

Avant de lire *Quatre surprises*

Reading Strategy

COMBINE STRATEGIES Put together the reading strategies you have practiced.

1. Look at the title and subtitles to predict the reading's theme.
2. Skim the reading to get a general idea of the content.
3. Use context clues to help you make intelligent guesses about new words.

Predict	Theme:
Skim	General Idea:
Use Context Clues	New Words:

What You Need To Know

Most inhabitants of Paris live in apartments. The typical apartment building has a **concierge** who lives on the ground floor, called the **rez-de-chaussée**. The **concierge** keeps the common areas clean and generally watches over the comings and goings of the residents. Most Paris apartment buildings also include an extra floor above the usual residences. This upper floor includes rooms that come with some of the more expensive apartments—rooms that are often converted to student rooms, or **chambres d'étudiants**. These rooms are also known as **chambres de bonnes**, or maids' rooms.