

**Primary 7**  
**Languages Transition Booklet**

**Welcome to French!**



Do you think it is important that people learn languages?  
Explain your answer.

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What do you think are the benefits of learning a language?

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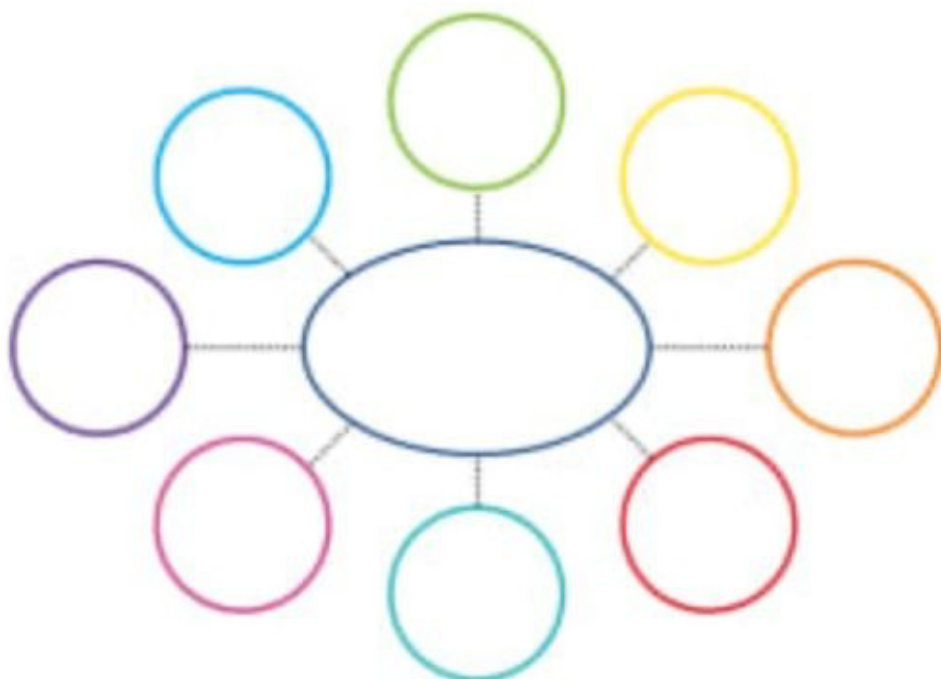
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Create a mind map showing the opportunities languages could bring or create. *Eg. Jobs / travel*





What language or languages have you studied in Primary school?

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Do you enjoy learning a language in Primary school?  
Explain your answer.

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What is your favourite thing you have learned in another language in Primary school?

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# It's your time to shine



Use this page to show us ANYTHING you have learned from ANY foreign languages in Primary school. This could be words you remember, a sentence or paragraph that shows your knowledge or something even more creative to show what you already know! **MERITS FOR QUALITY AND CREATIVITY!**

10 things you didn't know about

# French

Today we wanted to share with you some things you may not know about the language of love.



**80**  
million  
native  
speakers

**190**  
million  
secondary  
speakers



## English & French

are the only  
two languages  
that are taught  
in every country  
in the world.

French was the official language  
of England for over 600 years.



Counting in French involves  
a lot of math.

**70** = "soixante-dix (sixty-ten)"

**75** = "soixante-quinze" (sixty-  
fifteen)

**80** = "quatre-vingts" (four  
twenties)

**93** = "quatre vingt treize" (four  
twenty thirteen)



**French is the language of ballet.** Wherever ballet is studied,  
the names of the steps are in French: tendu, grande  
battement, pirouette, tour en l'air, etc.

**OOOH LA LA!**

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...is a total cliché.

You might see many french  
characters say it in Hollywood  
movies to express sensuality, but  
it's not used that way in real life.

- "Oh là là" can be a happy and surprised expression, like when your friend shows you her new dress.
- "Oh là là" can also be said in a low voice, and with a negative connotation. This is to express disgust or disapproval.
- "Oh là là là là là là" is usually used to express complete frustration, anger, or stress.



**88% of people didn't  
speak French  
at the time of the  
Revolution (1789).**

Most of the  
population spoke  
*langue d'oïl* and  
Occitan dialects.



**Where is French spoken? France,  
Canada, Belgium... try 29 countries.**

Yes, French is the official language of 29 countries.  
Belgium, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon,  
Canada, Chad, the Ivory Coast, the Democratic  
Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea,  
France, Haiti, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali,  
Monaco, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles,  
Switzerland, Togo and Vanuatu.

## VERLAN / L'ENVERS

**French has a backwards language called "Verlan"** (which is "l'envers", the  
expression of something backwards, spoken backwards). It features the inversion  
of syllables in a word, and it's very common in slang and amongst youth.  
"Cimer" = "Merci" (Thank you). "Meuf" = "Femme" (Woman). "Ouf" = "Fou" (Crazy)



DayTranslations





Now you know some interesting facts about the French language, it is your challenge to create your own Fact Sheet on the country of France.

Things you may consider...

- Food (Les Plats)
- Festivals (Les Fêtes)
- Culture (La Culture)
- Music (La Musique)
- Famous French People. (Les Célèbres)
- French Monuments (Les Monuments)
- Anything else of interest! (Autre chose)

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