

My email is:

If you have any questions  
or queries about the project  
or life abroad I'd be happy  
to answer them!

Good luck with your time  
abroad, and have fun!!



# France!



# Kisses

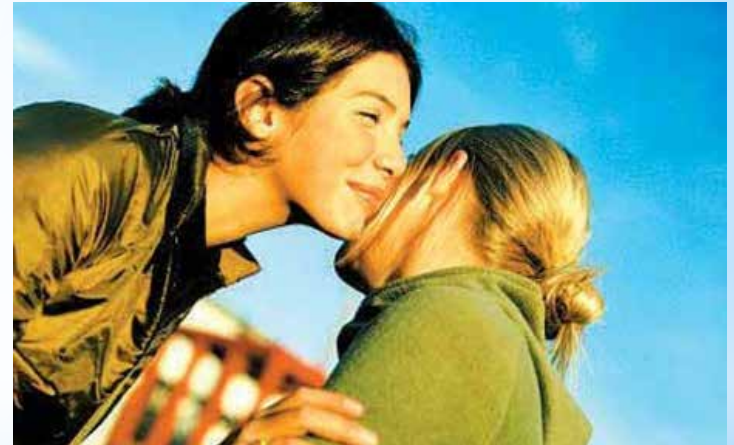
In France, often people kiss hello to people they know.

Normally, a kiss is given on each cheek. However, the number of kisses depends on:

- where you are in France and
- who you are greeting

Men shake hands but teenage boys kiss hello.

People don't actually kiss but just touch cheeks and make a kissing noise.



**What do you think about this tradition?**

**Would you like to do this with your friends in Scotland?**

**What colours are the  
French flag?**







Food

# Lunch

In France, breakfast is definitely not the most important meal and usually consists of a coffee and some bread.

Lunches in France are longer than they are in Britain; the pupils at school have an **hour and a half** for lunch.

Lunch in France is usually a baguette filled with ham and cheese.

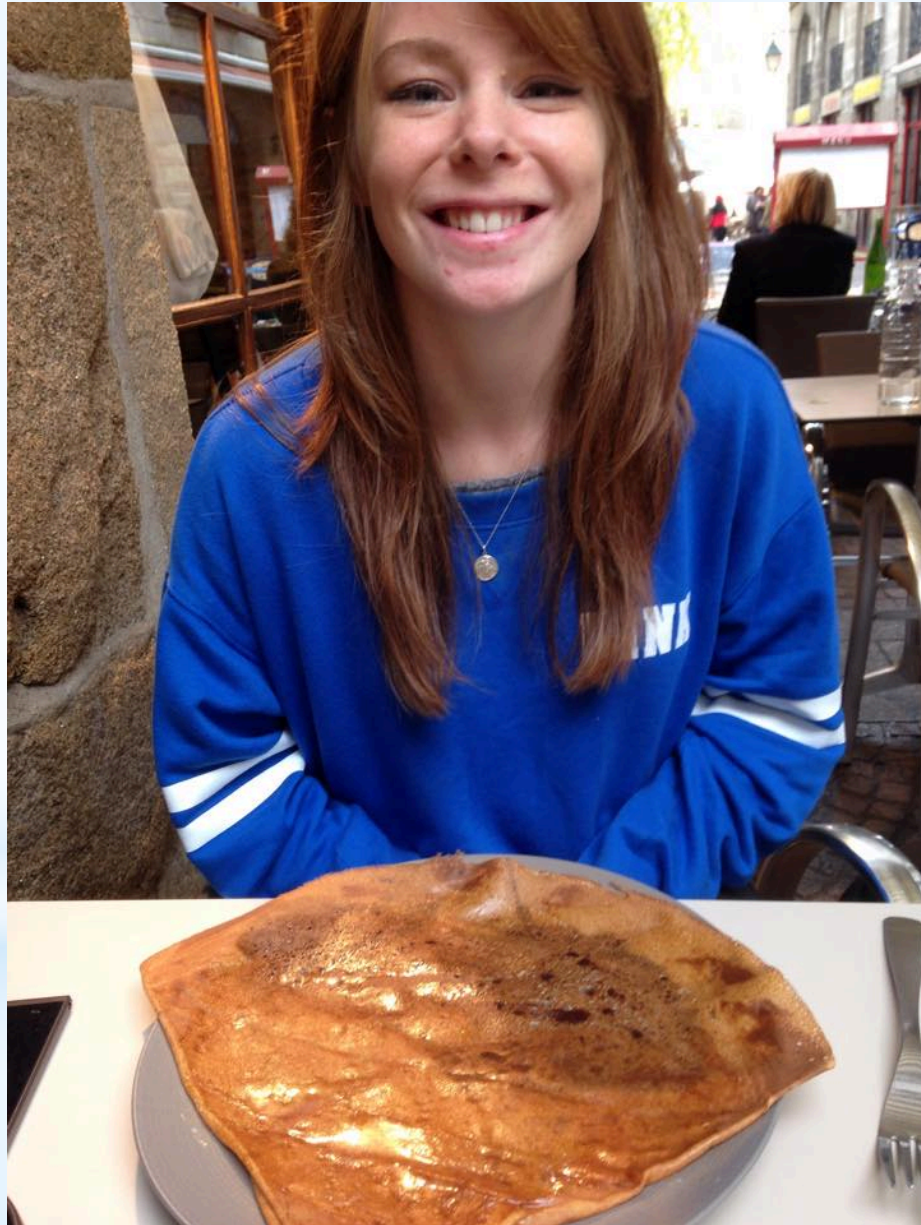
**What do you think French people have  
on their chips?**

**A: Mayonnaise**

**Which language is  
spoken in France?**

**A: French, of course!**







## Daily Life

# School

For the pupils, the school day starts very early at **8 o'clock** in the morning!

It usually doesn't finish until **half past 5!**

The pupils get 2 breaks and lunchtime.

The pupils also don't have to wear uniform, but love the idea of it!

The French school system is a little different to the British or English school system:

**École Maternelle** (Nursery School)

Age 2-6

**École primaire/élémentaire**

(Primary School)

Age 6-11

**Collège** (High School)

Age 11-15

- Sixième (1<sup>st</sup> Year)
- Cinquième (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Quatrième (3<sup>rd</sup> Year)
- Troisième (4<sup>th</sup> Year)

**Lycée** (High School)

Age 15-18

- Seconde (5<sup>th</sup> Year)
- Première (6<sup>th</sup> Year)
- Terminale (7<sup>th</sup> Year)



**Which side of the road do the French drive on?**



**A: The right**



## Daily Life

# School

The purpose of the lycées is to prepare pupils to sit the **baccalauréat**, or 'bac' for short. These exams are the equivalent of **Highers**.

In France, it is quite common for pupils to resit a year.

There is even a verb for this in French = redoubler





**How do you say  
'Hello' in French?**

**A: Bonjour**



**Can you say any other words in French?**



Daily Life

# Sunday



In France, in rural towns like Les Herbiers most shops are closed on Sundays.

The huge supermarket was closed all day but some bakeries are still open until lunchtime.

Would you like this to be the case in Scotland?



Charlotte  
aux trois chocolats  
6,80€

Saint-Hippolyte  
1,50€

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**Is there a time  
difference in France?**



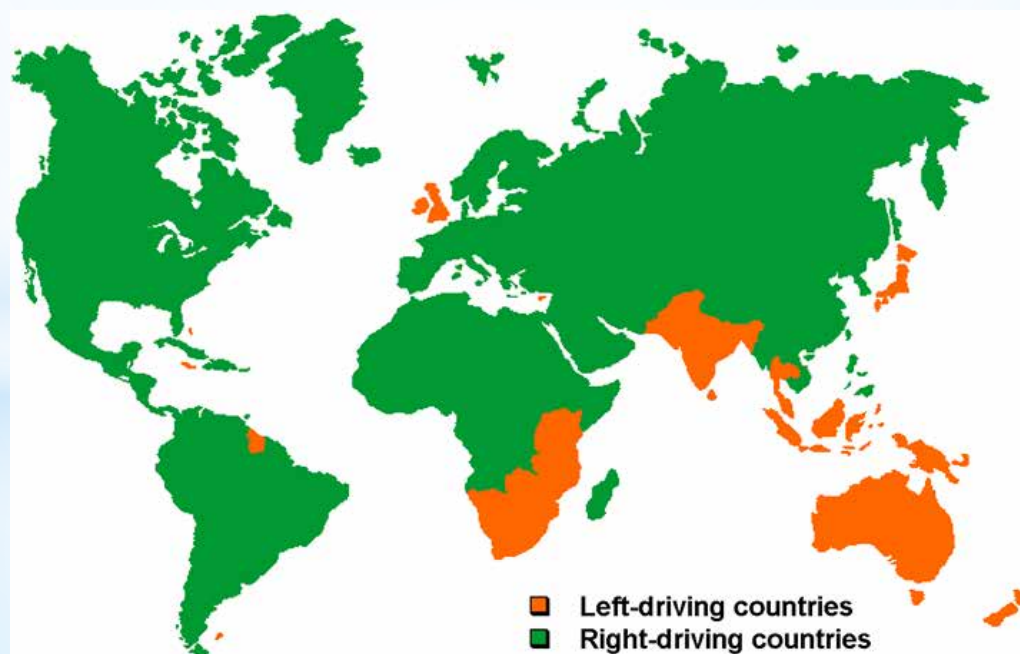
**A: France is one hour  
ahead!**



# Driving

In France, like in many other countries, everyone drives on the right hand side of the road.

This was a bit confusing at first, especially at roundabouts but I soon got used to it and even had a go driving myself!







**What is the capital city  
of France?**



**A: Paris**



## Language

# You

There are 2 ways of saying 'you' in French: either '**vous**' or '**tu**'.

'Vous' is more formal and you need to remember to use this when you are speaking to a teacher.

You use 'tu' when you're speaking to your friends.

Sometimes I find it hard to remember but everyone is really nice about it!





# What is the Mona Lisa?

**A: A very famous painting on display in the Louvre Museum in Paris**





## Language

# Bon

It is normal in France to wish someone a good day, among other things, when you part ways.

For example:

**Bon après-midi** = Have a good afternoon

**Bonne journée** = Have a good day

**Bonne soirée** = Have a good evening

**Bon voyage** = Have a good trip

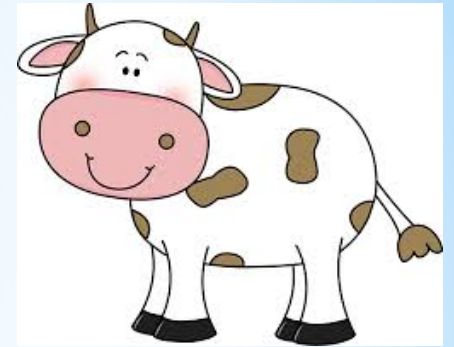
It is normal to do the same before someone eats:

**Bon appetite** = Enjoy your meal



Language

# Vachement



Some phrases you might not learn in school!

**Vachement** = really (in fact, this literally translates as 'cowly'!). This is quite informal

Il pleut = It is raining

Il pleut vachement = It is raining really heavily

Elle est jolie = She is pretty

Elle est vachement jolie = She is really pretty





# Car Sharing

Car sharing in France is much more common than it is in the UK.

A website called '**Blablacar**' makes it easy to find people who are travelling to the same place as you and allows you to talk and arrange a lift, all at a very cheap price!

Each driver has a profile with reviews so it is very safe and is a great way to meet people.









**How much typically French  
food can you name?**





**Crepe**



**Galette with cider**



**Pain au Chocolat**



**Croissant**







**Onion soup**



**Frogs legs**



**Croque monsieur**



**Snails**



**Croque  
madame**





**Cheese**



**Wine**



**Eclairs**

**Bread**



**Brioche**





**Macaroons**



**Haricots (green beans)**

**Crème brûlée**

