

France

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Did you know...?

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French Sport

Sport is very popular in France. Some of the most popular sports are; football, basketball, tennis and handball. French people also enjoy motorsports like Formula One and motorcycle racing.



Food

A French meal is usually split into three parts:

Hors d'oeuvre – This is a starter dish like salad or soup. This is usually served with French bread.

Main Meal - Popular French meals include Ratatouille (a stewed vegetable dish), Coq au vin (chicken braised with wine, bacon, mushrooms and garlic) and Boeuf Bourguignon (a rich beef casserole).

Fruit or Cheese – More than 350 different kinds of cheese are made in France!



There is plenty to do wherever you go in France. Learn the language, see the sights and enjoy the food!

France

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- Africa,
- Asia,
- South America,
- Western Europe.

2. Name one of the countries that borders France.

3. According to the text, how many people live in France?

4. Name two popular sports in France based on the information in the text.

5. How many parts is a French meal usually split into?

6. When would you eat an *hors d'oeuvre*? Tick the correct answer.

- At the beginning of a meal,
- In the middle of a meal,
- At the end of a meal.

7. What is *ratatouille*? Tick the correct answer.

- A stewed vegetable dish,
- Chicken brained with wine, bacon, mushrooms and garlic,
- A rich beef casserole.

8. What is the name of the world's most famous cycle race?

9. What three things does the article suggest that you do wherever you go in France?

1.

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3.

10. What kind of text is this? Tick the correct answer:

- An explanation text,
- A persuasive advert,
- A report,
- A set of instructions.

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**Germany, Italy and Belgium (described in the text)
Or Andorra, Luxembourg, Monaco, Spain and
Switzerland (shown on the map).**

3. According to the text, how many people live in France?

66 million people.

4. Name two popular sports in France based on the information in the text.

**Answers include football, basketball, tennis,
handball, Formula One and motorcycle racing.**

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Food

Many people believe that French cooking is the best in the world. A French meal is usually split into three parts:

Hors d'oeuvre - This is a starter dish which may include salad, soup and / or bread. Baguettes (long, white bread sticks) may be shared.

Main Meal - Popular French meals include Ratatouille (a stewed vegetable dish), Coq au vin (chicken braised with wine, bacon, mushrooms and garlic) and Boeuf Bourguignon (a rich beef casserole).

Fruit or Cheese - Over 350 different kinds of cheese are made in France.



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2. Name two of the countries that border France.
3. What famous sporting event began in 1903?
4. Which two motorsports are mentioned in the text?
5. Why, do you think, people like to visit Chamonix?
6. What are *baguettes*?
7. Name three popular French meals mentioned in the text.
8. According to the text, which famous French dish includes chicken and wine?
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10. Would you like to visit France? Explain your answer using information from the text.

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Answers might include...

**To go skiing (or take part in other winter sports).
To visit the mountains (the Alps).**

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France

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Famous Places

France is one of the most visited countries in the world and there are many famous sights that tourists can explore. These include the Eiffel Tower in Paris (which has been visited by over 200,000,000 people), Mont Saint Michel (a small tidal island located off the coast of Normandy), St. Tropez (a popular holiday destination for rich and famous guests in the summer months) and Chamonix (a ski resort in the French Alps).



Chamonix

Did you know...?

The world's most famous cycle race began in France in 1903. Do you know what it is called?



A map of France

French Sport

Sport plays an important role in French society. The most popular sports in France include football, basketball, tennis and handball. The French national handball team have won the World / European Championships and the Olympics on many occasions. Motorsports, (including Formula One and motorcycle racing), are also very popular and an ice racing championship takes place in France every year.



Formula One track in Monaco

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Hors d'oeuvre - This is a starter dish that is served first. It may include salad, soup and / or bread. Baguettes may be shared. These are long, white bread sticks which can be bought in the 'boulangerie' (a French bakery).

Main Meal - Popular French meals include Ratatouille (a stewed vegetable dish), Moules Marinières (which includes mussels, shallots and wine), Coq au vin (chicken braised with wine, bacon, mushrooms and garlic) and Boeuf Bourguignon (a rich beef casserole).

Fruit or Cheese - France is famous for its cheese and over 350 different kinds of cheese are made there. These include Camembert, Roquefort and Boursin.

A dessert may also be served with the meal, especially if friends and family are visiting.



French cheeses

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1. Where is France?
2. Name a country that borders France and isn't mentioned in the first paragraph.
3. Is French a popular language? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.
4. Name three 'famous sights' that tourists can explore.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
5. When did the Tour de France cycle race begin?
6. *Sport plays an important role in French society.* Which of these is the most appropriate definition of *society* in this context? Tick the correct answer.
 - An organisation or club,
 - A plant or animal community,
 - A group of people living somewhere,
 - People who are fashionable and wealthy.
7. What is the French word for bakery?
8. What are Camembert, Roquefort and Boursin?
9. Why might French people also serve a dessert when friends and family are visiting?
10. Would you like to visit France? Explain your answer using information from the text.

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2. Name a country that borders France and isn't mentioned in the first paragraph.

Andorra, Luxembourg, Monaco, Spain or Switzerland (shown on the map).

3. Is French a popular language? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.

Yes, because it is the second most studied language in the world.

4. Name three 'famous sights' that tourists can explore.

Answers include:

- 1. The Eiffel Tower in Paris,**
- 2. Mon Saint Michel,**
- 3. St. Tropez,**
- 4. Chamonix.**

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Boulangerie.

8. What are Camembert, Roquefort and Boursin?

Different kinds of French cheese.

9. Why might French people also serve a dessert when friends and family are visiting?

Answers may include...

**As a nice gesture or a special treat.
To make the guests feel welcome.**

10. Would you like to visit France? Explain your answer using information from the text.

Answers may vary.