

Key Facts

- An 'in-law' or 'step-relation' in French is always 'beautiful'! Your step-sister is a belle-soeur (beautiful sister) and your brother-in-law is a beau-frère (handsome brother). What a lovely description!
- French parents often give their children double names, such as Anne-Sophie, Marc-Philippe, Jean-Claude or Mélissa-Aimée.
- Until quite recently, French children officially had to have a Catholic saint's name as part of their name – parents weren't allowed to invent their own, cool or unusual names!
- Animals don't 'say' the same thing in every language, you know! English dogs might say 'woof' but French chiens say 'wouaf', while Danish hunde say 'vov'.
- Because France is such a big country, it has a lot of space and countryside (paysage). Many people living in the countryside keep a few animals such as chickens or goats, even if they aren't actually farmers living on une ferme.
- In old-fashioned English, we would say we slept in a 'chamber', which comes from the same word as the French la chambre (bedroom).
- La cuisine doesn't just mean the kitchen; it also covers the whole idea of how to make and understand food, for example la cuisine française (French cooking) or la cuisine anglaise (English cooking).
- A French château isn't really the same as an English defensive castle with battlements and a drawbridge. It's more like a stately home – built to demonstrate just how rich and important the owners were!

Challenges

- Use your bilingual dictionary to help you label a picture of the animals in a zoo.
- Can you find out how some other animals 'speak' in French?
- How many different family/ relations words can you remember? Draw and label a picture of your family with the vocabulary.
- How many different types of home can you find out the names for in French? Which ones would you like to live in?
- Can you create a game to help your friends remember the new vocabulary they have learned about homes?
- Make a model house or flat with objects in each room. Can you write sentences about what goes where?
- Have you got a pet? What is it like? Draw a picture and describe its features. What other adjectives could you use?
- Make up actions to go with a song or rhyme you have learnt.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
la famille	family
le fils	the son
la fille	the girl
le mari	the husband
la femme	wife
les enfants	children
une ferme	a farm
une maison	a house
un appartement	a flat
petit/petite	small
grand/grande	tall
la brosse à dents	toothbrush
le téléviseur	television
le lit	the bed
la baignoire	the bathtub
le tapis	the carpet
amusant/amusante	fun
beau/belle	beautiful/pretty

