

**worksheet**

**level 2**

Try not to look at the transcript while doing these exercises! Always read the instructions and all the information in the tasks before listening. Listen as many times as you like.

**Paris in summer**

- 1 Before listening:
  - a make a list of all the famous places in Paris, then
  - b do the extra vocabulary worksheet **Cities: Paris** from the 'extras' page.
  
- 2 Listen for general meaning: listen to the whole podcast and decide if these sentences are true or false.
  - Sarah thinks Paris is attractive.
  - It's a relaxed, easy-going city.
  - There are rules people are expected to follow.
  - Paris can be disappointing for some people.
  - Sarah thinks spring is the best time to visit.
  
- 3 Listen for detail: read the sentences below and then listen to the whole podcast again. Write in the missing word.
  - a Sarah is an \_\_\_\_\_ living in Paris.
  - b I would say Paris is all about \_\_\_\_\_
  - c ...the way the food is \_\_\_\_\_ and the way you appreciate the meals
  - d ...there is a high \_\_\_\_\_ on how you present yourself
  - e this is not a city where you can just run down in your \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a loaf of bread
  - f you need to have the right \_\_\_\_\_ you need to have the right way of serving the \_\_\_\_\_ etc
  - g Yes, I think people would definitely \_\_\_\_\_ on that
  - h Oh, you can't wear that, it's not been \_\_\_\_\_
  - i ...but apparently it was \_\_\_\_\_
  - j Japanese people have this very, very \_\_\_\_\_ view that Paris is the most romantic city in the world

- k* ...the men are not always carrying bunches of red \_\_\_\_\_ for their girlfriends
- l* ...they have a kind of a \_\_\_\_\_ breakdown
- m* There is definitely a \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding Paris and what it is
- n* ...a city with a lot of the issues that big cities have: \_\_\_\_\_
- o* ...the Parisians of course have a bad reputation for being sometimes \_\_\_\_\_
- p* No place is more beautiful, more \_\_\_\_\_, than Paris when the weather's good.

5 After listening: now do the vocabulary worksheet.

6 After listening: reading. You can read more about the Paris Syndrome from the BBC <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/6197921.stm>

7 After listening: writing.  
Are you French / Parisian?  
Have you visited Paris?  
Do you agree with Sarah's views about Paris? Or not?

Why not write to us at [thepieteam@podcastsineenglish.com](mailto:thepieteam@podcastsineenglish.com) and tell us your views. Perhaps you think another city is more romantic than Paris - we'd love to hear from you!

**answers**

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- 1 Don't forget to do this - it really helps you to understand the podcast.
- 2
- Sarah thinks Paris is attractive. T
  - It's a relaxed, easy-going city. F
  - There are rules people are expected to follow. T
  - Paris can be disappointing for some people. T
  - Sarah thinks spring is the best time to visit. F
- 3
- a* Sarah is an *American* living in Paris.
- b* I would say Paris is all about *beauty*
- c* ...the way the food is *presented* and the way you appreciate the meals
- d* ...there is a high *emphasis* on how you present yourself
- e* this is not a city where you can just run down in your pyjamas (US: *pajamas*) to buy a loaf of bread
- f* you need to have the right *glasses* you need to have the right way of serving the *cheese* etc
- g* Yes, I think people would definitely *pick up* on that
- h* Oh, you can't wear that, it's not been *ironed*
- i* ...but apparently it was *inappropriate*
- j* Japanese people have this very, very *fixed* view that Paris is the most romantic city in the world
- k* ...the men are not always carrying bunches of red *roses* for their girlfriends
- l* ...they have a kind of a *nervous* breakdown
- m* There is definitely a *myth* surrounding Paris and what it is
- n* ...a city with a lot of the issues that big cities have: *congestion*
- o* ...the Parisians of course have a bad reputation for being sometimes *disagreeable*
- p* No place is more beautiful, more *magical*, than Paris when the weather's good.