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Useful vocabulary – Describing countries and their features

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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

Higher Tier – Names of countries and geographical features

French	English
La Corse	Corsica
La Tunisie	Tunisia
la rivière	river