

COUNTRY/REGION HANDOUT

- France is a country located in West Europe, and its official language is French (which the 10th mother language the most spoken in the world, and the one commonly used as the diplomatic language).
- The capital is Paris, and it is where the three of us are from. The most famous monument of Paris is The Eiffel Tower, but people really enjoy the Louvres Museum, the Notre-Dame Cathedral or even the Champs-Élysées Avenue.
- There is 66,03 millions habitants, including 12,01 millions in Paris and its area (called Île de France).
- The French slogan is “Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité” (which means “Freedom, Equality, Brotherhood”).
- The French Anthem is “La Marseillaise”.
- The French flag is constituted in 3 vertical stripes blue white red.
- France has borders with Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg, and Belgium.
- The actual French president (of the V République) is François Hollande.
- France is part of the United Nations, and has a permanent siege in it, alongside to China, the USA, the UK and Russia.
- France is, with the UK, the only country which has territory all over the 3 oceans.
- France is very famous for its gastronomy, whether it is cheese, wine or sausage! The French bread, “Baguette”, is also unique, and so good!

Some current French expressions:

- Hello → Bonjour
- Goodbye → Au revoir
- Thank you → Merci
- You're welcome → De rien
- How are you? → Comment ça va ?
- I love you → Je t'aime
- My name is... → Je m'appelle...
- Life is beautiful → La vie est belle