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The first ever race began on 6th July 1903.

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21 of the original 60 cyclists made it back to the finish line.

3. What is the nickname given to the winner of the red polka dot jersey?

The winner of the red polka dot jersey is known as the 'King of the Mountains'.

4. What do the green and white jerseys mean?

At the end of every stage, the white jersey is given to the best rider under 26 years of age and the green jersey is awarded to the best sprinter.

5. Why do you think different coloured jerseys are given to the winners of each stage?

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The first ever winner was Maurice Garin.

4. What happens to the starting point of the race every year?

The tour begins in a different country every year.

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Each year, the tour begins in a different country. The route of the race also changes every year, but usually finishes at the Champs-Élysées in Paris.

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7. Why do other members of the team cycle in front of the team lead rider?

At times, other members of the team will ride in front of the team lead rider in order to block the wind, helping him to set a fast pace.

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