



Key Knowledge and Skills:

The Paris Basin is one of the largest, but more distinct, geographical regions in France, due to its geology, agriculture and history. It is on the European continent.



Paris is the capital of France. Each year, millions of tourists visit Paris for its shops, cuisine (food) and landmarks, such as:

- Eiffel Tower
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- The Louvre Museum
- Arc de Triomphe.
- Disneyland Paris

Paris is a city, but there are many small settlements in the Paris Basin, such as a village called Etoges, which is located in the Champagne area. The Paris Basin is a distinct region because of its geology, agriculture and history. Paris is easily accessible by many modes of transport (plane, train and car), but the smaller settlements are harder to reach.

The landscape of the Paris Basin is an escarpment. This includes different features:

- Dip slope
- Scarp
- Vale

The river Seine runs through many regions of France, including the Paris Basin. It is also connected to Belgium’s canal system. The Seine is 485 miles long, making it the second longest river in France. The river is used by people in many ways; it provides cooling water for electric power stations, it is a major port for linking the trade of France to the rest of the world, and also it is considered a tourist attraction.



The features of a river include:

- Source
- Mouth
- Meander
- Riverbank

Key Vocabulary:

Vocabulary:	Definition:
Settlement	A place where people establish a community.
Escarpment	A long, steep slope in the land.
Dip slope	A gentle slope in the land.
Scarp	A very steep bank or slope.
Vale	The low point between hills (also known as a valley).
Tourism	People visiting places of interest.
Region	An area of land.
Europe	Europe is a continent in the Northern hemisphere comprising of many countries.
Economic activity	When goods or services are sold in return for money.
Architecture	The art and technique of designing and building.
Paris Basin	A geographical basin of sedimentary rocks.



Eiffel Tower



Arc de Triomphe