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France issues scratch-n-sniff baguette stamp

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THE ARTICLE

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The French Post Office (La Poste) has issued a commemorative postage stamp to honour France's famous bread – the baguette. The new stamp is not a run-of-the-mill issue. Its surface is coated with tiny capsules that, once broken, release the fragrance of freshly baked bread. The €1.96 stamp depicts a baguette decorated with a red, white, and blue ribbon. A shopkeeper in the heart of Paris that sells the "scratch-and-sniff" stamp said it had a "bakery smell". The stamp was launched on Thursday to celebrate the day of the patron saint of bakers and pastry chefs. La Poste said it had an initial print run of 594,000 copies. It also said French bakers bake more than six billion baguettes every year.

The baguette is very close to the hearts of French people. France's President Emmanuel Macron once described it as being "250 grams of magic and perfection". La Poste wrote about the French loaf on its website. It called the baguette, "the bread of our daily lives, the symbol of our gastronomy, the jewel of our culture". It explained why the baguette was so popular. It said: "It is the promise of a delectable sensory experience. On view, it seduces with its golden crust....Fresh from the oven, its toasted scent whets the appetite." The baguette was given UNESCO heritage status in 2022. La Poste called the bread, "an ambassador of the bakery craft". It said the baguette, "transcends borders to become an international icon".

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WARM-UPS

1. POSTAGE STAMPS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about postage stamps. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

post office / bread / baguette / capsule / fragrance / shopkeeper / baker / chef / bake hearts / magic / gastronomy / jewel / culture / delectable / appetite / UNESCO / icon

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BREAD: Students A **strongly** believe bread is the most delicious staple food; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE JEWEL OF CULTURE: What do you know about these gastronomic delights? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
Baguette		
Pizza		
Sushi		
Hummus		
Samosa		
Hot dog		

5. BAKERY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "bakery". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. BREAD USES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best uses of bread at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Sandwiches
- Buttered toast
- Bread pudding
- French toast
- Breadcrumbs
- Croutons
- Pizza bread
- For dipping in hummus

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. commemorative | a. Covered with a thin layer of something. |
| 2. honour (verb) | b. A nice smell, like from flowers or perfume. |
| 3. run-of-the-mill | c. Something made to remember a special person or event. |
| 4. coated | d. A special deceased, holy person who protects and looks after a group of people. |
| 5. fragrance | e. To show great respect for someone or something. |
| 6. depict | f. Ordinary and not special. |
| 7. patron saint | g. To show something in a picture or drawing. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. loaf | h. To go beyond or rise above something. |
| 9. delectable | i. A big piece of bread that you can cut into slices. |
| 10. seduce | j. Very tasty and delicious. |
| 11. crust | k. To make you feel hungry or excited about something. |
| 12. whet | l. The hard outside part of bread or pizza. |
| 13. appetite | m. To attract someone to do something, often something they might not usually do. |
| 14. transcend | n. The feeling of wanting to eat. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A series of four different stamps in France celebrate the baguette. **T / F**
2. The new stamp was run through a mill to coat its surface. **T / F**
3. A shopkeeper who sells the stamp said it smells like a bakery. **T / F**
4. Just fewer than half a million of the stamps have been printed. **T / F**
5. France's president said the baguette was "magic" and "perfection". **T / F**
6. The French Post Office called the baguette a diamond of couture. **T / F**
7. The French Post Office said the baguette had a seductive crust. **T / F**
8. The baguette was granted UNESCO heritage status in 2022. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. commemorative | a. delicious |
| 2. run-of-the-mill | b. centre |
| 3. fragrance | c. flawlessness |
| 4. heart | d. scent |
| 5. initial | e. stimulates |
| 6. perfection | f. ordinary |
| 7. symbol | g. goes beyond |
| 8. delectable | h. first |
| 9. whets | i. sign |
| 10. transcends | j. celebratory |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. issued a commemorative | a. icon |
| 2. Its surface is coated | b. a baguette |
| 3. The €1.96 stamp depicts | c. crust |
| 4. the patron saint | d. of 594,000 copies |
| 5. an initial print run | e. borders |
| 6. It is the promise of a delectable sensory | f. with tiny capsules |
| 7. On view, it seduces with its golden | g. experience |
| 8. its toasted scent whets | h. postage stamp |
| 9. It said the baguette transcends | i. the appetite |
| 10. become an international | j. of bakers |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

The French Post Office (La Poste) has issued a commemorative (1) _____ stamp to honour France's famous bread – the baguette. The new stamp is not a run-of-the-mill (2) _____. Its surface is coated with tiny capsules that, once broken, release the (3) _____ of freshly baked bread. The €1.96 stamp depicts a baguette (4) _____ with a red, white, and blue ribbon. A shopkeeper in the (5) _____ of Paris that sells the "scratch-and-sniff" stamp said it had a "bakery smell". The stamp was launched on Thursday to celebrate the day of the patron (6) _____ of bakers and pastry chefs. La Poste said it had an (7) _____ print run of 594,000 copies. It also said French bakers (8) _____ more than six billion baguettes every year.

The baguette is very close to the (9) _____ of French people. France's President Emmanuel Macron once described it as being "250 grams of (10) _____ and perfection". La Poste wrote about the French loaf on its website. It called the baguette, "the bread of our daily lives, the (11) _____ of our gastronomy, the jewel of our (12) _____". It explained why the baguette was so popular. It said: "It is the promise of a (13) _____ sensory experience. On view, it seduces with its golden crust....Fresh from the oven, its toasted scent (14) _____ the appetite." The baguette was given UNESCO heritage status in 2022. La Poste called the bread, "an ambassador of the bakery (15) _____". It said the baguette, "transcends borders to become an international (16) _____".

saint

postage

bake

fragrance

issue

heart

initial

decorated

culture

hearts

craft

delectable

icon

symbol

magic

whets

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

- 1) The French Post Office (La Poste) has issued a _____
 - a. commemorative post it stamp
 - b. commemorative poster stamp
 - c. commemorative postage stamp
 - d. commemorative post stage stamp
- 2) The new stamp is not a run-of- _____
 - a. the-bill issue
 - b. the-hill issue
 - c. the-mill issue
 - d. the-nil issue
- 3) Its surface is coated with tiny capsules that, once broken, _____
 - a. release the flagrant
 - b. release the fragrance
 - c. release the fray grants
 - d. release the fray grunts
- 4) The stamp was launched on Thursday to celebrate the day of _____
 - a. the petrol saint
 - b. the patron saint
 - c. the pate Tron saint
 - d. the pay Tron saint
- 5) La Poste said it had an initial print run _____
 - a. of 594,000 copies
 - b. of 594,000 coppice
 - c. of 594,000 cop its
 - d. of 594,000 copious
- 6) Emmanuel Macron once described it as being 250 grams of _____
 - a. magician and perfection
 - b. magical and perfection
 - c. magics and perfection
 - d. magic and perfection
- 7) It called the baguette the bread of our daily lives, the symbol _____
 - a. of our gastro naming
 - b. of our gas trigonometry
 - c. of our gusto naming
 - d. of our gastronomy
- 8) It is the promise of a _____
 - a. detectable sense airy experience
 - b. delectable sensory experience
 - c. delectable sensory experiences
 - d. delectable sensory experiential
- 9) Fresh from the oven, its toasted scent _____
 - a. wets the appetite
 - b. whets the appetite
 - c. whet the appetite
 - d. waits the appetite
- 10) It said the baguette transcends borders to become _____
 - a. an international iconic
 - b. an international icons
 - c. an international eye con
 - d. an international icon

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

The French Post Office (La Poste) (1) _____ commemorative postage stamp to honour France's famous bread – the baguette. The new stamp is not a run-of-(2) _____. Its surface is coated with tiny capsules that, once broken, release the fragrance of freshly baked bread. The €1.96 (3) _____ baguette decorated with a red, white, and blue ribbon. A shopkeeper in the heart of Paris that sells the "scratch-and-sniff" stamp said it had a "bakery smell". The stamp was launched on Thursday to (4) _____ of the patron saint of bakers and pastry chefs. La Poste said it had an (5) _____ of 594,000 copies. It also said French (6) _____ than six billion baguettes every year.

The baguette is very close (7) _____ of French people. France's President Emmanuel Macron once described it as being "250 grams of magic and perfection". La Poste wrote about the (8) _____ its website. It called the baguette, "the bread of our daily lives, the symbol (9) _____, the jewel of our culture". It explained why the baguette was so popular. It said: "It is the promise of a delectable sensory experience. On view, it seduces with its golden crust....Fresh from the oven, (10) _____ whets the appetite." The baguette was given UNESCO (11) _____ 2022. La Poste called the bread, "an ambassador of the bakery craft". It said the baguette, "transcends borders to become (12) _____".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

1. What's the name of the French Post Office?
2. What is the surface of the stamp coated with?
3. How much does one stamp cost?
4. Where does a shopkeeper mentioned in the article work?
5. How many copies of the stamp have been printed?
6. What is the baguette very close to?
7. Who said the baguette was "magic"?
8. What does the baguette seduce people with?
9. What is it about a baguette that whets people's appetites?
10. What happened to the baguette in 2022?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

- 1) What's the name of the French Post Office?
 - a) Monsieur Poste
 - b) Claude
 - c) La Poste
 - d) Le Timbre
- 2) What is the surface of the stamp coated with?
 - a) tiny capsules
 - b) glue
 - c) history
 - d) breadcrumbs
- 3) How much does one stamp cost?
 - a) €1.99
 - b) €1.98
 - c) €1.95
 - d) €1.96
- 4) Where does a shopkeeper mentioned in the article work?
 - a) in a post office
 - b) in the heart of Paris
 - c) in a stamp shop
 - d) in a small village
- 5) How many copies of the stamp have been printed?
 - a) 549,000 copies
 - b) 954,000 copies
 - c) 594,000 copies
 - d) 494,000 copies
- 6) What is the baguette close to?
 - a) pitta bread
 - b) French people's hearts
 - c) extinction
 - d) Switzerland
- 7) Who said the baguette was "magic"?
 - a) France's top baker
 - b) a magician
 - c) the University de la Baguette
 - d) France's President Emmanuel Macron
- 8) What does the baguette seduce people with?
 - a) smells
 - b) its golden crust
 - c) its whiteness
 - d) hope
- 9) What is it about a baguette that whets people's appetites?
 - a) its toasted scent
 - b) cheese
 - c) salted butter
 - d) tomatoes
- 10) What happened to the baguette in 2022?
 - a) It became more popular than sushi.
 - b) It won an international prize.
 - c) It starred in a movie.
 - d) It was given UNESCO heritage status.

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Sandwiches

You think sandwiches is the best use for bread. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): buttered toast, breadcrumbs or dipping in hummus.

Role B – Buttered Toast

You think buttered toast is the best use for bread. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sandwiches, breadcrumbs or dipping in hummus.

Role C – Breadcrumbs

You think breadcrumbs is the best use for bread. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): buttered toast, sandwiches or dipping in hummus.

Role D – Dipping in Hummus

You think dipping in hummus is the best use for bread. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): buttered toast, breadcrumbs or sandwiches.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words " and ".

bread	stamp
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• issued• surface• depicts• sells• day• run	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hearts• magic• culture• experience• status• icon
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POSTAGE STAMPS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

Write five GOOD questions about postage stamps in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

STAMPS AND BAGUETTE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'bread'?
3. What do you think of stamps?
4. Do we still need stamps?
5. What do you know about French baguettes?
6. What do you think of 'scratch-and-sniff' stamps?
7. What do you think of the smell of freshly baked bread?
8. What are the best things to do with bread?
9. What food smells are best?
10. What food should be celebrated in your country?

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STAMPS AND BAGUETTE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'stamp'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How often do you use stamps?
15. Is the baguette the best kind of bread?
16. What's the symbol of your country's gastronomy?
17. What's the jewel of your culture?
18. What is the most delectable sensory experience you've ever had?
19. What food always whets your appetite?
20. What questions would you like to ask French bakers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The baguette is very close to the (7) _____ of French people. France's President Emmanuel Macron once described it as being "250 grams of magic and perfection". La Poste wrote about the French (8) _____ on its website. It called the baguette, "the bread of our daily lives, the symbol of our gastronomy, the (9) _____ of our culture". It explained why the baguette was so popular. It said: "It is the promise (10) _____ a delectable sensory experience. On view, it seduces with its golden crust...Fresh from the oven, its toasted scent (11) _____ the appetite." The baguette was given UNESCO heritage status in 2022. La Poste called the bread, "an ambassador of the bakery craft". It said the baguette, "transcends borders to become an international (12) _____".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) issues | (b) issuance | (c) issuer | (d) issued |
| 2. | (a) fill | (b) bill | (c) hill | (d) mill |
| 3. | (a) braked | (b) broken | (c) breaks | (d) broke |
| 4. | (a) decoration | (b) decorates | (c) decorated | (d) decorate |
| 5. | (a) matron | (b) citron | (c) patron | (d) neutron |
| 6. | (a) bake | (b) roast | (c) grill | (d) baste |
| 7. | (a) hearth | (b) heart | (c) heat | (d) hart |
| 8. | (a) loaf | (b) hoof | (c) beef | (d) oaf |
| 9. | (a) dew | (b) jewel | (c) jury | (d) jowl |
| 10. | (a) as | (b) to | (c) of | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) wets | (b) sweats | (c) whets | (d) waits |
| 12. | (a) scene | (b) eco | (c) scion | (d) icon |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a mtrceomviaeom postage stamp
2. ohonru France's famous bread
3. Its surface is coated with tiny acpluess
4. release the grnaecafr of freshly baked bread
5. ecrdeotda with a red, white, and blue ribbon
6. an ialntij print run

Paragraph 2

7. the symbol of our antgromsoy
8. a ectleadebl sensory experience
9. its toasted scent whets the taeppit
10. UNESCO gareheti status
11. an dsoraasam of the bakery craft
12. the baguette csntraesnd borders

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () The baguette is very close to the hearts of French people. France's President Emmanuel Macron once
- () culture". It explained why the baguette was so popular. It said: "It is the promise of a delectable sensory
- () coated with tiny capsules that, once broken, release the fragrance of freshly baked bread. The €1.96 stamp
- () experience. On view, it seduces with its golden crust....Fresh from the oven, its toasted scent whets
- (**1**) The French Post Office (La Poste) has issued a commemorative postage stamp to honour
- () described it as being "250 grams of magic and perfection". La Poste wrote about the French loaf on its
- () France's famous bread – the baguette. The new stamp is not a run-of-the-mill issue. Its surface is
- () heart of Paris that sells the "scratch-and-sniff" stamp said it had a "bakery smell". The stamp was launched on Thursday
- () the appetite." The baguette was given UNESCO heritage status in 2022. La Poste called the bread, "an ambassador
- () website. It called the baguette, "the bread of our daily lives, the symbol of our gastronomy, the jewel of our
- () of 594,000 copies. It also said French bakers bake more than six billion baguettes every year.
- () to celebrate the day of the patron saint of bakers and pastry chefs. La Poste said it had an initial print run
- () depicts a baguette decorated with a red, white, and blue ribbon. A shopkeeper in the
- () of the bakery craft". It said the baguette, "transcends borders to become an international icon".

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

1. postage France's honour to stamps bread . Commemorative famous
2. coated with Its is capsules . tiny surface
3. releases fragrance freshly of It baked bread . the
4. print initial An 594,000 run copies . of
5. than bakers six baguettes . billion French bake more
6. hearts close Very the of people . to French
7. its Wrote website . on the French about loaf
8. so the why popular . explained was It baguette
9. of the delectable a It's promise sensory experience .
10. an to borders transcends international It icon . become

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

The French Post Office (La Poste) has *issuance / issued* a commemorative postage stamp to honour France's famous bread – the baguette. The new stamp is not a run-of-the-*mill / hill* issue. Its surface is *coasted / coated* with tiny capsules that, once broken, release the *fragrance / flagrant* of freshly baked bread. The €1.96 stamp *depicts / decrepit* a baguette decorated with a red, white, and blue ribbon. A shopkeeper in the *hearth / heart* of Paris that sells the "scratch-and-sniff" stamp said it had a "bakery smell". The stamp was launched on Thursday to celebrate the day of the *peloton / patron* saint of bakers and *pastry / pasty* chefs. La Poste said it had an *initial / initials* print run of 594,000 copies. It also said French bakers *bake / baker* more than six billion baguettes every year.

The baguette is very close to the *hearths / hearts* of French people. France's President Emmanuel Macron once described it as *been / being* "250 grams of magic and perfection". La Poste wrote about the French *loaf / load* on its website. It called the baguette, "the bread of our *day / daily* lives, the symbol of our *gastronomy / gastronomic*, the jewel of our culture". It explained why the baguette was so popular. It said: "It is the *promise / promissory* of a delectable *sensory / sensor* experience. On view, it seduces with its golden crust....Fresh *at / from* the oven, its toasted scent *whets / wets* the appetite." The baguette was given UNESCO heritage status in 2022. La Poste called the bread, "an ambassador of the bakery craft". It said the baguette, "transcends *border / borders* to become an international icon".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

Th_ Fr_nch P_st _ff_c_ (L_ P_st_) h_s _ss_d _
c_mm_m_r_t_v_ p_st_g_ st_m_p t_ h_n__r Fr_nc_'s
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_ r_n-f-th_-m_ll _ss__. _ts s_rf_c_ _s c__t_d w_th
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_f fr_shly b_k_d br__d. Th_ €1.96 st_m_p d_p_cts _
b_g__tt_ d_c_r_t_d w_th _ r_d, wh_t_, _nd bl__
r_bb_n. _ sh_pk__p_r _n th_ h__rt _f P_r_s th_t s_lls
th_ "scr_tch-_nd-sn_ff" st_m_p s__d _t h_d _ "b_k_ry
sm_ll". Th_ st_m_p w_s l__nch_d _n Th_rsd_y t_
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b_k_ m_r_ th_n s_x b_ll__n b_g__tt_s _v_ry y__r.

Th_ b_g__tt_ _s v_ry cl_s_ t_ th_ h__rts _f Fr_nch
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p_rf_ct__n". L_ P_st_ wr_t_ _b__t th_ Fr_nch l__f _n
_ts w_bs_t_. _t c_ll_d th_ b_g__tt_, "th_ br__d _f __r
d__ly l_v_s, th_ symb_l _f __r g_str_n_my, th_ j_w_l
_f __r c_lt_r". _t _xpl__n_d why th_ b_g__tt_ w_s s_
p_p_l_r. _t s__d: "t _s th_ pr_m_s_ _f _ d_l_ct_bl_
s_ns_ry _xp_r__nc_. _n v__w, _t s_d_c_s w_th _ts
g_ld_n cr_st...Fr_sh fr_m th_ _v_n, _ts t__st_d sc_nt
wh_ts th_ _pp_t_t_." Th_ b_g__tt_ w_s g_v_n _N_SC_
h_r_t_g_ st_t_s _n 2022. L_ P_st_ c_ll_d th_ br__d,
"_n _mb_ss_d_r _f th_ b_k_ry cr_ft". _t s__d th_
b_g__tt_, "tr_nsc_nds b_rd_rs t_ b_c_m_ _n
_nt_rn_t__n_l _c_n".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240520-scratch-and-sniff-stamp.html>

the french post office la poste has issued a commemorative postage stamp to honour frances famous bread the baguette the new stamp is not a runofthemill issue its surface is coated with tiny capsules that once broken release the fragrance of freshly baked bread the 196 stamp depicts a baguette decorated with a red white and blue ribbon a shopkeeper in the heart of paris that sells the scratchandsniff stamp said it had a bakery smell the stamp was launched on thursday to celebrate the day of the patron saint of bakers and pastry chefs la poste said it had an initial print run of 594000 copies it also said french bakers bake more than six billion baguettes every year

the baguette is very close to the hearts of french people frances president emmanuel macron once described it as being 250 grams of magic and perfection la poste wrote about the french loaf on its website it called the baguette the bread of our daily lives the symbol of our gastronomy the jewel of our culture it explained why the baguette was so popular it said it is the promise of a delectable sensory experience on view it seduces with its golden crust fresh from the oven its toasted scent whets the appetite the baguette was given unesco heritage status in 2022 la poste called the bread an ambassador of the bakery craft it said the baguette transcends borders to become an international icon

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The French Post Office (La Poste) has issued a commemorative postage stamp to honour France's famous bread – the baguette. The new stamp is not a run-of-the-mill issue. Its surface is coated with tiny capsules that, once broken, release the fragrance of freshly baked bread. The €1.96 stamp depicts a baguette decorated with red, white, and blue ribbon. A shopkeeper in the heart of Paris that sells the "scratch-and-sniff" stamps said it had a "bakery smell". The stamp was launched on Thursday to celebrate the day of the patron saint of bakers and pastry chefs. La Poste said it had an initial print run of 594,000 copies. It also said French bakers bake more than six billion baguettes every year. The baguette is very close to the heart of French people. France's President Emmanuel Macron once described it as being "250 grams of magic and perfection". La Poste wrote about the French loaf on its website. It called the baguette, "the bread of our daily lives, the symbol of our gastronomy, the jewel of our culture". It explained why the baguette was so popular. It said: "It is the promise of a delectable sensory experience. On view, its seduces with its golden crust.... Fresh from the oven, its toasted scent whets the appetite." The baguette was given UNESCO heritage status in 2022. La Poste called the bread, "an ambassador of the bakery craft". It said the baguette, "transcends borders to become an international icon".

FREE WRITING

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Write about **postage stamps** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. POSTAGE STAMPS: Make a poster about postage stamps. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS: Write a magazine article about issuing more commemorative stamps. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on postage stamps. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on stamps. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. f 4. a 5. b 6. g 7. d
8. i 9. j 10. m 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. f	3. d	4. b	5. h
6. c	7. i	8. a	9. e	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. La Poste
2. Tiny capsules
3. €1.96
4. In the heart of Paris
5. 594,000 copies
6. French people's hearts
7. France's President Emmanuel Macron
8. Its golden crust
9. Its toasted scent
10. It was given UNESCO heritage status.

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Commemorative postage stamps to honour France's famous bread.
2. Its surface is coated with tiny capsules.
3. It releases the fragrance of freshly baked bread.
4. An initial print run of 594,000 copies.
5. French bakers bake more than six billion baguettes.
6. Very close to the hearts of French people.
7. Wrote about the French loaf on its website.
8. It explained why the baguette was so popular.
9. It's the promise of a delectable sensory experience.
10. It transcends borders to become an international icon.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)