Comparing European Languages:

Germanic, Romance, & Slavic Language Families

Bonjour!

Ciao!

¡Hola!

Hallo!

здравствуйте!

Teachers:

Print off the following 6 slides and post them around the room. The students will need to travel to each poster to read it and guess what language is used.

Hallo! Ich bin froh dass Sie in meiner Gemeinschaftskunde-Klasse sind. Auf Wiedersehen!

Olá! Estou contente de que você esteja na minha classe de Estudos Social. Adeus!

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¡Hola! Me alegro de que usted esté en mi clase de Estudios Social. ¡Hasta la vista!



Здравствуйте! Я рад, что Вы находитесь в моем классе Общественных наук. До свидания!



Bonjour! Je suis heureux que vous soyez dans ma classe de Sciences humaines. Au revoir!



Teachers:

Print off the following slide and give each student a copy. The students will first travel around the room and read the language poster, guessing the language of the poster. At the end of the discussion, the students will classify the posters by language family.

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written in. After we discuss the European Languages PowerPoint, try to group the language posters based on their language families. Finally, can you guess what the posters are saying?? Your Task: Travel around the room and visit each language poster. See if you can guess which language it is

- Language Guess Choices: Spanish, German, Russian, French, Italian, Portuguese
- Language Family Choices: Slavic, Romance, Germanic

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				Language Guess
				Language Family

What do you think the posters are saying?

Language Posters

Let's see if you guessed correctly!

- 1. German
- 2. Portuguese
- 3. Spanish
- 4. Russian
- 5. French
- 6. Italian

What Did They Say?

Hello! I'm glad that you're in my Social Studies class. Goodbye!

Teachers:

Print off the following slide, cut out, and give each student is a Question Strip. The students should glue the strip into their notebooks and write the answers on this notebook lines beside each question. All of the answers can be found in the presentation.

What are the three main language families in Europe?	What are the three main language families in Europe?	What are the three main language families in Europe?
What have Europeans	What have Europeans	What have Europeans
done to try to solve the	done to try to solve the	done to try to solve the
problem of so many	problem of so many	problem of so many
languages?	languages?	languages?
In what way are the	In what way are the	In what way are the
German and English	German and English	German and English
languages alike?	languages alike?	languages alike?
Which languages come from the language of the ancient Roman Empire?	Which languages come from the language of the ancient Roman Empire?	Which languages come from the language of the ancient Roman Empire?
Which European language	Which European language	Which European language
has the largest number of	has the largest number of	has the largest number of
native speakers?	native speakers?	native speakers?
What is a problem caused	What is a problem caused	What is a problem caused
by many languages	by many languages	by many languages
spoken in the same	spoken in the same	spoken in the same
country?	country?	country?

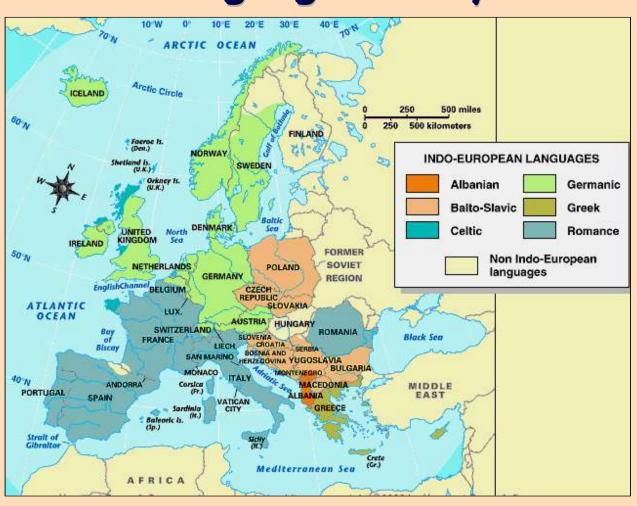
European Languages

Europe is home to more than 200 native languages!

Most European languages are in 3 main language families (or categories):

- Germanic,
- Romance, &
- Slavic

Members of the Indo-European Language Family



Germanic Language Family

Has the most native speakers

Most live in northwest and central

Europe

English & German are part of this family

 About 20% of Europeans speak one of these two languages

Most Europeans learn English as a

Romance Language Family

Includes French, Italian, & Spanish

Most live in the south and west of Europe

These languages come from Latin, the language of the ancient Roman Empire

Slavic Languages

Includes Russian

Found in central and eastern Europe
Written with a Cyrillic alphabet



Brain Break!

If possible, write your name using the Cyrillic alphabet.

Aa a [a]	Бб b [b]	Вв [V]	Γr g [g]	Дд d [d]	Ee e [ye]	Eë jo [yo]	Жж ž [ž]	33 z [z]
Ии []	Йй j [у]	Кк k [k]	- 1	m	Hн n [n]	Oo [0]	Пп р [р]	Pp r [r]
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Diversity in European Languages Today

- Many countries have more than one official language
 - Part of life in many countries in Europe due to the ethnic background of the people living there
- Many countries share borders, and people move back and forth across borders
 - About 400 million people in the world speak
 English because it is often the choice for a



Having so many languages can be a problem

Difficult to live, work, and trade with people who cannot communicate with each other

So...

- Schoolchildren learn 1 or 2 other languages besides their own
- European Union has 23 "official" languages to make sure that people can understand laws and

Classify Your Language Chart into Language Families...

- 1. Germanic
- 2. Romance
- 3. Romance
- 4. Slavic
- 5. Romance
- 6. Romance