

Good morning Year 3!

Activity 1:

RESEARCHING A PLACE	
WALT	Use ICT to find useful information which we will include in our own writing.
Name	Place:
Location (where is it in the world?)	
Climate (weather)	
People (language/ religion/culture)	
Key Tourist Attractions	
1.	
2.	
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4.	
5.	
Facts about the place	
1.	
2.	
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5.	

Use the template to gather information about Paris, the capital city of France.

Some example questions:

Where is Paris in France?

What continent is France in?

Is Paris cold?

What language is spoken in Paris?

What's the main religion in Paris?

Challenge: Can you find and include some local names for things that you are writing about? Eg. How do you write 'The Eiffel Tower' in French?

Activity 2:



Come up with some WOW words to describe this picture. Think about how it makes you feel.

Imagine you are there. What can you see? Smell? Hear? Taste?

Challenge: Use a thesaurus to find new words (you could do this by typing a word plus 'synonyms' into google if you do not have a thesaurus. So if I wanted to find different words meaning 'good' I could google 'good synonyms').

Activity 3:

Read the introduction below. What features has the author used to describe the city to their readers?

Can you imagine a city of art fashion, beauty, and rich history? Well look no further, Paris has it all. Professor Hasouni described Paris as "A wonderful world of exquisite shops, museums and restaurants." Imagine staring out of the Eiffel tower, gazing across Paris' beautiful maze of avenues and narrow streets. Over 2.2 million people live in Paris; despite this huge population, it only has one stop sign. That's right - one stop sign in the whole city! Can you believe it?

Plan what you are going to mention in your introduction. You may want to include a quote to really make the country seem special. You can make one up (and make up a person who said it, like I did), or you may want to look online and find a real quote about Paris!

Create a plan with what you will include in each paragraph of your article, complete with headings, facts, language you may use, quotes, and rhetorical questions.

Activity 4:

Begin writing your article!

Introduction:

1. A sentence telling your reader where Paris is
2. One interesting fact
3. WOW adjectives
4. Rhetorical question

Next, write two paragraphs about weather and the people who live in Paris.

Word bank:

hot: balmy, summery, tropical, boiling, boiling hot, blazing hot, baking, scorching, roasting, searing, flaming, parching, blistering, oven-like, sweltering, torrid, sultry, humid, muggy, close, airless, oppressive, stifling

cold: chilly, cool, freezing, icy, snowy, icy-cold, glacial, wintry, crisp, frosty, frigid, bitter, bitterly cold, biting, piercing, numbing, sharp, raw, polar, arctic, Siberian;

Try to vary your sentence starters:

When	In addition,
Furthermore,	Incredibly,
Fortunately,	Unfortunately,
Surprisingly,	Unusually,
Amazingly,	Are you aware that
Sometimes	Strangely enough
Have you ever thought	Imagine,
Even though	Often
An important thing	Despite
Would you believe	In summary

Activity 5:

Independently write your final two paragraphs - one about the Eiffel Tower, and your Conclusion.

You can magpie ideas from the following facts about the Eiffel Tower.

1. Completed on March 31, 1889, the tower was the world's tallest structure for 41 years, until the completion of the Chrysler Building in New York in 1930.

2. It is 324 metres tall (including antennas) and weighs 10,100 tonnes.

3. It was the tallest structure in France until the construction of a military transmitter in the town of Saissac in 1973. The Millau Viaduct, completed in 2004, is also taller, at 343 metres.

Once you have finished writing your article, read through it to check for mistakes. Perhaps you could read it to an adult or brother or sister (this is a great way to make sure it makes sense!)

Rewrite any sections that need to be improved.