



Year Group: Year 3-4

Length: 18 mins

Starting Positions: Sit in your own space

Learning Intentions:

To...

- Say and respond to *un chien, un chat, un lapin, une souris, une tortue, un serpent* and *un poisson*

Synopsis:

- You are sitting in class, doing French with our teacher Madame Bouvet. A secret service agent wearing dark glasses and a suit suddenly interrupts the lesson and removes you from class.
- Two agents inform you that the Queen's rabbit has been stolen and they need a child who speaks French to go undercover to find and retrieve the rabbit. You accept the mission with enthusiasm.
- Your mission: to pose as a French pet shop assistant in Paris, locate the Queen's rabbit and identify the buyer. You hop into a limo outside your school and drive via the Channel Tunnel to France.
- On the way, the agents show you a picture of the rabbit, and give you a fake passport – for this mission your name is Jules.
- Once you arrive in Paris, the pet shop owner, Madame Legrand, shows you around the shop and teaches you the French names for the animals (**dogs, cats, rabbits, tortoise, snakes, fish, mice**). At the rabbit hutch you spot the Queen's rabbit and pick it up to make sure. Mme Legrand gets very angry and puts it back, saying this rabbit is special and you shouldn't touch it.
- You practice saying the animal names again before any customers come in, just to be sure you've got them all right.
- Various customers come in and you direct them to the different animals, but you're on the lookout for anyone who shows interest in the Queen's rabbit.
- Finally, an elderly man enters and points straight at the Queen's rabbit. This must be the buyer. You message the agents but they won't be here for a few minutes and so you need to cause a disturbance.
- You open the dog pen and all the dogs run out into the shop! The agents finally arrive and arrest both Mme Legrand and the man.
- You've saved the rabbit, and the Queen talks to you on the phone, promising you a medal and a party at Buckingham Palace in our honour.

Characters:

- **Madame Bouvet** – French teacher
- **Mully** – MI6 Agent
- **Sculder** – MI6 Agent
- **Madame Legrand** – pet shop owner and conspirator
- **Elderly Man** – rabbit buyer and conspirator

- **The Queen**
- **Mrs Pricilla Bananagram the Fourth** – the Queen’s rabbit

Locations:

- U.K.
- Paris

Glossary:

- **Les animaux** – animals
- **Les chien** – dogs
- **Les chats** – cats
- **Les poissons** – fish
- **Les souris** – mice
- **Les serpents** – snakes
- **Les tortues** – tortoises
- **Les lapins** – rabbits

Discussion:

Story & Factual

- What lesson were we having at the beginning of the story? Who interrupted the lesson?
- What was stolen, and from whom? What was our mission? Why were we chosen?
- How did we get to Paris? How long does it take to drive to Paris?
- What were we given in the limo to help us with our mission?
- What animals did we see in the pet shop? List all the French names for those animals (**Prompts: dog, cat, fish, mice, snake, tortoise, rabbit**)
- What happened when we picked up the Queen’s rabbit from its hutch?
- Who wanted to buy the Queen’s rabbit? What did we do to stop them?

PSHE & Philosophical

- Would you like to work for MI6? Why / why not? What sorts of missions do you think they go on?
- Would you like to be driven to school in a limo every day? What sorts of people drive in limos?
- When we arrived at the pet shop, what did you think of Madame Legrand? Did your opinion of her change at any stage? If so, why?
- What did it feel like to have the snake on your shoulders?
- What was your favourite animal in the pet shop and why? What’s your favourite French word that you learned in the story?

Resources:

You’ll find these resources on your shared drive:

- French Animals Vocab Cards
- French Animals Plurals Worksheet
- French Animals Articles Worksheet