Lettres de mon Hélicoptêtre

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Aboard her funny little helicopter, a young girl travels around the world... never forgetting to write a letter to her parents from each country!

Note that "hélicoptêtre" is not a real word but a made-up word that hints that the helicopter in the story is not real and quirky coming from the child's imagination. It also serves as the base for many rhymes in the story and is a playful nod to the endearing way in which young children sometimes mispronounce some long words.

1.la lettre (lah LETR): the letter

2. l'hélicoptère (lay-lee-cop-TAIR): the helicopter

3. l'Angleterre (long-gluh-TAIR): England

4. l'Espagne (less-PAHN-yeuh): Spain

5. la reine (lah REN): the queen

6.léger (lay-ZHAY): light (in terms of weight)

7.la marraine (lah mah-REN): the godmother

8.la momie (lah MOH-mee): the mummy

9. timide (tee-MEED): shy

10.le cours (luh KOOR): the class, the course

11. la muraille (lah murr-EYE (like "eye"): the fortified wall

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12.le cerf-volant (luh sehr-voh-LAHN): the kite

13. turbiner (tur-bee-NAY): to work hard, grind

14.se chamailler (suh shah-my-YAY): to squabble

15.le biscoto (bees-koh-TOH): the muscle (slang)

16.le voyage (vwah-YAHZH): the trip

17. chipper (shee-PAY): to snatch

FR: Donnes-moi 3 pays dans lesquels la petite fille est allée avec son hélicoptêtre.

ENG: Give me 3 countries where the little girl went with her helicopter.

FR: Qui sont les "amis" qu'elle a rapporté de son voyage? ENG: Who are the "friends" she brought back from her trip?

FR: Dans quel pays rêverais-tu de voyager? Pourquoi? ENG: In which country would you dream of traveling? Why?

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