

France

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France borders middle age cities, mountainous villages and Mediterranean beaches. Paris, the capital of France is famous for its pretty houses, classical art museums for example the Louvre and landmarks like the Eiffel Tower. France is famous for its wines and fancy cuisine.

France is famous for many things. Their language, food, culture and landmarks. There are lots of different types of cheeses in France. Getting rid of spare food is unlawful so you have to donate it to the poor. Breakfast is not the most important meal in France, dinner is the most important meal.

French food is very different from Australian food. Some of their food we think are unusual and some we think are delicious. Snails are an appetizer. Lots of people eat snails before their main meal. French people don't eat bread with butter they use their bread with their main food. French people don't snack only the children are allowed to snack. Nutella is a favourite in France. Lots of people like Nutella even though it doesn't originate from France.

France has lots of famous landmarks including the Eiffel Tower, Louvre museum and Sacré coeur. The Eiffel Tower is one of the most famous French landmarks. There are lots of landmarks like the Abbey of Fontenay, Pont du gard, Mont Blanc and the palace of Versailles.

France is one of the most famous tourist destinations in the world. While most people like being in Paris there are tons of other great places to explore. France is rich in history and culture and has exquisite food that is very different from our food.

Video Games

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Video games are electronic games that are played by millions of people around the world. There are many types of video games, some are old, some are new and some are very popular.

Video games are games that can be played on a device that has a screen. Video games can also be called computer games. There are three types of video games. These include arcade games, console games and computer games. Some games you play as a first person and some you don't. Most games are divided into levels. The way you can play a video game can be very different. You can use a joystick, controller, keyboard or motion sensing device. A video game is a fun software you can play.

The first video game was made in 1958. It was called Tennis for Two. Many of the original games were arcade games that were played in video arcades. The game Pong is one of the first and most famous video games of all time. The first time you could buy a video game was in 1971. It was called Computer Space. Computers used to be the size of a room.

The most popular video game in the world is PUBG (Player Unknown's Battlegrounds). PUBG is the number one most played video game. 1037 million people have played it. Minecraft's player count is 600 million. The bestselling game ever is Minecraft, selling more than 200 million copies. Second and third bestselling games are Grand Theft Auto and Tetris. They both sold more than 100 million copies. The oldest game in the top 40 bestselling games is Pac-Man. It was made in 1980.

Video games can be bad for you. They are addictive and some are very violent. But video games are not all bad. They can be educational, good for your mental health by reducing stress and can improve your hand-eye coordination.

Salt water crocodiles

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A Saltwater crocodile is the largest reptile in the world. It is one of the 17 extant species of crocodile and has another name, the *Crocodylus Porosus*. It is the most aggressive crocodiles in the world.

Saltwater crocodiles are apex predators. They wait for fish or land animals to come close, then rush out to attack. Salt water crocodiles eat fish, amphibians, molluscs, birds, small mammals and other reptiles. Their diet changes as they get older. Babies eat insects and small fish while adults eat small mammals. Crocodiles can last 2-3 months without food in the wild.

Saltwater crocodiles live in southeast Asia and northern Australia. They live here because they are in warmer water and near the equator. You can find them in rivers and lakes but mostly in the ocean. They also like lazing around on the river banks. Salt water crocodiles can hold their breath for over an hour underwater.

There are three main stages of a crocodile's life. The mother crocodile lays a batch of eggs, these eggs hatch into juvenile crocodiles. They stay with their mother for 5 weeks before living alone as adult crocodiles. Crocodiles can live for up to 70 years. In this time, they could die from fights with other crocodiles, but because they are apex predators they are not in danger of being hunted by any other creature except for humans.