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Useful vocabulary – Describing countries and their features

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Names of countries

French	English
L'Afrique (f)	Africa
L'Algérie (f)	Algeria
L'Angleterre	England
L'Amérique	America
L'Asie (f)	Asia
Le Canada	Canada
L'Europe (f)	Europe
La France	France
La France d'Outre-mer	overseas France
Le Madagascar	Le Madagascar
La Martinique	Martinique
Le Royaume Uni	United Kingdom

Geographical features

French	English
les bois	woods
la campagne	the countryside
la capitale	capital city
la côte	the coast
la forêt	forest
l'île (f.)	island
le lac	lake
la mer	sea
la montagne	the mountains

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
le paysage	landscape
la rivière	river