

# Reading

Activity 1: Read the text about the Eiffel Tower and answer the comprehension questions at the bottom of the page.

Activity 2: Read a text or part of a text of your choice and complete one of the activities below.

Choose one of these to complete about a text you have read

<p><u>COMIC STRIP</u></p> <p>Choose the five most important events that happened in your book and turn them into a comic strip.</p>	<p><u>SUM UP</u></p> <p>Summarise the book in 100 words or less. Remember to include key information</p>	<p><u>KEY PLAYERS</u></p> <p>Rank the characters from most to least important and explain why.</p>
<p><u>MY FAVOURITE PART</u></p> <p>Write about your favourite part of your book and explain why you like it using evidence from the text</p>	<p><u>NEW COVER</u></p> <p>Design a new cover for the book. Include a picture, title, author and illustrator.</p>	<p><u>WRITE A LETTER</u></p> <p>Write a letter to one of the characters in your reading book. Include at least one question you want to ask them</p>
<p><u>POINT OF VIEW</u></p> <p>Retell part of the story from a different character's point of view.</p>	<p><u>QUIZ</u></p> <p>Make up at least five questions about your reading book. Make sure you know the answers! Test your friend.</p>	<p><u>SEQUEL</u></p> <p>Write 5 things that would happen if the book you've read has a sequel – Use evidence to support your ideas</p>
<p><u>MEETING</u></p> <p>If you could meet one character from the text, who would it be and why? Make sure you give enough detail.</p>	<p><u>REVIEW IT</u></p> <p>Create a book review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarise the plot</li> <li>• Explain why you like it               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who would you recommend it to and why?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>VOCAB</u></p> <p>Are there any words in the book you don't understand? Can you find them in a dictionary and write them in a different sentence?</p>

## **The Eiffel Tower**

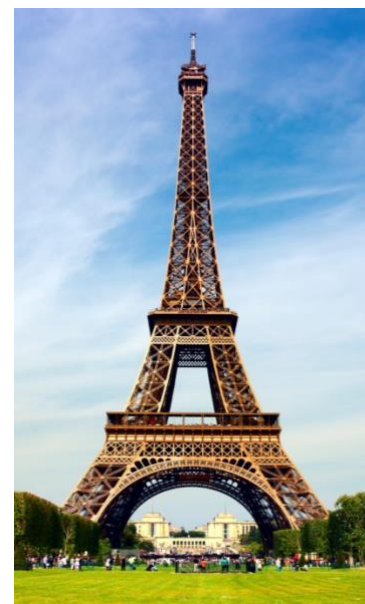
The Eiffel Tower is a wrought iron lattice tower on the Champ de Mars in Paris, France. It is named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower.

### **When was it built?**

Constructed in 1889 as the entrance to the 1889 World's Fair, it was initially criticized by some of France's leading artists and intellectuals for its design, but has become a global cultural icon of France and one of the most recognisable structures in the world. The tower is the tallest structure in Paris.

### **How tall is the Eiffel Tower?**

The tower is 324 metres (1,063 ft) tall, about the same height as an 81-storey building. Its base is square, 125 metres (410 ft) on a side. During its construction, the Eiffel Tower surpassed the Washington Monument to become the tallest man-made structure in the world, a title it held for 41 years until the Chrysler Building in New York City was built in 1930. Due to the addition of the aerial at the top of the tower in 1957, it is now taller than the Chrysler Building by 5.2 metres (17 ft). Not including broadcast aerials, it is the second-tallest structure in France, after the Millau Viaduct.



### **Visiting the Tower**

The Eiffel Tower is the most-visited paid monument in the world: 6.98 million people ascended it in 2011. The tower received its 250 millionth visitor in 2010. The tower has three levels for visitors, with restaurants on the first and second. The top level's upper platform is 276 m (906 ft) above the ground, the highest accessible to the public in the European Union. Tickets can be purchased to ascend by stairs or lift to the first and second levels. The climb from ground level to the first level is over 300 steps, as is the climb from the first level to the second. Although there is a staircase to the top level, it is usually only accessible by lift.

### **How much does it cost to visit?**

Adults – 17€

Groups (20+) - 12€pp

Youth (12-24) – 14.5€

Visit our website to purchase tickets:

Children (4-11) - 8€

<http://ticket.tou Eiffel.fr/>

Baby – 4 - 0€

Elderly and disabled - 8€

Carer - 8€

### **Questions:**

Where is the Eiffel Tower?

Why was the Eiffel Tower built?

How many people went up the Eiffel Tower in 2011?

What year did the Tower receive its 250 millionth visitor?

Why do you think most people take the lift to the highest level?