

French Year 8 Summer Term - Paris, je t'adore!



Objective: To have a greater understanding of Parisian culture, and be able to discuss what you do/did on a holiday in Paris.

Threshold Concepts:

- The perfect tense is used to refer to completed past events. To form past participles of regular -er infinitives, the -er is replaced with the suffix -é.
- In French the past participle of regular verbs is formed in three ways, depending on the type of infinitive -er, -ir, or -re
- Certain verbs use "être" as their auxiliary verb to form the perfect tense. These verbs can be memorised using the acronym MRSVANDERTRAMP. The past participle of these verbs must agree with the subject of the verb.

Essential Language - saying what you like doing

j'aime... - I like...

J'adore... - I love...

je n'aime pas... - I don't like

je déteste... - I hate...

aller au cinéma (avec mes amis) - going to the cinema (with my friends)

aller aux concerts (rock) - going to (rock) concerts

aller voir des matchs (au Parc des Princes) - going to watch matches (at the Parc des Princes)

faire du roller (au Trocadéro) - roller-blading (at the Trocadéro)

faire les magasins - going shopping

prendre des photos - taking photos

retrouver mes copains - meeting up with my mates

Essential Vocabulary - monuments in Paris

La tour Eiffel - the Eiffel Tower

L'Arc de Triomphe - the Arc de Triomphe

Le musée du Louvre - the Louvre museum

Le Sacré-Coeur - Sacré-Coeur

Les égouts - the sewers

Les catacombes - the catacombs

La cathédrale de Notre-Dame - Notre-Dame Cathedral

Le Centre Pompidou - Pompidou Centre



Essential Language - saying what you did

J'ai passé le 14 juillet à Paris - I spent the 14th July in Paris

J'ai acheté des souvenirs - I bought souvenirs

J'ai envoyé des cartes postales - I sent postcards

J'ai mangé au restaurant - I ate in a restaurant

J'ai beaucoup dansé - I danced a lot

J'ai regardé le défilé/le feu

d'artifice - I watched the parade/fireworks

J'ai rencontré un beau garçon/une jolie fille - I met a good-looking boy/a pretty girl

J'ai gagné un concours - I won a competition

J'ai passé une semaine à Paris - I spent a week in Paris

J'ai admiré la Pyramide du Louvre - I admired the Louvre Pyramid

J'ai pris des photos - I took photos

J'ai vu la Joconde - I saw the Mona Lisa

J'ai attendu le bus - I waited for the bus

J'ai très bien dormi - I slept very well

On a fait les magasins - we went shopping

On a bu un coca - we drank a cola

On a fait un tour de la ville en segway - we did a tour of the town by segway

On a fait une balade en bateau-mouche - we went on a boat trip

Essential Language - giving opinions/reasons

C'était comment? - how was it?

C'était... - it was...

génial - great

marrant - funny/a laugh

Cool -

intéressant - interesting

bizarre - strange

nul - rubbish

ennuyeux - boring

ce n'était pas mal - it wasn't bad

beau/belle - beautiful

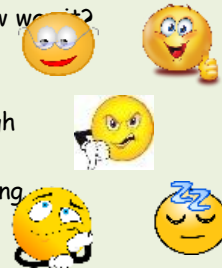
J'ai trouvé ça... - I found it...

bien - good

cher - expensive

effrayant - scary

fabuleux - wonderful/fantastic



Using j'aime + the infinitive to say what you like doing

J'aime aller au cinéma - I like going to the cinema

J'aime prendre des photos - I like taking photos

To say what you don't like doing, use je n'aime pas + the infinitive.

Je n'aime pas faire les magasins - I don't like going shopping.

* You use the **perfect tense** to say what you did or what you have done.

* To form the perfect tense of -er verbs, you use: part of the verb **avoir** (to have) + a **past participle**.

To form the past participle, take off -er and replace with -é.

visiter = visité

J'ai visité - I visited/I have visited

Tu as visité - You visited/you have visited

Il/elle a visité - he/she visited/he/she has visited

On a visité - we visited/we have visited

Some verbs form their perfect tense with **être** (not with **avoir**).

You add an extra -e to the past participle in the feminine and an extra -s in the plural.

aller (to go)

Je suis allé(e)

Tu es allé(e)

Il/elle est allé(e)/on est allé(e)s

Nous sommes allé(e)s

Vous êtes allé(e)s

Ils sont allés/elles sont allées

