

What is the difference between the English and the French Culture?



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I am British and live in England.

- **In general.** The French are prouder of their culture and appreciate and value it more. I would say they are also more intellectual than the British – they like to philosophize and play with ideas. The British are more skeptical and suspicious of intellectuals.
- **Art.** The French have greater painters, sculptors and composers than the British. But we match them in literature and science.
- **Humor.** The British value humor and comedy as much as the French value intellectuals. To say someone has no sense of humor is a terrible insult in Britain. I don't mean the French have no sense of humor – of course they do. In general, the British are more ironic and self-mocking as well.
- **Pop music and films.** The French have produced better and more intellectually challenging films than the British. But the British have produced better pop music.

As for the supposed hatred between us, I'm not sure this is true. I think the British like and admire the French more than the French realize. And they certainly admire French culture.

Source: Quora (slightly adapted)

1. Read the text and complete this chart with Liam's ideas. Write key words or sentences.

	French	British
In general		
Art		
Sense of humor		
Pop music and films		

2. Find the English for:

Fier:; Sceptique:; exigeant :

Sens de l'auto-dérision :

3. Certains adjectifs sont une forme comparative (plus que... moins que...). Retrouve-les et entoure-les. Tu te souviens des règles d'utilisation ? Ecris ce dont tu te souviens ici :

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