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WARM-UP Answer the questions:

- What do you know about Bastille Day in France?
- What are the most important national holidays in your country? How are they celebrated?

LISTENING You're going to watch a video report from the Bastille Day parade in Paris in 2019. At first just watch the video without looking at the text below. What did you understand? What do you make of incident reported in the clip?

Next, play the video again and fill the gaps in the transcript below with the missing words.

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A flying soldier shoots through the sky on a flyboard drawing **1)**_____ from the crowds – a display of technological innovations, as French president Emanuel Macron put European military cooperation at the heart of the **2)**_____ Bastille Day celebrations in Paris.

Inspecting over 4000 members of the armed forces, he's joined by **3)**_____ EU leaders, including Angela Merkel, to mark the **4)**_____ of the Bastille fortress in Paris in the French Revolution.

The German Chancellor said her invitation to attend was a great **5)**_____ in the direction of European defence **6)**_____. 'And of course, we are honoured – she said – that for example Germans were also taking **7)**_____, and that is why, she believes, this is a sign of **8)**_____ European cooperation.

Standing in an open-topped command car, President Macron **9)**_____ to the crowds, but in a reminder of **domestic** troubles over the last months, he's met with **10)**_____ and **11)**_____ from supporters of the yellow-vests movement, who've staged weekly protests against the government.

Around 152 protesters were detained as they tried to block the road with metal barricades, **12)**_____ objects at the police and set **13)**_____ on fire. Trying to disperse the crowds, police fired tear gas at the protesters. One officer was **14)**_____ to the ground, after an **15)**_____ -witnesses said a woman was pepper-**16)**_____ by a police officer.

SPEAKING / WRITING Debate the following questions / Pick one question and write a short composition

1. Is it important to commemorate events like the American and French Revolutions, and celebrate Independence and Bastille Days, respectively? Justify
2. What was the last news story you heard about the USA? What do you make of it?
3. What was the last news story you heard about France? What do you make of it?
4. What are the good things and bad things about the USA?
5. What are the good things and bad things about France?
6. What do French people and Americans have in common? How do the two nations differ?
7. What has the USA given to the world?
8. What has France given to the world?