



The Paris attacks

You have surely heard about the 'terrible events which left at least 128 dead and hundreds wounded in Paris. Astrapi helps you understand.

What happened

Friday evening 13 November **men filled with hate** decided to kill innocent people.

First three explosions rang out near the Stadium of France where a soccer game was being played. Then in another part of Paris, several other places were attacked at the same time. These men had been preparing these attacks for a long time.



They shot at passers-by with military weapons. Others went into a concert hall full of people. In all, they killed at least 128 people and wounded many.

The eight terrorists who committed these horrors died the same night.

Faced with such a terrible and violent act, **everyone is asking many questions**, grownups as well as children. Why did they kill innocent people? Who are the terrorists? Should we be frightened? Why is everyone talking so much about it? And what can we be doing?

"I haven't seen any pictures but I don't want to because I think I would see horrible things. I just want to understand why they did that."

Noah, 10

"Is it true that France is really at war?"

"Can the terrorists come into our house?"

ANTONY, 7

JULIE, 8

Who are the Killers?

While we wait for the police to carry out their enquiries, we don't know very much about these killers. What we do know is that they are **terrorists: people who use violence and terror to enforce their ideas**. They are even ready to die for that

These attacks have been carried out by "Islamist terrorists", people who say they are acting in the name of their religion, Islam, and

who want to impose it on everyone by force. These extremely violent people are nothing to do with the majority of Muslims, who live their faith peacefully. **They attack France because it is a free country**, where everyone can express themselves and live as they wish. France is at war in countries like Syria or Iraq: they are taking revenge on France for that.



To express their sadness and support the victims, people are sharing this design "Peace for Paris".

By killing at random people in the street or in a concert hall, **the terrorists want to make everyone afraid**. Everyone will say to themselves, "That could have been me," and that's what they are trying to do. The President of the Republic and all the people who work for France have immediately gone into action to make sure the population is safe.

What Should We do?

When we are confronted with such a serious event, we don't know how to react. The first thing we feel is fear. So we don't keep it right down inside ourselves, we must talk about it. The grownups are also shocked, but they understand that we must not give into fear. Whether you live in Paris or somewhere else, know that your house, your school are safe. **The best way to answer the violence and madness of these men, is to continue to live normally and to defend your ideas by respecting others.**

