

Compréhension auditive [RO : Listening Comprehension]

[LISTENING icon] Retour à Strasbourg [RO : Return to Strasbourg]



Les Strasbourgeoises : Mélinda, Anaïs et Inès.
[RO: Strasbourg students: Mélinda, Anaïs, and Inès.]

[READING icon] Introduction [RO: Introduction]

We return to Strasbourg as we interview some students to ask them more questions about their hometown. The students, Inès, Anaïs, and Mélinda, talk about their favorite monument, their thoughts on the weather in Strasbourg, and transportation they use to go various places as they go through a typical day. Start by completing the preparation activity to familiarize yourself with French some words and expressions that may be new to you. Then, watch and listen to the video clip. The first time, watch the video all the way through without sound and without

subtitles in French. The second time, watch with the sound and subtitles turned on. Lastly, watch a third time with sound but without subtitles. Once you have watched and listened all three times, complete the activities that follow to verify that you have understood what *les Strasbourgeoises* have said. *Bonne continuation!*



Des vélos à Strasbourg [RO : Bikes in Strasbourg]

[ENGLISH RESPONSE icon]

A. Préparation. [RO : Preparation]. Drag and drop the English translations into the blanks next to their corresponding French equivalents. Be sure to take into account contextual cues and cognates. (16 points)

Model: (you read and hear) vous avez une vue magnifique sur toute la ville.

(you select) *you have a magnificent view of all the city*

1. on l'appelle tous notre maman _____
 2. vous voyez vraiment la délimitation entre l'ancien et le nouveau _____
 3. on la voit de partout dans la ville _____
 4. c'est vraiment toujours très impressionnant _____
 5. il faut lever la tête très haut pour voir le sommet _____
 6. on a à peu près deux ou trois mois où il fait très chaud et très beau _____
 7. donc, ça c'est chouette _____
 8. Ça peut être moche le matin, beau à midi, et la neige le soir _____
 9. je pense que c'est un bon entre-deux _____
 10. Ça me plaît quand j'ai pas besoin de sortir. _____
 11. On est beaucoup à se déplacer à vélo. _____
 12. Il faut faire attention. _____
 13. Il y a toujours un vélo quelque part. _____
 14. au centre, tout est un peu accessible _____
 15. ils desservent assez d'endroits de la ville _____
 16. le tram...c'est un bon moyen de se déplacer au lieu de prendre la voiture _____
- a. A lot of us get around by bike.
 - b. I like it when I do not have to go out.
 - c. I think it is a good in-between.
 - d. In the center of town, everything is a bit accessible
 - e. It can be ugly in the morning, nice at noon, and snowing in the evening.
 - f. It is necessary to pay attention.

- g. it is necessary to raise your head very high to see the summit.
- h. it is really always very impressive.
- i. the tram...that's a good way to get around instead of taking a car.
- j. There is always a bike somewhere.
- k. therefore, that's nice.
- l. They serve a lot of places in the city.
- m. we call her our mama.
- n. we have about one or two months when it is very warm and very nice.
- o. you see it from all over the city.
- p. you see the delimitation between the old and the new.

[FORMAT: Drag and drop]

[ANSWER KEY: 1. m 2. p 3. o 4. h 5. g 6. n 7. k 8. e 9. c 10. b 11. a 12. f 13. j 14. c 15. l 16. i]

[NOTE: Auto-graded; 1 point per item]



Le tramway [RO: The tramway]

[Insert FIELD INTERVIEW VIDEO for lesson 4.2B, with accompanying subtitles]

[ENGLISH RESPONSE icon]

B. Compréhension de texte. [RO : Reading Comprehension]. Indicate whether these statements about the interviews with Inès, Mélinda, and Anaïs, are true or false. (8 points)

Model : (you read) Inès, Anaïs and Mélinda all say that the cathedral is their favorite monument in Strasbourg.

(you choose) **true**

false

1. Anaïs and Mélinda think that Strasbourg weather is particular because one can experience three or even four seasons in a single day.

true

false

2. Inès thinks that the great negative characteristic of Strasbourg is that it is too hot most of the time.

true

false

3. Anaïs does not mind the weather in Strasbourg, as she thinks that while it does get cold in winter, not too cold, and in summer, hot but, not too hot.

true

false

4. Anaïs, Inès and Mélinda all mention that bikes are their favorite mode of transportation in Strasbourg.

true

false

5. Inès takes the train from her village to Strasbourg and the bus to get where she needs to go in the city.

true

false

6. Mélinda, Anaïs, and Inès all mention that the tram as a popular form of mass transit.

true

false

7. Anaïs thinks that bikes in Strasbourg can be dangerous because there is always a bike somewhere when you are walking.

true

false

8. Walking is not something Anaïs, Inès, and Mélinda do frequently.

true

false

[FORMAT: Multiple choice]

[ANSWER KEY: 1. true 2. false 3. true 4. false 5. true 6. true 7. true 8. false]

[FEEDBACK STATEMENTS: 1. The statement is true. 2. The statement is false. She thinks that it is too cold most of the time. 3. The statement is true. 4. The statement is false. Anaïs is not someone who likes biking in Strasbourg. 5. The statement is true. 6. The statement is true. 7. The statement is true. 8. The statement is false. While Anaïs and Mélinda mention that they walk, Inès does not. She prefers biking.

[NOTE: Auto-graded; 1 point per item]



Le bus [RO: The bus]

[ENGLISH RESPONSE icon]

C. Analyse. [RO : Analysis]. Answer these questions in English to provide supporting detail from the interview. Select all that apply. (8 points)

1. What characteristics of the Strasbourg cathedral are mentioned?
 - a. the view of the city from the top of the cathedral
 - b. the beauty of the structure itself as seen from below

- c. its role as a nurturing symbol for the people of the area
 - d. its unique Gothic architecture and single spire
2. What characteristics of Strasbourg weather are mentioned?
- a. While there are good days, the weather is generally not nice or warm enough.
 - b. It is warmer than the south of France.
 - c. It rains a lot.
 - d. For three months of the year, it is very nice and very warm.
3. What characteristics of transportation in Strasbourg are mentioned?
- a. Most people in Strasbourg do not take mass transit, preferring to drive their cars.
 - b. A lot of people in Strasbourg prefer to get around by bike.
 - c. A lot of people in Strasbourg like to go by foot to get around the city center.
 - d. The train has become a lot less popular in Strasbourg in recent years.

[FORMAT: Multiple choice]

[ANSWER KEY: 1. a, b, c 2. a, c, d 3. b, c]

[NOTE: Auto-graded; 1 point per correct choice]



Des vélos à Austin au Texas [RO : Bikes in Austin, Texas]

[WRITING icon] [FRENCH RESPONSE icon]

D. Connexions personnelles [RO : Personal Connections]. Now that you have watched and listened to an interview in which French students talking about monuments, weather, and transportation in their hometown, Strasbourg, describe those same characteristics in relation to your own hometown as you respond to these questions in French. Answer in complete sentences in French. (6 points)

1. Quel est votre monument ou site préféré dans votre ville ?

2. Quel temps fait-il chez vous ?

3. Quels moyens de transports sont populaires chez vous ?

[FORMAT: Long answer in French]

[ANSWER KEY: Responses vary by individual]

[NOTE: For instructor review; Award up to 2 points per appropriate response in French]