

Let's explore pétanque!



Student hand-out

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name:

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INTRODUCTION:

Pétanque is a classic French game that comes from the south of France. Today, you'll watch a video to learn about its history, rules, and vocabulary through a French video. After you'll complete the activities below.

ACTIVITY 1:

After watching video, answer the questions below.

Using complete sentences.

- 1- What is pétanque?
- 2- Where and when was it invented?
- 3- What does "pétanque" mean?
- 4- How many players can be on a team?
- 5- How many points are needed to win a game of pétanque?
- 6- What is a "cochonnet"?



ACTIVITY 2:

Read the words below, then choose the letter that matches the correct definition (a, b, c, d, or e).

WORDS:

- 1- Boule → a b c d e f
- 2- Cochonnet → a b c d e f
- 3- Mene → a b c d e f
- 4- Triplette → a b c d e f
- 5- Pieds plantés → a b c d e f

DEFINITIONS:

- a- Little ball that gets tossed first
- b- Circular object that players toss to earn points
- c- Round of play in pétanque
- d- Match with 3 players versus 3
- e- Phrase that means you keep your feet still when throwing

ACTIVITY 3:

Circle your answer and explain why you chose it:

- 1- Pétanque originated in the northern part of France : TRUE - FALSE
- 2- Each players always has 3 balls : TRUE - FALSE
- 3- The jack must be thrown exactly 10 meters from the circle : TRUE - FALSE
- 4- Ideally, petanque is played on grass : TRUE - FALSE
- 5- Petanque was invented in 1852 : TRUE - FALSE

ACTIVITY 4:

Pick one of these roles: a French pétanque player or a curious journalist!

- The journalist is curious and asks questions like, "When did you start playing?" or "Who do you play with?"...
- The player shares the rules, the story, and what makes this game special to him / her.

