

### 1. Tour de Force

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1989, Paris celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Eiffel Tower. As our tribute to this famous landmark, this week's worksheet is dedicated to the *Tour Eiffel*. There is one page to print. Click here to get your copy.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/june/IO051S-eiffel.pdf>

### Level

Intermediate upwards

### How to use the lesson

1. Divide your class into groups of three. Tell your students they are going to work in groups to correct a text about the Eiffel Tower.
2. Explain to your students that you are going to give each of them a short text about the Eiffel Tower. Each text contains ten errors (factual, not grammatical). The members of each group will have to work together to check the facts on their piece of paper. Each time a mistake occurs in the text, **two students will have the wrong information while only one has the correct information**. For example, Text A and Text B say the Tower was completed in 1789, whereas Text C says it was completed in 1889; Text C is correct.
3. Ask your students not to show each other their pieces of paper. Instead, encourage them to exchange information by speaking to each other. By the end of the activity each student should have made **ten** changes to his/her text.

### Key

The text below shows the correct text. The areas marked in **bold** are the pieces of information that vary on the different texts.

Welcome to the Eiffel Tower.

The Tower was completed in **1889**, under the supervision of **Gustave** Eiffel, for the *Centennial Exposition* of the same year. At the time of its construction, standing at **324m** high, it was the tallest building in the world and remained so until **1930**, when the **Chrysler** Building took the title. **Open every day of the year**, the Tower enjoys more than **6** million visitors every year, and this year the Tower will welcome its 200 millionth visitor. The Tower is made of a special type of **iron** which was very popular all over Europe in the **19<sup>th</sup>** century and it is painted (in three shades of **brown**) every **seven** years. There are **1665** steps from the ground to the top, but the steps from the **second** floor to the top are closed to the public. There are, however, **two** elevators which go all the way to the top of the Tower. **Initially despised** by the people of Paris, the Eiffel Tower has come to represent the very essence of this romantic city.

### Follow up

Ask students either in class or for homework to write out the text in full with all the changes incorporated.

## 2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.tour-eiffel.fr/teiffel/uk/>

the official site – you can even win tickets to go there

<http://www.abcparislive.com/>

it's all here on the web cam

<http://www.endex.com/gf/buildings/eiffel/eiffel.html>

all sorts of stuff about the tower