



Welcome to the second part of your writing task!

You should have completed a plan for your non-chronological report about France, including an outline of the introduction and at least three sections, key vocabulary, sentence openers, connectives and appropriate punctuation.

Some of the key vocabulary you could have recorded could include;

population	capital city	democracy	Tricolore
République Française (French Republic)		baguette	revolution
landscape	landmark	tradition	culture
'Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité' (Liberty, Equality, Fraternity)			cuisine
tourism	La Marseillaise	economy	history
language	famous people	mountain	river
government	Tour de France	travel	borders

Some of the sentence openers you could have recorded include;

A key feature of...	One of the...	Due to...	Despite...
Even though...	Sometimes...	For example...	Did you know...
Interestingly...	Surprisingly...	Furthermore...	It is clear that...

Some of the connectives you could have recorded include;

therefore	whereas	since	until
although	before	however	because

Some of these could also be used as sentence openers.

Appropriate punctuation for this type of writing includes capital letters and full stops (should go without saying!), commas for clauses, lists and avoiding ambiguity, and brackets (to add further information). You might also want to use semicolons or dashes. Can you include some hyphenated words (e.g. taste bud-tingling cuisine)? This is also a good opportunity to (sparingly) use question marks for rhetorical questions and exclamation marks for exciting or surprising information.

So, now is the time to produce your first draft, based on your plan and the information above. Here's an example of an edited draft opening paragraph. The black text is the original, very first draft, which been either crossed out, or added to in red.

Introduction.

Did you know that France is the UK's closest mainland European neighbour? It can be found just 20 miles across the English Channel from the Kent coast and on a clear day, you can even see it on the horizon! ~~It~~ The country is well-known for ~~good food~~ fine cuisine, spectacular landscapes and ~~fine art~~ exquisite works of art. Paris, the capital city, is ~~well known~~ world-renowned for its architecture and cultural experiences. Despite ~~being at war~~ periods of conflict, the UK and France are now long-standing allies. Read on to find out more about this ~~interesting~~ fascinating country, the third largest in Europe.

It's not perfect and I would ask someone else to read it, and then go back and edit further.

Your plan should already include three or more of your ideas for subheadings and sections, in addition to your introduction, but if you are struggling, here are some ideas that you could use;

Historic events – revolution and war, discoveries, empire and exploration

Landmarks – Roman (and earlier) to 21st century

Politics – who runs France and how do they do it?

Geography – mountains, rivers, coasts, landscape, borders, territories

Education – from early years to university

Population – how many people? How has it changed? Immigration

Industry/employment – what do people do for a living? How has this changed?

Famous French people – scientists, authors, artists, engineers, philosophers, politicians...

Food – fooodood...hmhhh...foooooooooood...

Traditions and culture – religious events, myths and legends, folk tales, 'national identity', Asterix

Language – French words used in English and English words used in French, phrases, sayings and proverbs

Transport – how can we get there from the UK? What about links within France and to other countries?

Tourism – what is there to see and do as a visitor?

Once you have completed your first draft, get someone from your household to read it and encourage them to ask questions and make constructive comments. This will help with your next step – final edit and publish. On Monday next week we'll put some further guidance on the blog about final edit, putting in pictures and publishing.

We are really looking forward to finding out what you have discovered and are looking forward to reading your reports. If you're unsure about anything in this task, please ask your adult to get in touch with us using the enquiries@walkley email address.