



# READING in GEOGRAPHY

## EIFFEL TOWER



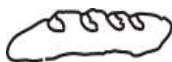
The Eiffel Tower is and has been an icon of Paris and of France. It is an extremely popular focal point for French Parisians and for tourists.

Construction of the Eiffel Tower was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1889; it had begun in 1887.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Tower was constructed as an entrance gate to the World's Fair in Paris (1889). The completion of the tower marked 100 years since the French \_\_\_\_\_ and the storming of the Bastille. Interestingly, the tower was not generally popular at the time and intentions were for the tower to be \_\_\_\_\_ after the World's \_\_\_\_\_.

The Eiffel Tower is an engineering marvel. Despite being an engineering challenge, construction only cost one life. The chief engineer was Gustave \_\_\_\_\_. Wind resistance was the major design consideration. The Eiffel Tower is 324 metres \_\_\_\_\_, similar in height to an eighty-storey building. At the time of construction, the Eiffel Tower was the World's tallest \_\_\_\_\_, beating the Washington Monument, USA. It remained the tallest structure for over 40 \_\_\_\_\_ until the Chrysler Building in New York built higher. The Eiffel Tower's history is made richer by visitations from celebrities such as Hitler and Thomas Edison.

The location of the Eiffel \_\_\_\_\_ is on the Left Bank of the Seine River. The address is Champ de Mars, Paris, \_\_\_\_\_. Paris and France are popular enough with tourists already and the Eiffel Tower adds to that popularity. Over 200 million \_\_\_\_\_ have visited the Eiffel Tower in its lifetime. 5-10 million tourists visiting the Eiffel Tower each \_\_\_\_\_. Beautiful lawns and \_\_\_\_\_ and other Parisian attractions radiate out from the Eiffel Tower. Parisians and tourists gather near the tower on summer evenings to share the romantic atmosphere encouraged by twilight and the thousands of twinkling \_\_\_\_\_ that adorn the structure. Tourists can take an elevator to the top of the tower with stairs to lower \_\_\_\_\_.



### COMPREHENSION



REWRITE  
- Tourist

1. In which city is the Eiffel Tower? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what year was construction of the tower completed? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In what year was the World's Fair in Paris? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was the engineer of the tower? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How high is the Eiffel Tower? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which building overtook the Eiffel Tower as the tallest structure? \_\_\_\_\_
7. On which bank of the Seine River is the Eiffel Tower? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many tourists visit the Eiffel Tower each year? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Describe the atmosphere on a summer evening. \_\_\_\_\_
10. How many twinkling lights are on the Tower? \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: [wikipedia.org/wiki/Eiffel\\_Tower](https://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eiffel_Tower)

### CLOZE

EIFFEL  
REVOLUTION  
COMPLETED  
EIFFEL  
HIGH  
DEMOLISHED  
FRANCE  
FAIR  
TOWER  
STRUCTURE  
LEVELS  
YEARS  
LIGHTS  
PEOPLE  
YEAR  
GARDENS

### MISSING WORDS

