

FRENCH CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

FOR CARMEN SANDIEGO EPISODES

SEASON 1, EPISODE 3: "The Sticky Rice Caper"

In this episode, Carmen Sandiego™ and her crew travel to Java, Indonesia, to infiltrate a secret R&D (research and development) lab. The caper takes them to a wayang shadow puppet festival, where they cross paths with Tigress—Carmen's worst frenemy from her school days.

Where in the World Is Carmen? / Mais où est donc Carmen?

The end of Episode 1, Part 2, and the beginning of Episode 3 take place in Paris, France. The first shot of Episode 3 features the Eiffel Tower at night and the action takes place on the river Seine in the middle of the city.

Have students watch the first four minutes of Episode 3 and ask them the following questions:

1. **Où est Carmen au début de l'épisode?** (*à Paris*)
2. **Quel monument est-ce qu'on peut voir au début de l'épisode?** (*la tour Eiffel*)
3. **Quelle est la rivière où se passe l'action?** (*la Seine*)
4. **Que dit Ivy en français?** (*"Parlez-vous français?"*)
5. **Quel pain français est-ce que Carmen mentionne?** (*la baguette*)





Who Are They? / Qui sont-ils?

In this episode, viewers meet two more members of Carmen's team, Zach and Ivy. They also meet Tigress again.

1. Have students write descriptions in French of two of these characters. The descriptions might include appearance, personality traits, likes and dislikes, or other aspects that can be used to identify characters.
2. Have students work in pairs to take turns describing characters and guessing who they are.

My Favorite Part / Ce que je préfère

Students reflect on the episode and their favorite parts.

1. Have students work in pairs to discuss their favorite parts of Episode 3.
2. When students have finished, take an informal poll to find out which parts of the episode students liked the best. Call on student volunteers to support their opinion.



To learn more about Carmen Sandiego, visit hmhco.com/carmen.

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