

Key Facts

- Did you know that all traffic drives on the right in France? In the UK, we drive on the left.
- If you want to go to Paris en avion, there are three main airports: Paris Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais.
- You can travel by train all over France, but if you want to be super-quick, take the TGV (Train à Grande Vitesse – the high-speed train service).
- The French love cycling – it's pretty much their national sport! Every year, the Tour de France cycle race takes place, following local roads through many areas of the country. The winner gets to wear le maillot jaune (the yellow jersey).
- For a slower journey through France, you can glide along the rivers in un bateau (a boat). There are huge canals linking up the rivers, so holiday boats and goods barges can travel all over the country.
- Some villages in the French countryside are too small to have a school, so all the children are collected daily and travel en autobus together to the nearest school.
- Like many French cities, Paris has a super-efficient public transport system, with buses, trams and local trains running at all hours of the day. However, if you really want to see the city, try going à pied (on foot) and just having a good look all around you!
- The Parisian Métro (underground railway network) opened in 1900 and is one of the oldest in the world. It is famous for its beautiful older stations, decorated in the Art Nouveau style from that era.

Challenges

- Collect pictures of people, places and transport. Put them together and write a sentence to match.
- Use your bilingual dictionary to build your word list for types of transport.
- Mime going to a certain place by car/boat/etc. Can a partner tell you the sentence?
- Chalk a maze on the playground. Direct a blindfolded friend through it using your direction language.
- Draw a poster of different ways to travel. Label each one in French (with un/une).
- Invent some playground games using your French movement language.
- Make a map of your area. Add pictures of all the key local places and label them in French.
- Make up a rap or song to help other people remember the new vocabulary.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
à vélo	by bike
en voiture	by car
en autobus	by bus
à pied	on foot
tournez	turn
marchez	walk
à gauche	to the left
à droite	to the right
Tout droit	straight ahead
a première	see you first
la deuxième	the second
la troisième	the third
aller	go
je vais	I go
tu vas	you go
il/elle va	he/she goes

