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## Useful vocabulary – Describing countries and their features

### Names of countries

| French       | English        |
|--------------|----------------|
| L'Angleterre | England        |
| L'Amérique   | America        |
| La Belgique  | Belgium        |
| Le Canada    | Canada         |
| La France    | France         |
| La Réunion   | Reunion Island |
| Le Maroc     | Morocco        |
| Le Sénégal   | Senegal        |
| La Suisse    | Switzerland    |

### Geographical features

| French          | English           |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| les Alpes       | the Alps          |
| la campagne     | the countryside   |
| la capitale     | capital city      |
| la côte         | the coast         |
| la forêt        | forest            |
| l'île (f.)      | island            |
| le lac          | lake              |
| la Manche       | the Channel       |
| la Méditerranée | the Mediterranean |
| la mer          | sea               |
| la montagne     | the mountains     |
| les Pyrénées    | the Pyrenees      |

## Points of the compass

| French       | English      |
|--------------|--------------|
| dans le nord | in the north |
| dans le sud  | in the south |
| dans l'est   | in the east  |
| dans l'ouest | in the west  |

## Talking about the weather

| French               | English           |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| il y a du brouillard | it's foggy        |
| il y a du soleil     | it's sunny        |
| il y a du vent       | it's windy        |
| il fait beau         | it's nice weather |
| il fait chaud        | it's hot          |
| il fait froid        | it's cold         |
| il fait mauvais      | it's bad weather  |
| il pleut             | it's raining      |
| il neige             | it's snowing      |