

La Tour Eiffel – The Eiffel Tower

Over 300 metres high.

Was built between 1887-1889.

Sits beside the River Seine in Paris.

When it was first built many people thought it was very ugly.

The tower was only meant to be a temporary structure. It was the winner of a competition to celebrate the centenary of the French Revolution.

It was designed to be easily dismantled as it only had permission to stand for 20 years.

Until 1930 it was the tallest building in the world.

Designed by Gustave Eiffel and his engineering company.

When it was discovered that the tower made an excellent radio antenna, the city of Paris decided to keep it.

The tower is repainted every seven years. It takes 18 months to paint and is painted in 3 shades of brown.

The tower is cleaned all year round.

In 2014, a glass floor called the 'le plancher transparent' was installed on the first floor.

The names of 72 famous French engineers and scientist are engraved in the tower, just under the first balcony.

