

### UN COUP D'OEIL SUR LA FRANCE

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Demonstrate knowledge of literary and cultural traditions, such as Important and famous things in France, focusing on Language, its history and other things for which the country is known for.

Demonstrate advanced proficiency in spoken and written French.

Get familiar with the French names and the greetings



# **FRANCE**



Bien venue Bonjour! Salut. Adieu Merci



France, officially French Republic, French France or République Française, country of northwestern Europe. Historically and culturally among the most important nations in the Western world, France has also played a highly significant role in international affairs, with former colonies in every corner of the globe. France is a country in Western Europe that is roughly hexagonal in shape. Paris, the capital of France, is known and famous for so many things that it's almost impossible to cram them all in here. It symbolizes much of what we expect about France – romance, food, beautiful buildings and of course, plenty of sight-seeing. Some of the most popular tourist hangouts in Paris are the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Notre Dame cathedral, Sacré-Coeur steps, the river Seine and Jardin Du Luxembourg. But Paris is more than just a tourist heaven.

### Weather

France generally has cool winters and mild summers. However, along the Mediterranean they have hot summers.

The north has cool weather. In the south it gets very hot in summer. Fruits such as oranges and lemons grow in the south.

### **Mountains**

There are mountains in parts of France. Some mountains are snow-capped all year round. France's highest mountains are the *French Alps* and *Jura Mountains*, bordering Italy and Switzerland, and the *Pyrénées*, along the frontier with Spain.

The highest mountain is Mont Blanc in the French Alps. It rises to 4,807m (15,771 ft). Mount Blanc is also the highest peak in the whole of Europe.

### What is France Famous for?

France is famous for **cheese** (Camembert, Brie, Roquefort) **wine**, **perfume** (Chanel, Dior, Givenchy) and **cars** (Renault, Citroen, Peugeot). France is also famous for the Tour de France and the Eiffel.



### **Tour de France:**

The next one of the best things in **Paris** is the Tour de France. This is a men's multiple stage bicycle race hold in France every year in July. The first time the race was held in 1903. And it is a 21 days long race which covers around 3.500 metres. Sometimes the race also takes places in the neighbouring countries.



France is, of course, knowns for its spectacular cheeses. Cheese is recognized throughout the world as one of France's most prized contributions to gastronomy, and tasting exceptional French cheeses is usually high on the list for visitors. France produces somewhere between 1400 to 1600 cheeses (according to the French dairy farmers), so shopping at a fromagerie or a market means being faced with shelves and cases of all shapes and sizes of cheese.

### Three different types of milk:

Cheese is traditionally made from three types of milk:

- cow's milk
- goat's milk
- sheep's milk (ewe's milk)

There are three types of cheeses are there Pressed, Soft and blue cheeses

Example of –

Pressed Cheese – Emmental, Mimolette

Soft Cheese –Camembert, Brie

Blue Cheese - Bleu de Gex, Roquefort



The French word for "snail" is "escargot". Not all snails are edible and it is the land snail that is most often eaten. Eating snails in France is a culinary pleasure. It is estimated that 16,000 tons of snails are consumed in France each year (that makes 6.5 snails per person per year), and 90-95% of snails are imported.

Escargots in France are particularly appreciated for Christmas when about two-thirds of French snails are consumed.





Alongside wine, cheese and the beret, the baguette is somewhat of a national symbol here in FranceA **baguette** French: is a long, thin loaf of French bread that is commonly made from basic lean dough (the dough,though not the shape, is defined by French law). It is distinguishable by its length and crisp crust. A baguette has a diameter of about 5 to 6 centimetres  $(2-2\sqrt[1]{2})$  inches) and a usual length of about 65 cm (26 in), although a baguette can be up to 1 m (39 in) long. In France, we eat 30 million baguettes daily; but did you know France is not the country that eats the biggest amount of baguette daily? Indeed, with 49 000 000 baguettes eaten daily, Algeria is the country that eats the most baguettes daily.





# **LEARNING OUTCOME:**

Students will get the idea about the language and the country, its culture and why France is most visited place. What France is known for. Why to learn french language what are the careers with this language.

France is a country with vast history students will find the interest to know apart from daily grammars



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