

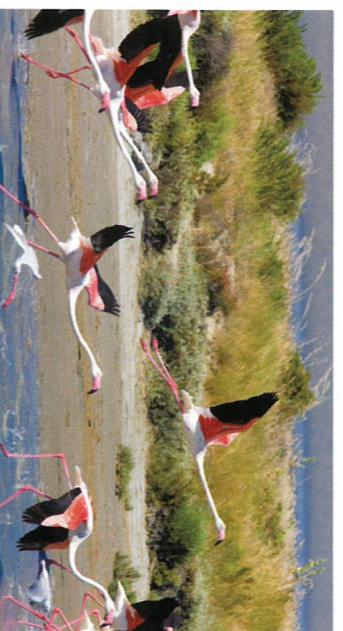
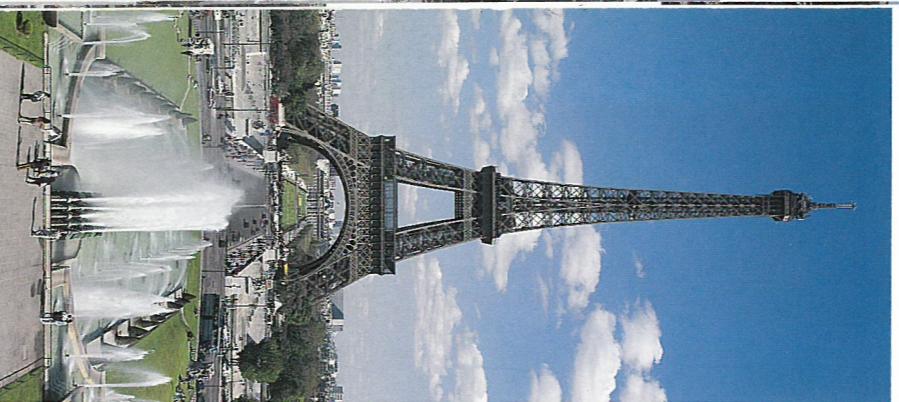
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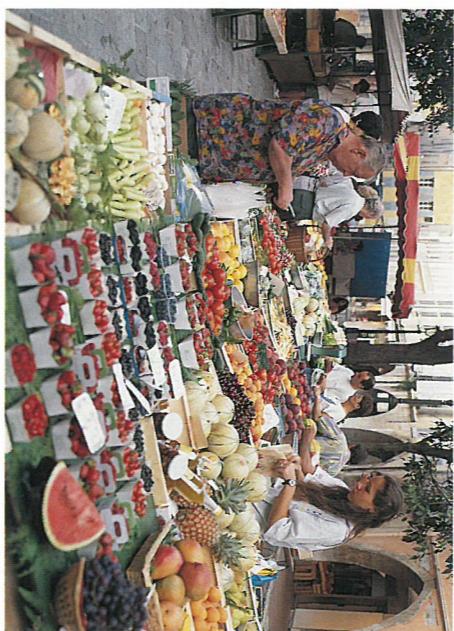
AREA 551,500 sq km
POPULATION 65,322,000
MONEY Euro

The French flag is called the 'tricolore'. It has been used since the French Revolution in 1789.



► **The Eiffel Tower** was built in Paris in 1889. It was designed by Monsieur Eiffel, an engineer. It is 300 metres high and weighs 7000 tonnes! Lifts go to the top.

► **Market at Grasse.** Some of this lovely fruit has been grown in the warm sunshine of the south of France. Every town in France has a good market selling fresh produce.



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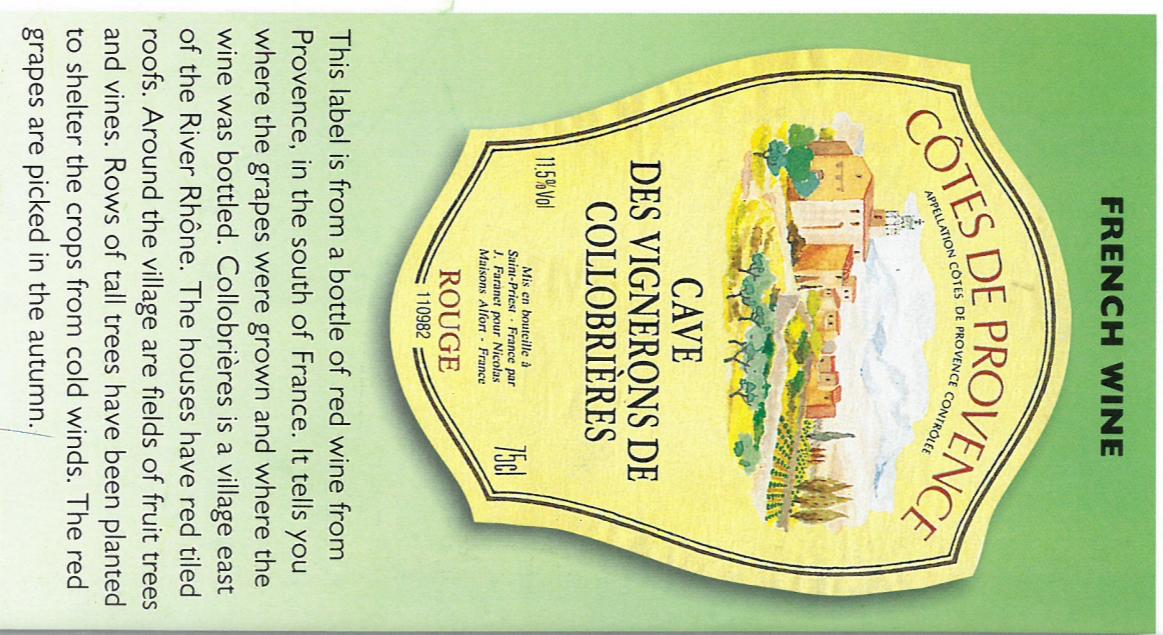
► **RANCE** is a country with three coastlines: can you see which these are? It is hot in summer in the south, but usually cool in the mountains and in the north. France is the biggest country in Western Europe, so there are big contrasts between north and south.

The highest mountains are the Alps in the south-east and the Pyrenees in the south-west. They are popular for skiing in winter and for summer holidays too.

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► **Mont Blanc.** The 'White Mountain' is the highest mountain in Western Europe. It is 4808 metres high. Even in summer (as here) it is covered in snow. Cable-cars take tourists and skiers up the mountain. There is a road tunnel through Mont Blanc to Italy.



This label is from a bottle of red wine from Provence, in the south of France. It tells you where the grapes were grown and where the wine was bottled. Collobrières is a village east of the River Rhône. The houses have red tiled roofs. Around the village are fields of fruit trees and vines. Rows of tall trees have been planted to shelter the crops from cold winds. The red grapes are picked in the autumn.

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The biggest city is Paris, which is also the capital and the official home of the French President. Ten million people live in the Paris region. Five big new towns have been built, linked to the city centre by fast trains.

Tourists come to Paris from all over the world. Here, you can enjoy a boat trip on the River Seine past Notre Dame Cathedral on the Ile de France, or travel east to the Disneyland Resort, Paris.

CAN YOU FIND...

the names of long rivers that flow from the...

- Alps to the Mediterranean
- Pyrenees to the Bay of Biscay
- hills of Burgundy to the Channel

