



**Ashlie:** Come on, Stephen.

**Stephen:** I'm coming!

**Ashlie:** We're going on a trip to Paris. It's a very short train ride from London and it's a chance to experience some French culture and do some shopping.

**Stephen:** Ashlie's never been to Paris before. I've been loads of times and I'm looking forward to practising my French.

**Ashlie:** Come on, you. You can practice your French on the train. Paris, here we come!

**Stephen:** Avez-vous, avez-vous...

**Ashlie:** That's good, Stephen, good to see you making an effort.

**Stephen:** Merci beaucoup – that's 'thank you' in French.

**Ashlie:** Right. So how long does it take? About two and a half hours? So we will be in Paris just in time for dinner.

**Stephen:** We can get something to eat on the train.

**Ashlie:** No, let's wait until we get to Paris. French food is fantastic. I want to eat in a French café. I don't want to eat a train sandwich when I could eat a lovely French meal.

**Stephen:** OK, then.

**Ashlie:** Oh, and you can order the food in French.

**Stephen:** Great, I'm going to practice. What's French for "dinner"?

**Ashlie:** Wow, here we are. Ooh, it's so exciting to be in Paris. Right, we need to get a taxi. I want to see the Eiffel Tower first and then we can have something to eat.

**Stephen:** There aren't any taxis here. Let me ask someone. Excusez-moi.

**Frenchman:** Oui?

**Stephen:** Ou est le taxi?

**Frenchman:** Il y'en a juste la-bas la.

**Stephen:** Merci.

**Ashlie:** Merci.

**Stephen:** See Ashlie, you would never have found a taxi without me.

**Ashlie:** Yeah, yeah, come on!

**Ashlie:** Right, now we've done some sightseeing, it's time for something to eat.

**Stephen:** What do you want, Ash? Here comes the waiter.

**Ashlie:** Erm, can I have one of those, please?

**Stephen:** Are you sure?

**Ashlie:** Yes, I'm sure.

**Stephen:** Bonsoir. Je voudrais un steak-frites, deux cafes au lait et un escargots.

**Waiter:** OK. Des escargots, un steak-frites, deux cafes au lait.

**Stephen:** Erm, yes. Oui. C'est tout.

**Ashlie:** Merci.

**Stephen:** That's great, Ash, he understood.



**Ashlie:** Well, I certainly didn't. That's good, Stephen. It's so good to see you trying to practise your French.

**Stephen:** Well, I need to work on my pronunciation. I didn't sound very French, did I?

**Ashlie:** You got the food, that's the important thing. Well done!

**Stephen:** Well, I think it's polite. You have to try and speak the language of the country you're visiting. You've got to practice if you want to learn.

**Ashlie:** Yeah, I suppose you're right.

**Ashlie:** What are they? They look like snails. I didn't order those!

**Stephen:** Yes, you did. That's what you pointed to in the menu.

**Ashlie:** Stephen! I haven't eaten snails before.

**Stephen:** Well, try them. You might like them. Bon appétit!

**Ashlie:** Hmm, they're good. But I'm going to make sure I know what I'm ordering next time – so when I go shopping, I don't make any mistakes.