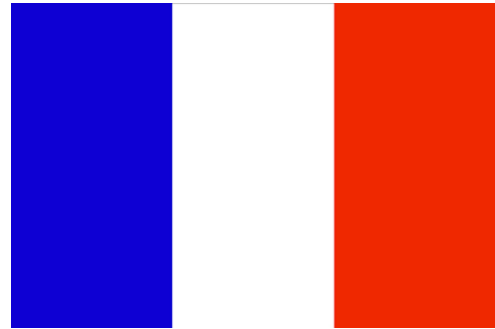


# ALEX FORSYTH

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One of the coolest things that's been happening is that I can feel my French getting better. I can now confidently have basic conversations with my family, and sometime even strangers (a lady in a store asked me where I was from). This is helping me with enjoying the year, making it easier to communicate. I feel now as if I've 'scratched the surface' of the language. The school holidays have just finished. I was in the Alps for 3 days with my host family, which was fantastic. I learned that Nordic skiing, is NOT the same as downhill skiing! So difficult but incredibly rewarding, our second day we hiked/skied up a huge hill and had lunch with an incredible view. That was such an amazing day. In the end we did do a day of downhill skiing too, which was cool. There's a tradition in France where the children ski down the main piste (with adults behind) with batons (fire). So that was pretty cool there was a celebration. I've just moved in with my second family, they're all so lovely and very good friends with my first host family, so that will make it easier to maintain communication with them which is nice. Peace