

En Route

Translate:

Comment va-t-on à la Tour Eiffel ?

Un aller simple ou aller-retour ?

Où se trouve l'Hôtel de la Bastille ?

Non, je ne suis pas ici en vacances. Je suis ici pour affaires.

Il faut changer à Tours.

Avez-vous un GPS ?

C'est là. C'est pas loin.

C'est super. Bon. On y va.

je désire un billet pour Toulouse I would like a ticket to Toulouse
 un aller-retour, svp a return please
 un aller simple, svp a single please
 à quelle heure arrive le train? when does the train arrive?
 quand part le prochain train pour Paris? when is the next train to Paris?
 de quel quai part le train pour Lyon? which platform is it for the Lyon train?
 il faut changer à Lille pour Bordeaux you need to change at Lille for Bordeaux
 où puis-je trouver l'hôtel? where can I find the hotel?
 c'est en face de l'hôtel it is opposite the hotel
 c'est près de la gare it is near the station
 c'est juste à côté de... it is right next to...
 ici here
 là there
 allez tout droit go straight on
 prenez (la première/deuxième) à gauche take the (first/second) left
 prenez (la première/deuxième) à droite take the (first/second) right
 merci de votre aide thank you for your help
 de rien not at all
 bon voyage have a good journey
 bonne route have a good journey (to people going in a car)

You work in the SNCF ticket office. Your teacher buys a ticket.

Describe to your teacher how to get to either the nearest motorway or the nearest railway station.

Motorways

Motorways are good in France, but watch out for the tolls: all motorways have them.

Railway (SNCF)

French railways are the envy of the world ... well, certainly of Britain. People who have travelled by the Eurostar from London to Paris or Brussels will be familiar the train's rapid glide the other side of the Channel and the slow progress from London to the coast.

The **TGV** (le Train à Grande Vitesse, i.e. intercity or express) is quick and comfortable. The **SNCF** runs the railways in France (Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer).

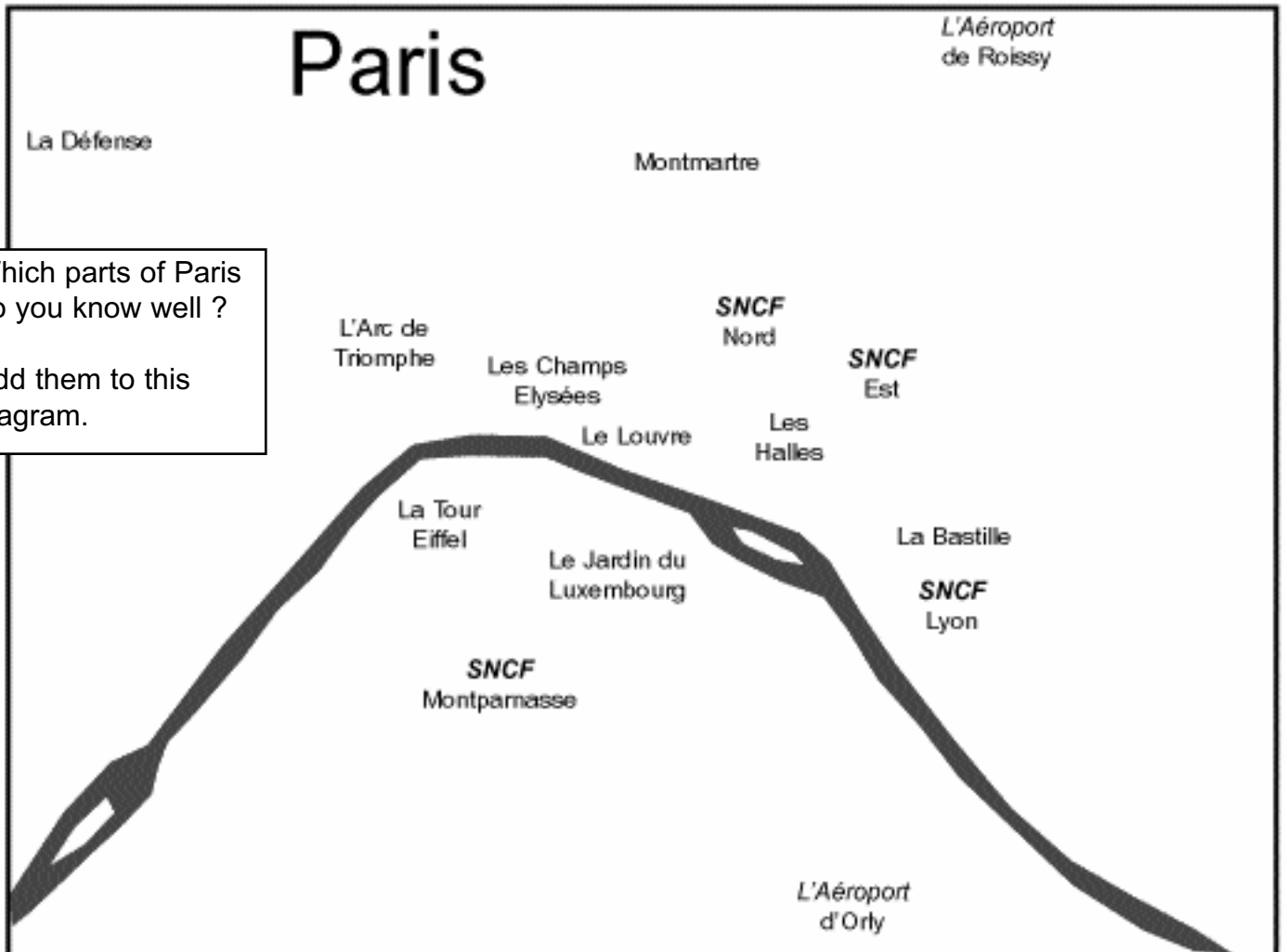
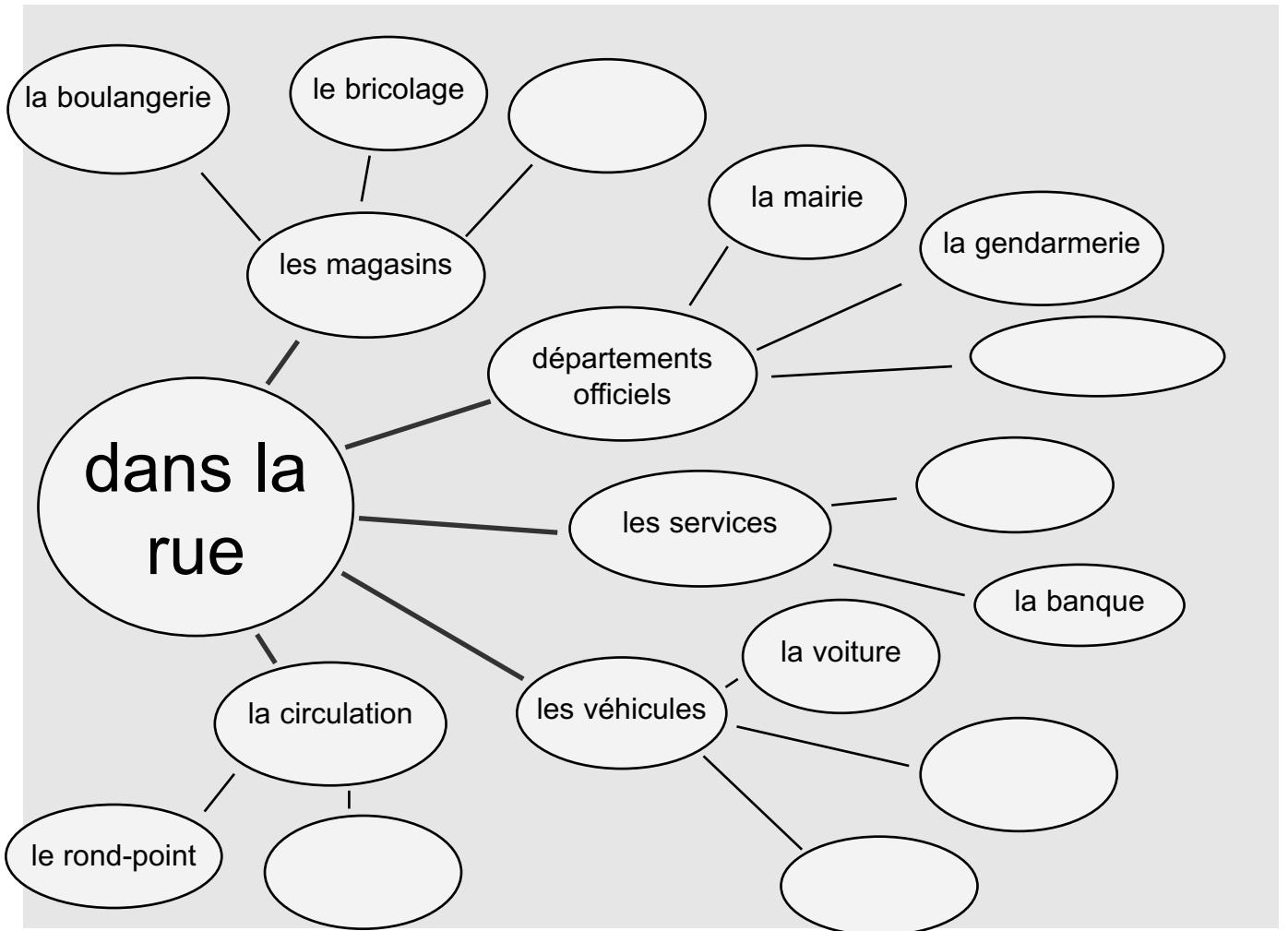
In Paris

In or around Paris you might take a local train, or the underground, **le métro**, or the faster regional metro, **le RER** (Réseau Express Régional).



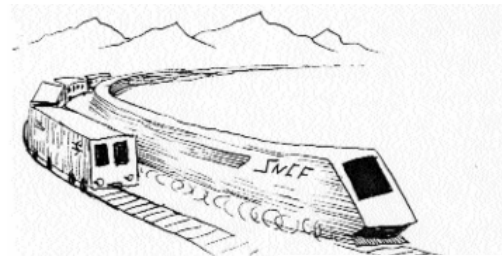
Buy a ticket from Calais to Bordeaux.

- Ask
- (a) how much it is
 - (b) whether you need to change en route
 - (c) when it leaves
 - (d) from which platform
 - (e) when it reaches Bordeaux.



Translate the English parts into French::

Passenger	A ticket for Nantes, please.
SNCF	Oui, un aller simple ou aller-retour?
Passenger	Single, please.
SNCF	Bien sûr, Monsieur. C'est 42,60 euros svp.
Passenger	There you are.
SNCF	Merci.
Passenger	What time is the next train for Nantes?
SNCF	11h45.
Passenger	From which platform is the train for Nantes leaving?
SNCF	Nantes ? Euh ... Du quai sept.
Passenger	Thank you, goodbye.



Excusez-moi, Monsieur, où est la Gare du Nord?



Le Métro

A word of caution: though a single-fare ticket is valid for an entire continuous trip — including connections — be sure to keep your ticket until you leave the system at your destination; being caught without it means an instant fine, payable in cash on the spot (unless you wish to acquaint yourself with the French judicial system).

While Paris has a lower incidence of violent crime than most major cities, it is wise to keep your wits about you (particularly in the crowded venue of a métro station) and guard against pick-pockets, whose scams and diversions can be particularly creative at times.

Should you happen to see everyone leaving a packed métro station following an announcement in French on the public address system, the chances are you are witnessing one of their periodic strikes (**grèves**).

Still, Paris is a fine city to walk around.

(See map on next page)

Which Métro line (Line 1,2,3,4, etc) has the stops: Louvre, Champs-Élysées, Chatelet, Bastille?

On which line will you find the stops: Invalides, Montparnasse, Champs-Élysées?

You approach the information desk at Le Gare du Nord. Ask

- (a) how to get to Gare Montparnasse by the Métro
- (b) how to get to La Défense

Later you are at Les Halles (close to the river). Ask how to get to the Eiffel Tower.

Vous prenez la ligne trois en direction du Pont de Levallois, puis vous changez à St Lazare.



un taxi take a taxi
le train pour Marseille a train for Marseille
l'avion pour Londres a plane for London
le métro take the metro
la ligne quatorze line 14
le vélo

Your teacher is lost and has ended up at Luxembourg, south of the river. Explain how to get to:

- (a) Le Gare du Nord
- (b) Champs-Élysées
- (c) Gare Montparnasse

