

Tour de France - Guided Reading - VIPERS

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This is a non-chronological report.

1. Find these words in the **History** section and circle the word(s) that closely match the word in **bold** meaning, the synonyms, and underline the antonyms (opposite meaning).

edition - version one-off intermittent issue

estimated - approximately estimated guessed precisely

2. Find these words in the **Quatre** section and circle the word(s) that closely match the word in **bold** meaning, the synonyms, and underline the antonyms (opposite meaning).

prestigious - common important esteemed ordinary

quickest - fastest slowest sluggish swiftest

3. 'Grand Depart' and 'Grand Tours'. What do you think the word 'grand' means? No peeking in a dictionary...I think you can work this one out yourself. _____

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4. Match the jersey with a straight line to the correct description.

'maillot vert',	'le maillot blanc'.	'maillot jaune'	'maillot a pois rouges'
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6. How often does the Tour de France take place? _____
7. The duration of the Tour de France is _____
8. Which other countries host a Grand Tour? _____ and _____.
9. What phrase is used to describe how the race is now famously known? _____

10. How many riders completed the inaugural Tour de France race? _____
11. What is the total distance cycled by the end of the race? _____ km.
12. Tick the box (True or False) for each statement.

	True	False
The T d F always starts in the same location.		
A tiger teddy is given to the stage winner.		
The leader of the race wears a red coloured jersey.		
The nickname for the Tour de France is 'La Grande Boucle'.		
More than a hundred countries watch the T d F on TV.		
The Champs-Élysées is in London.		
Cyclists who complete the T d F are extremely fit.		
The T d F sometimes travels outside of France.		
Elevation means going downhill.		