




Key vocabulary	
Human geography	focuses on where people live, what they do, and how they use the land
Physical geography	the study of the Earth's surface, such as the continents and oceans.
culture	the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society.
cuisine	a style or method of cooking, especially as characteristic of a particular country
mountain	a large natural elevation of the earth's surface rising abruptly from the surrounding level; a large steep hill.
glacier	a slowly moving mass or river of ice formed by the accumulation and compaction of snow on mountains or near the poles.
climate	the weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period.

France

- France is a country in Western Europe and its capital is called Paris.
- About 67 million people live in France.
- It is the 3rd largest European country. It is bordered by Italy, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Spain, Monaco, Andorra, and Switzerland.



Physical & Human Geography of France

- It consists of a terrain that is mostly flat land with mountains in the south (including the Massif Central and the Pyrenees) and the east (the highest points being in the Alps).
- France has generally warm summer and cool winters. The temperature is warmer in the south, with hot summers along the Mediterranean.
- France has a long and rich history, and a culture which has developed over hundreds of years. It is a tourism hotspot – millions visit Paris and other areas of France every year.



The Eiffel Tower

Comparison to the United Kingdom

- Both countries are in Europe and their capital cities (London and Paris) are similar in size.
- Due to its slightly more southerly position (closer to the Equator) France is generally a little warmer than the UK.
- -France is larger than the UK (551,695 sq. km compared to 243,610sq km.) meaning slightly more people live in France than the UK – 67 million people compared to 66 million people.



The France flag



The French Alps