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Paris' Champs-Elysees to be 'extraordinary garden' – 16th January, 2021

## Level 0

The mayor of Paris wants to change the city's famous Champs-Elysees. She wants to turn the street into an "extraordinary garden". People say it is, "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, some people think it looks old. The mayor will cut the number of cars to make more room for shoppers.

The Champs-Elysees was full of luxury car showrooms and expensive fashion stores. Many rich people shopped there. Today, it is full of chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. The mayor said: "We will redo [one area] before the Olympic Games...It will be an extraordinary garden." It will cost \$305 million.

## Level 1

The mayor of Paris has big plans to change the city's famous street the Champs-Elysees. She wants to turn it into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in the heart of Paris. People say it is, "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many people think it looks old. They want it to look more modern. The mayor wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for shoppers and tourists. She wants more trees to make it greener.

The Champs-Elysees was very elegant. There were showrooms full of luxury cars, and designer fashion stores. Many rich people shopped there. Today, it is like other streets in the world, with international chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. The mayor said: "We will redo [one area] before the Olympic Games, then the full length of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The project will cost \$305 million.

## Level 2

The mayor of Paris has said there are big plans to transform the city's famous street the Champs-Elysees. She wants to turn the 1.9km avenue into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in the heart of Paris. Many people call it, "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many people who live in Paris think it looks old. They want it to look more modern. The mayor wants to cut the amount of traffic. She wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for pedestrians. She also wants to plant trees to make it greener and more attractive.

The Champs-Elysees showed how sophisticated and elegant Paris was. There were car showrooms full of luxury cars, and designer fashion stores. It was a magnet for rich people. Today, it looks like many other streets in the world, full of international chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. Work will start on the project after the 2024 Paris Olympics. The mayor said: "We will redo [one area] before the Olympic Games, then the full length of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The budget for the project is \$305 million.

## Level 3

The mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, has said there are ambitious plans to transform Paris' famous street the Champs-Elysees. She said she wants to turn the 1.9km avenue into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in the heart of the French capital. It joins the Place de la Concorde with the Arc de Triomphe. It is often called "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many Parisians believe it looks old. They want it to look more modern. Ms Hidalgo said she wants to reduce the amount of traffic on the avenue. She wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for pedestrians. She also wants to plant more trees to make it greener and more attractive.

The Champs-Elysees once showed how sophisticated and elegant Paris was. There were many car showrooms full of luxury cars, and chic designer fashion stores. It was a magnet for rich people who wanted to buy the latest brands. Today, it looks like many other streets in the world. It is full of international chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. It will take a decade to beautify the Champs Elysees. Work will start on it after the 2024 Paris Olympics. Ms Hidalgo said: "We will redo the Place de la Concorde before the Olympic Games, then the full length of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The budget for the project is around \$305 million.