Reading a new passage
(and how to make sense of it without feeling a creeping sense of panic)

So, here you are with a brand new article, taken out of a French newspaper. Here are some **strategies** to make sense of it:

1. **Start with what you know: underline all the words you know <u>for sure</u> in the entire text.** Right there, you will soon realize you know more than you originally thought.

2. **Once you have identified all the words you know for sure, go for the ones you can probably figure out using context clues.** This is now the second run-through of the text. Do this **with a partner.** See what you both can figure out.

3. **Now tackle the big translation.** Make sense of the whole text with your partner. And if there are still words you cannot figure out, try to make sense of the sentence as a whole (see if it «holds water»). **Write your translation down in the TRAVAIL section of your notes.**

Oh and by the way...

Do you remember drawing a potato-esque map of Paris in your notes?
You might have written the word

PÉRIPHÉRIQUE

there.