

Arrival of the Tour de France (July 27, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? The 2026 Tour de France, a 3-week, 21-stage cycling race through Spain and France, won by Slovenian Tadej Pogačar for the fifth time in his career. 🏁🚴

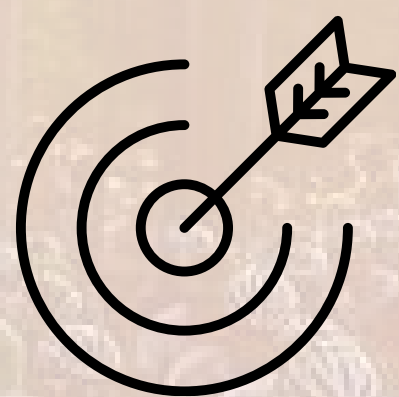
Who? Cyclist Tadej Pogačar, who equaled the record of five victories held by legends Anquetil, Merckx, Hinault, and Indurain. 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

Where? The race started in Barcelona, Spain, and finished in Paris, on the Champs-Élysées.

When? From July 4th to 26th, 2026, with the final arrival in Paris on Sunday, July 26th. 🗓️

Why is it important? Because it's the most prestigious cycling race in the world, and Pogačar is making history by equaling a record that had stood for 30 years.

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about the Tour de France.**



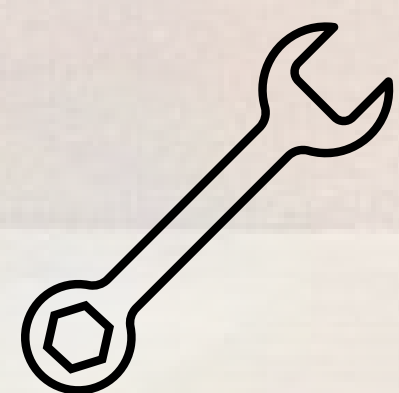
OBJECTIVES

- Discover the Tour de France and its main characteristics
- Understand and retain information conveyed by a documentary video
- Read and interpret an elevation profile (graph)
- Calculate an altitude difference and identify data in a graph
- Search for information in an online encyclopedia (Wikipedia)



SUBJECTS

- **English**
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Listening to and understanding a documentary video
 - Writing (short answers)
- **Mathematics**
 - Reading and interpreting a graph
 - Calculating a difference (subtraction)
 - Comparing numbers
 - Percentages
- **Social Studies / Culture**
 - Countries and cities of the world
 - Major international sporting events



COMPETENCIES

- Search for and interpret information (video, text, graph)
- Understand a documentary video
- Read and interpret a graph
- Perform simple calculations (subtraction, comparison)
- Locate information in an online encyclopedia



DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they have heard of the Tour de France.
- Ask them what they find most difficult when they ride a bike (the hills!).
- Show them a picture of a yellow jersey and ask them if they know what this color represents.
- Gather their hypotheses: why does this race last three weeks?

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — The Big Loop. Watching of a video about the Tour de France, then answers to four multiple-choice questions.

Q1 — Three weeks and 21 stages.

Q2 — To the cyclist with the best time in the general classification.

Q3 — These are the most difficult and the most watched by spectators.

Q4 — In Paris, on the Champs-Élysées.

STEP 2 — Alpe d'Huez, the Monster! Reading and interpreting the elevation profile of Alpe d'Huez, then answers to four questions combining data reading and calculations.

Q5 — 8.1%

Q6 — At kilometer 10 (11.5%)

Q7 — $1850 - 728 = 1122$ meters

Q8 — The climb continues, but it is less steep.

STEP 3 — The winner of the 2026 edition. Research information on Tadej Pogačar's Wikipedia entry and completion of the rider's profile.

Q9 — September 21, 1998.

Q10 — Klanec.

Q11 — Slovenia.

Q12 — UAE Team Emirates XRG.

Q13 — 2024 and 2025.

Q14 — 2020, 2021, 2024, 2025, and 2026.



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion about what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them most (the total distance, the gradient of Alpe d'Huez, Pogačar's five victories).
- Ask: Why do millions of spectators come to watch cyclists pass by along the roadside?
- Make connections with other major sporting events they are familiar with (Olympic Games, World Cup).



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 *Pamela Pease. Pop-up Tour de France: The World's Greatest Bike Race. Paintbox Press*

