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Bastille Day

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Task: Read the following statements about Bastille Day, and answer the following questions in English.

- Bastille Day is **France's National Day** (like Independence Day in America, or Canada Day in Canada). It is celebrated on the 14ᵗʰ July every year.
- It is known to the French as *le 14 juillet* or *la Fête nationale*.
- It commemorates the **Storming of the Bastille** on 14ᵗʰ July 1789, a turning point in the French revolution.
- The French revolution lasted from 1789 to 1799.
- It led to the end of an **absolute monarchy**.
- Under **King Louis XVI**, lower and middle class citizens suffered enormously. They could be sentenced to **imprisonment for no reason**; they had **huge taxes** to pay which meant they often struggled to make ends meet; and they **starved** as there was a famine.
- Anger towards the monarchy increased.
- The Bastille was a prison in Paris. It was a **symbol** of the King's authority, and had an **excessive ammunition store**.
- On the morning of the 14ᵗʰ July 1789, the citizens of Paris decided to **siege the Bastille**. They **released all the prisoners** (although there were only seven at the time!) and **took all the gunpowder.**
- This marked the start of the revolution, and the overthrowing of the monarchy.
- King Louis and his wife *(Marie Antionette)* were executed by guillotine in 1793.

Questions: Answer in full sentences.

1. What is Bastille day?

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2.   When is it?

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3.   What does it celebrate?

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4.   How long did the French revolution last for?

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5.   What happened to the poorer people underneath King Louis XVI?

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6.   What was inside the Bastille prison?

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7.   What did the people of Paris take from the Bastille?

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8.   How many prisoners were inside the prison?

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9.   How were King Louis and Marie Antoinette killed?

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