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## FAMILY & FRIENDS: AROUND THE WORLD

Take a bit of **France** home with you  
and make cultural connections

### HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED:

#### DESSERT SUGGESTION: CRÊPES SUCRÉS

##### Ingredients:

¾ cup cold milk  
¾ cup cold water  
3 egg yolks  
1 tbsp granulated sugar

1 cup flour (spooned and leveled)  
5 tbsp melted butter  
2 to 3 tbsp cooking oil and a pastry brush

##### Method:

Place the ingredients in a blender in the order in which they are listed and mix at high speed for 1 minute. Brush the skillet lightly with oil. Set over moderately high heat. Pour ¼ cup of batter into the middle of the pan. Quickly tilt the pan to run the batter all over the bottom of the pan in a thin film. Return the pan to heat. Toss the pan back and forth to loosen the crêpe. Turn the crêpe by using 2 spatulas. Brown lightly for about ½ minute on the other side. As they are done, slide the crêpes onto a rack and let cool.

**CELEBRATIONS IN FRANCE:** France is a country with a long history and therefore there are many events to celebrate throughout the year. Some are celebrated on a national level, while others are typical of the different regions, towns and villages. Almost all towns and villages, celebrate their special "Saint's Day". The most important date on the French events and celebrations calendar is undoubtedly July 14th when the French celebrate Bastille Day, to commemorate the French Revolution. Other important events include the Cannes Film Festival, the French Open at Roland Garros Stadium in Paris and the Tour de France.

**BACKGROUND MUSIC SUGGESTIONS:** Often, French songs are based on a triple time rhythm and use instruments like the accordion. Many French songs relate to Paris. Most songs talk about love. Among the most popular French songs are La Mer by Charles Trenet, Les Temps des Cerises by Yves Montand, Je ne Regrette Rien by Edith Piaf and Le Play Pays by Jacques Brel (who was Belgian).

##### SIMPLE DIALOGUE TO TRY OUT:

Hello! How are you? *Bonjour, comment ça va?* My name is *Je m'appelle* \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you! *Merci!*

##### KEY FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- France was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> countries to progress from feudalism to the nation-state
- France is the largest west European country, about four-fifths the size of Texas with a population of 64.3 million.
- French cuisine evolved from centuries of social and political change. Ingredients and dishes vary by region.
- France is symbolically the Home of Fashion. French fashion is defined by its sophistication, cut, and smart accessories.
- The Louvre in Paris is the most visited museum in the world. It displays 35,000 objets d'art.
- The University of Paris (La Sorbonne) was founded in the mid 12th century
- France is the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States.
- Principal exports to the United States are aircraft and engines, beverages, electrical equipment, chemicals, cosmetics, and luxury products. Particularly attractive to French importers are: U.S. industrial chemicals, aircraft and engines, electronic components, telecommunications, computer software, computers and peripherals, analytical and scientific instrumentation, medical instruments and supplies, broadcasting equipment, and programming and franchising.

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