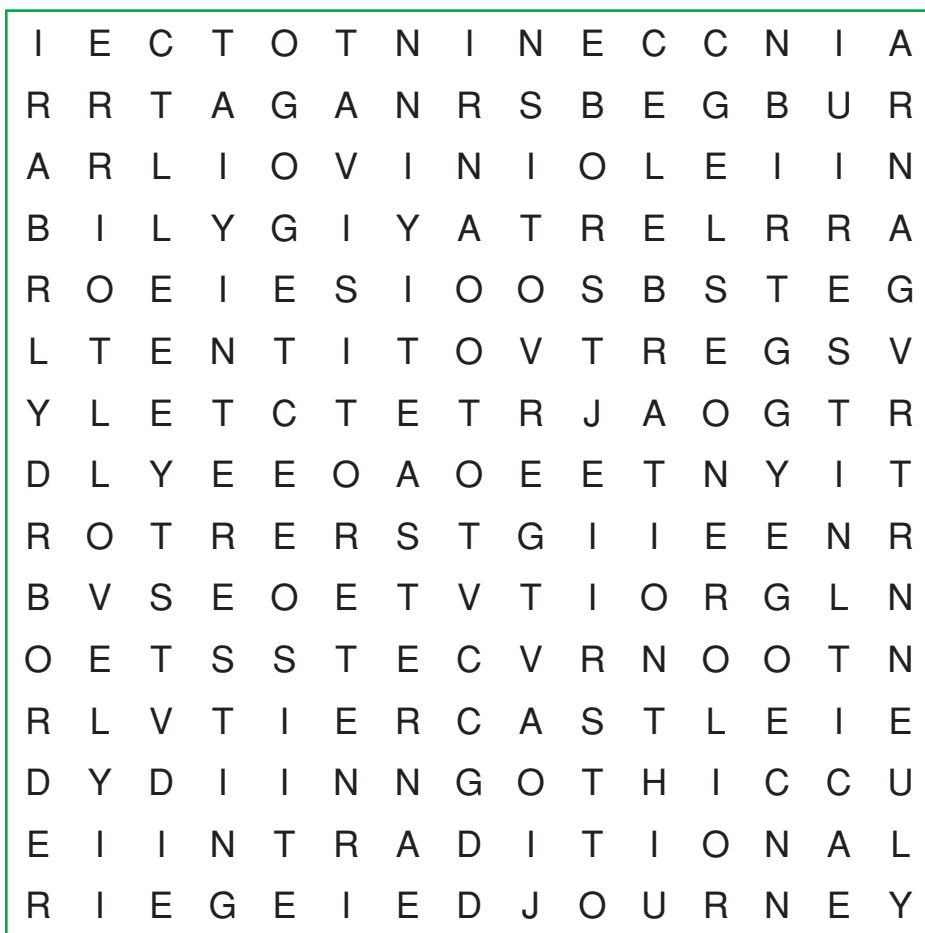
- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 The United Kingdom is one of the neighbours of France. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Weather can change the height of the Eiffel Tower. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Andrée and her family will travel only on foot on the last day of their trip. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Andrée's father wants to climb to the French Alps, but her mother thinks it is dangerous. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Mont Blanc is the highest point in the French Alps. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 A king and a queen lived in the Palace of Versailles before the French Revolution. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



B Listen and fill in the blanks with the correct information.

- 1 Andrée thinks it can take _____ to see the gardens of the Palace of Versailles.
- 2 The height of the Eiffel Tower can change by _____ when it is cold or hot.
- 3 After a long break, the Burgundy Canal finally opened in _____.
- 4 _____ and _____ are two famous artworks you can see in the Louvre Museum.
- 5 The company of Gustave Eiffel built the Eiffel Tower in _____ for the _____ anniversary of the French Revolution.
- 6 Before the French Revolution, _____ and _____ lived in the Palace of Versailles.

C Find the words below!



border
castle
celebration
eastern

gothic
interesting
journey

lovely
traditional
visitor

GLOSSARY

author: (noun) the person who writes a book

- ▶ *I love the famous **author's** new book.*

award: (noun) a prize or certificate for doing something well

- ▶ *The movie didn't win any **awards** in the festival.*

border: (noun) a line between two countries that separates them

- ▶ *There are different small towns near the **border**.*

cathedral: (noun) a very large and important church

- ▶ *The city has a big **cathedral**.*

change: (verb) to become different

- ▶ *Trees **change** their colours in the autumn.*

connect: (verb) to join two things together

- ▶ *This bridge **connects** two towns together.*

deep: (adjective) something that we feel strongly, or think every detail about

- ▶ *Read books because they help you to think **deep**.*

demon: (noun) a very bad creature according to some religions

- ▶ *The story says the **demon** hurt the woman.*

eastern: (adjective) in the east part of a country

- ▶ *There is rain in the **eastern** part of the country.*

fashionable: (adjective) popular at some time

- ▶ *White sneakers are **fashionable** these days.*

global: (adjective) being related to the whole world

- ▶ *Statue of Liberty is a **global** figure.*

gothic: (adjective) an architectural style that was common in Europe between 12th and 15th centuries

- ▶ *France has different examples of **gothic** architecture.*

icon: (noun) an important symbol for a thing

- ▶ *This building is the **icon** of the city.*

iron: (noun) a hard, dark-grey metal

- ▶ *The plane is made up of **iron** and other metals.*

ENGLISH**GERMAN****SPANISH****Chapter 1**

deep	tief	profundo
fashionable	elegant	elegante
iron	Eisen	hierro
prison	Haftanstalt	prisión
religion	Religion	religión
thinker	Denker	pensador

Chapter 2

award	Prämie	premio
cathedral	Kathedrale	cathedral
gothic	gotisch	gótico
local	örtlich	local

Chapter 3

border	Bordüre	frontera
connect	koppeln	conectar
eastern	östlich	oriental
route	Fahrtroute	ruta
site	Stätte	sitio
suitable	brauchbar	adecuado
trade	handeln	comerciar

Chapter 4

author	Schriftstellerin	autor
change	ändern	modificar
demon	Teufel	demonio
icon	Symbol	icono
reach	erreichen	alcanzar
setting	Umgebung	ambientación
snail	Schnecke	caracol
stunt	Trick	payasada
traditional	traditionell	tradicional