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# LE MANS



## INTRODUCTION

The 24 Hours of Le Mans (24 heures du Mans) is the world's most famous sports car endurance race, held annually at Circuit de la Sarthe near Le Mans, France. Its popularity is still increasing despite the organisers, Automobile Club de L'Ouest, trying their best to ruin it.

The first race was held on May 26 and 27, 1923 and has since been run annually in June, with exceptions occurring in 1956 (July) and 1968 (September), and was cancelled only in 1936 and from 1940 to 1948 (something to do with Germany and Poland).

The race is run on a non-permanent track which is over 8.1 miles long, using mostly normal country roads. Over the years, several purpose-built sections replaced the normal roads, especially the Porsche Curves section which bypasses the dangerous former Maison Blanche section between buildings.

Usually, 46 cars race simultaneously in a number of different categories and classes, from dedicated prototypes to street cars, the overall winner being the car that has covered the greatest distance in 24 hours of continuous racing.

All of this, however, is a mere sideshow to a large amount of predominantly British people, drinking unfeasible quantities of beer.

## HOW TO USE YOUR I-SPY BOOK

To make *I-Spy Le Mans* easy to use we have arranged the content in groups: "On the way", "Local colour", "At the campsite", "At the funfair" and "On the track".

You need 1000 points to send off for your I-Spy badge (see inside back cover) but that is not too difficult as there are masses of points in every book. Or you could just cheat.

As you make each I-Spy, write your score in the box.



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This book belongs to:

I made my first I-Spy on:

I sent off for my badge on:

To start you off here are a few easy questions:

What is the best hangover cure?

**5 points for a right answer**

Should generators be turned off for the peace of other campers?

**5 points for a right answer**

Does barbecued food count as one of your five portions of fruit and veg?

**5 points for a right answer**



**TVR** These plastic cars from Blackpool can go quite fast, when they are running.

*I-Spy for 5*

*minus 10 if it has broken down with electrical problems*



**Caterham 7** is a small open top car based on the original Colin Chapman designed Lotus Seven. You'll often find these cars travelling in groups together, so the owners can share amusing stories over a Ginster's pasty at the petrol station.

Don't confuse these with Westfields or Tigers.

*I-Spy for 10 (if you see one alone)*

*or 5 (if they are in a group)*



**MGB Roadsters** are driven by old men with beards. They will tell you that nothing beats classic British motoring. True, if failing brakes are your thing.

*I-Spy for 5*   
*extra 5 points if the driver is wearing a flat cap*



**Ultima GTR** These lightweight cars are powered by large American V8 engines. Ask the owner if it is a “kit car”.

*I-Spy for 10*





**Ferrari 360** is an exotic Italian supercar that cost over £100,000 when new. Console yourself with the fact that the driver is probably ugly, inherited all his money from Daddy and will need a new cambelt every four hundred miles

*I-Spy for 10*



*double if there is a large breasted blond in the passenger seat*



**Morris Cars**, the British are rightly proud of their motoring heritage. There are always a hard core of patriots that like to show the French how cars should be made, by making the pilgrimage to Le Mans in an Allegro or Marina.

*I-Spy for 5*





**Cosworth** engined Fords were very popular with TWOCers in the 90s. Now they are driven by Burberry capped 12 year olds, this one is shown in its natural habitat on the drag strip by camping bleu.

*I-Spy for 5*



**Rental Ford**, some unscrupulous Le Mans goers know what shenanigans go on around the circuit and rent a car for the trip. This saves them from paying for their own tyres and clutches.

*I-Spy for 5*

*double if there are four large men bouncing on the bonnet on Arnage high street*



# LOCAL COLOUR



**Gendarmes**, the local police are called Gendarmes. They don't appreciate people making "ribbit" sounds in their presence. They also carry large guns, so best not offend them.

*I-Spy for 5  
double if you knock his  
hat off*



France is still primarily an agricultural economy, with their main exports being onions and garlic. The **onion seller** is the cornerstone of this economy, providing a mobile sales platform for this key revenue earner.

*I-Spy for 15*







Art and comedy are a bit thin on the ground in France, the closest they come to it is the **Mime**. This cheeky chap probably smells of garlic

*I-Spy for 5*  
*double if he is stuck in a*  
*glass box*



**La Patrouille de France** are an inferior French copy of the Red Arrows. Make sure that you stand well to the side of their display, as they have a habit of crashing into each other.

*I-Spy for 10*



## AT THE CAMPSITE



**Le Mans bar**, buy your overpriced frothy yellow water here. Expect the head to be similar to that depicted on the sign.

*I-Spy for 5*



**Generators** provide the power for keeping your beer cold and allow you to play your air guitar tunes turned up to 11 well past midnight. Really organised groups will also have a satellite TV system that will allow them to watch non-stop "Frankie Vaughn".

*I-Spy for 5*

*double if it has its own trailer like this one*



## AT THE CAMPSITE



**Tartiflette** is a French alternative to the boiled hamburgers and hog roast you will be used to eating at British motorsport events.

*I-Spy for 5*

Some Le Mans goers are big girls blouses and stay in hotels, others bring a **motorhome**. These people are too good to share a shower with all the other drunks.

*I-Spy for 5*

*double if it is named after a Pacific Island*



## AT THE CAMPSITE



**Comatose drunks** can be found all around the campsites. They are often a huge source of amusement to those who aren't yet unconscious

*I-Spy for 5*



**Swimming pools** can help keep you and your beer cool in the hot French summer sun. They also provide an opportunity for entertaining pranks with fairy liquid.

*I-Spy for 5*



Show the drinking prowess of you and your mates. Astound others with the size of your livers and bellies, by building an impressive **beermountain**.

*I-Spy for 10*



**Pikeys**, gypos, travellers, call them what you like, they are unlikely to be up to any good. The French variety are more likely to be in a white van than a Romany carriage. Also instead of selling lucky heather and reading your palms, they will steal your generators or any other valuables they can lay their thieving hands on.

*I-Spy for 5  
triple if they have  
all their teeth*



# AT THE FUNFAIR

At the **Shooting gallery** you can combine two of mans favourite pastimes: drinking and shooting. Just remember that if you miss it is probably because the sights are off or because the owner has bent the barrels.



*I-Spy for 5*



The **bungee rocket** is guaranteed to lighten the load after the over consumption of fizzy lager

*I-Spy for 5*





The **strip club** is like no other you will have visited. These dens of iniquity are usually based in the back of a lorry and contain only the most experienced pole dancing practitioners. Most of the 'ladies' have over 50 years of experience

*I-Spy a growler for 5  
double if it's clean*



The **wall of death** is a good place to learn tricks that you can try on your scooter when you get back to the campsite.



*I-Spy for 10*





**Hawaiian Tropic girls** add some colour to the grid. They all wear too much makeup, but who is looking at their faces? Ask them if their boobs are real.

*I-Spy for 10*



**Prototype class**, the Audi R8 has dominated the prototype class over the last few years. Apparently there is one in this picture, but I can't see it myself.

*I-Spy for 5*







**Hawaiian Tropic girls**, did I already mention them? I forget.

*I-Spy for 5 if you see them again*   
*triple if you goose one of them*

**Drivers** are the real heroes of Le Mans, they fearlessly drive their cars at 200mph in a straight line whilst wearing full protective equipment. There are three in this photo, can you see them?

*I-Spy for 5*

*double if you find the three in this photo*





The **Control Tower** is a Le Mans landmark that evokes memories of the rich history of the race. Unfortunately you are unlikely to see it as the ACO bulldozed it this year for reasons best known to themselves.

*I-Spy for 100*



A **firm rear end** is essential to balanced handling on the smooth Le Mans circuit. Race engineers adjust the firmness to suit the driving style of their drivers

*I-Spy for 5*





## HOW TO GET YOUR I-SPY BADGE

**Every time you score 1000 points or more in an I-Spy book, you can send off for a badge.**

Here's what to do, step by step:

- 1 Ask an adult to check your score
- 2 Ask his or her permission to send for a badge
- 3 Put second class stamps on two strong envelopes
- 4 Write your own address on one envelope and the following address on the other:  
I-Spy Books,  
PO Box 69,  
Lower Flangebury,  
Sussex FL1 2BS
- 5 Put a 20p coin in the envelope addressed to you.
- 6 Put the folded envelope containing the coin into the envelope addressed to I-Spy. Seal it carefully and post it.



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