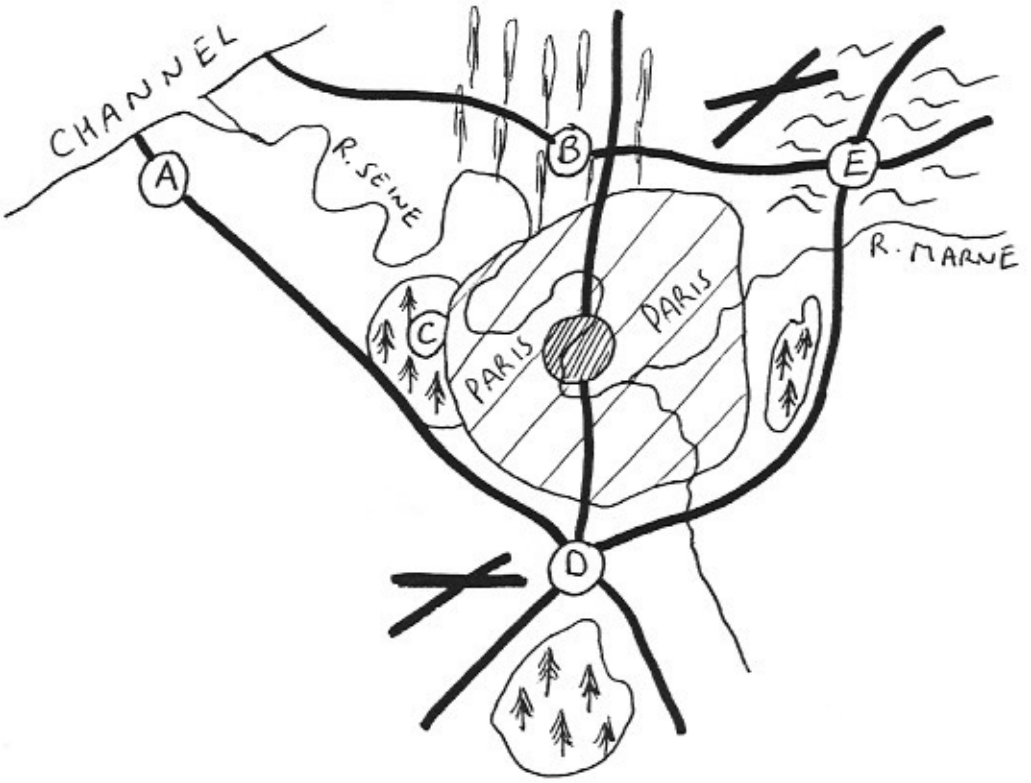
# A NEW TOWN FOR PARIS




KEY

C.B.D. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

BUILT-UP AREA (SUBURBS)

RIVERS

(A) POSSIBLE SITES FOR A NEW TOWN

AIRPORTS

FORESTS

MAIN ROADS

AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

EXCELLENT FARMLAND

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Paris is by far the **largest** city in France with a population of around 8.5 millions of people. This is one in every six French people. It is in the centre of the **Paris Basin**, the most productive region in France, and Paris is much more important than any other city.

Unfortunately the French have been unable to stop the growth of Paris. As it has grown in population it has also grown in size, spreading out into the surrounding countryside in a process called **URBAN SPRAWL**.

To try to overcome the problems caused by a city growing and growing a **GREEN BELT** has been set up around Paris in which no new building is allowed. **NEW TOWNS** have been built outside the green belt to cater for the growing population of Paris.

1. Say briefly how you think each of the following affects the SITING of a new town.

TRANSPORT
DISTANCE FROM THE CITY
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE

2. Use a copy of the table below to score each site ( A - E ) on a scale out of 10 for **each** of the 4 factors above.

| SITE | Transport | Distance | Recreation | Environment | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | | | | | |
| B | | | | | |
| C | | | | | |
| D | | | | | |
| E | | | | | |

3. State which of the 5 sites you have chosen and say why you think it is best. ( The highest score will show your best site... Remember, there is no 'right' answer, whichever site you choose is the correct answer for you.)

4. Enter the ** GRAND CONTEST - DESIGN A NEW TOWN ** Plan your own new town on that sheet, add as much detail and labels as you can. Remember the new town will need all of the following.....

RESIDENTIAL AREAS — FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS etc.
LEISURE AREAS AND FACILITIES — SHOPPING AREAS
AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE — TRANSPORT ROUTES

**Where** each of the above is found in the new town and **what form** they take is up to you.

# GRAND CONTEST - DESIGN A NEW TOWN

Draw a labelled plan of your new town in the space below.....