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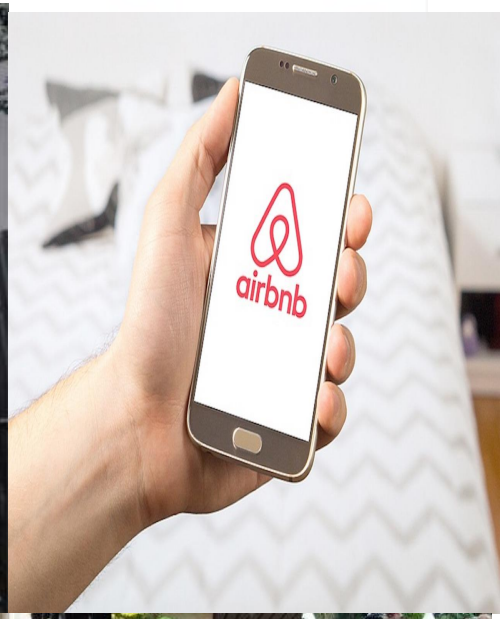

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Vocabulary

Mauls: to physically attack and badly hurt a person or animal. (In this context the fire is the attacker and Notre Dame Cathedral is personified like a person who is attacked and destroyed by the fire.)

Parisian: of relating to Paris.

Demonstration: a public meeting or march protesting against something or expressing views on a political issue.

Gasping: inhale suddenly with the mouth open, out of pain or astonishment.

Cinder:a small piece of partly burned coal or wood that has stopped giving off flames but still has combustible matter in it.

Scarred:mark with a scar or scars; damaged; disfigured.

Spire:a tapering conical or pyramidal structure on the top of a building, typically a church tower; steeple.

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French Open 2019

The 2019 French Open is a Grand Slam tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts. It is held at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France, comprising singles, doubles and mixed doubles play. Junior and wheelchair tournaments are also scheduled.

2019 is the final year in which there was no roof on any of the tennis courts. On 5 June 2019, the entire day's tennis was washed out due to heavy rain. It is also the only Grand Slam to retain the advantage set in the final sets, whereas Australian Open and Wimbledon have now switched to tiebreaks.

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