PARIS

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Vocabulary

Settlement: a place, typically one that has hitherto been uninhabited, where people establish a community.

Mint: make (a coin) by stamping metal.

Owe: to be indebted (to) as the cause or source of.

Coin:a flat, typically round piece of metal with an official stamp, used as money.

Plain: clearly; unequivocally (used for emphasis).

Magnetism: the ability to attract and charm people.

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Facts about Paris

Paris is the capital and most populous city of France, with an area of 105 square kilometres (41 square miles). Since the 17th century, Paris has been one of Europe's major centres of finance, commerce, fashion, science, music and painting.

A tribe of Celtic fishermen, the Parisii settled the area around L'Ile de la Cité and the fertile banks of the Seine River between 200 and 250 BC. The settlement now known as Paris was named Lutetia.

A celtic gold coin minted by the Parisii.

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