

Vive la Revolution!

1. Read the story of Bastille Day. There are fourteen lines. Ten of them contain one extra word. Find the extra words and write them in the column on the right. The first two lines have been done as examples.

1	Fifteen years after becoming king of France, Louis XVI was seen as a remote and	<u> a </u>
2	unconnected from the needs of his people. On July 14 th , 1789, an armed mob of	<u> ✓ </u>
3	Parisians were stormed the Bastille, a fortress prison in the heart of the capital, and	<u> </u>
4	took control of it. The prison had been a symbol of Louis XVI's absolute power. By	<u> </u>
5	capturing the fortress, the people showed off that the king's power was no longer	<u> </u>
6	absolute. The people now held the reins of power. This dramatic action has marked	<u> </u>
7	the beginning of the French Revolution and the end of the monarchy in the France.	<u> </u>
8	Although the Bastille only held seven prisoners at the time of its capture, the storming	<u> </u>
9	of the prison came to symbolize liberty and the fight was against oppression for the	<u> </u>
10	citizens of France. Other symbols of the newly formed Republic were (and do remain)	<u> </u>
11	the Tricolore flag (red, white and blue) and Marianne, the proud, mythical warrior	<u> </u>
12	who, since the Revolution, has just become the embodiment of the Republic's three	<u> </u>
13	ideals: Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Her profile is continues to appear on French	<u> </u>
14	stamps and money and her bronze statue stands up in the Place de Nation in Paris.	<u> </u>

2. Work with a partner. Complete the rest of the story. The word '**the**' has been removed from ten of the fifteen spaces. Put them all back in the correct spaces. The first two have been done as examples.

Since (1) - 1880 (2) the French have celebrated (3) Bastille Day as a national holiday on (4) fourteenth of July each year. The Incredible Picnic is just one of the ways (5) French will be celebrating (6) Bastille Day this year. It will be (7) largest event of its kind in (8) world and will take place in twenty of (9) France's regions. For those visiting the capital there is a military parade along (10) Champs-Élysées, led by (11) President Jacques Chirac. Later on in (12) evening, watch the people gather in their thousands in the Champ-de-Mars to watch the fireworks in front of (13) Eiffel Tower. And what better way to finish off (14) evening's display than with a rousing chorus of (15) French national anthem, *La Marseillaise*.