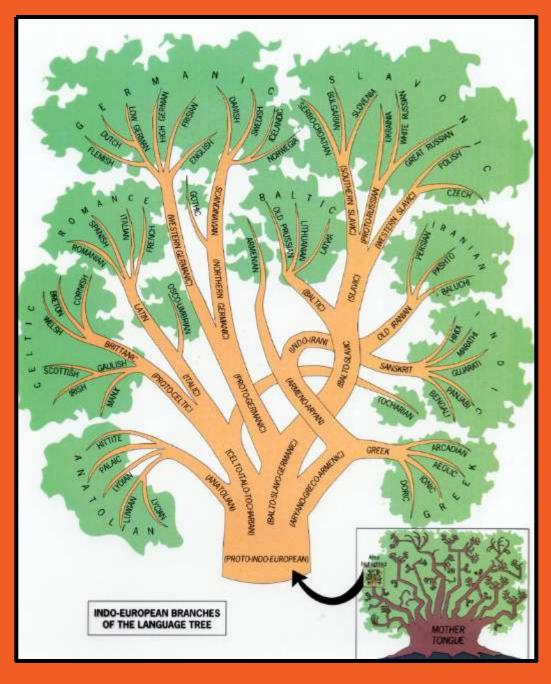




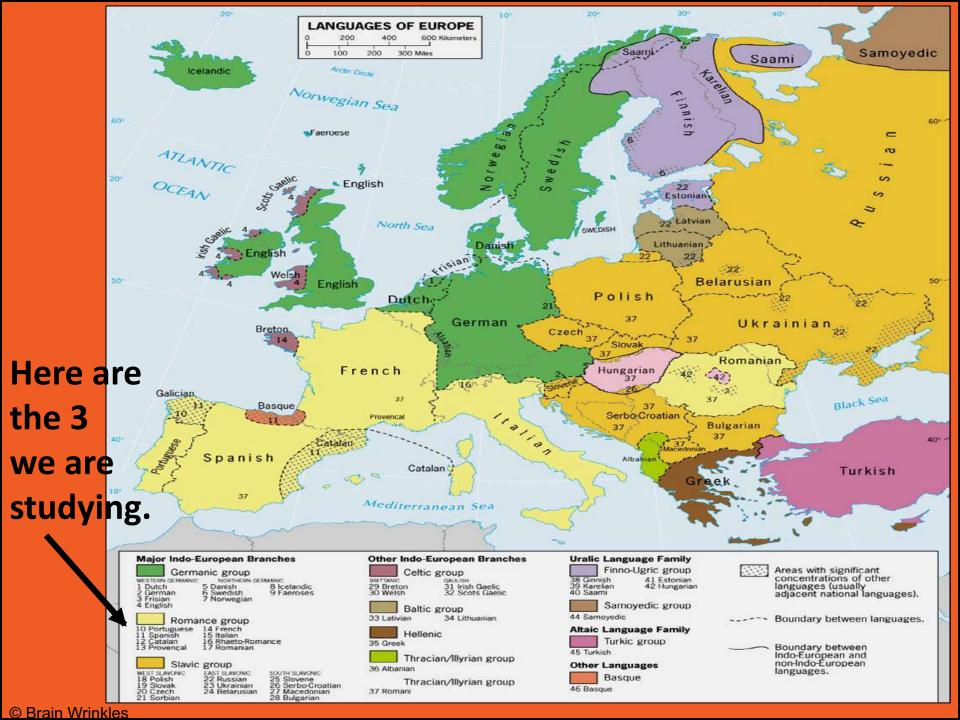
## Same Roots

 The term "Indo-European" refers to the ancient people who lived in Central Asia over 5,000 years ago.

- Indo-European tribes migrated into Europe and settled throughout the continent.
- Over thousands of years, their language changed and developed into the many languages spoken in Europe today.



- Languages on the same branch are closely related.
- The major branches in Europe are Romance, Germanic, and Slavic.



#### Germanic

- The Germanic language family has the most native speakers.
  - Most live in northwest and central Europe.
- English and German are part of this family.
  - About 20% of Europeans speak one of these two languages.
- Most Europeans learn English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language in their schools.
- Other examples of Germanic languages include Danish, Dutch, and Swedish.

GERMAN WORDS

color - farbe
blue - blau
pink - rosa
green - grün
yellow - gelb
orange - orange
brown - braun
white - weiß
gray - grau
silver - silber
black - schwarz
turquoise - türkis

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#### Romance

- The Romance language family includes French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Romanian.
- Most speakers live in the south and west of Europe.
- These languages come from Latin, the language of ancient Roman Empire.

Romance languages

The name of the langue family, Romance, has nothing to do with love.

#### Slavic

- The Slavic language family is mostly found in central and eastern Europe.
- This family includes Russian, as well as Polish, Czech, Ukrainian, and Croatian.
- These languages are writter / акдоналде with the Cyrillic alphabet.



Most of the continent's languages use the Roman alphabet.

# Cyrillic Alphabet

Aa a [a]	Бб <sub>b</sub> [b]	Вв 	Γr g [g]	Дд d [d]	Ee e [ye]	Eë jo [yo]	Жж ž [ž]	33 z [z]
ИИ [i]	Йй j [y]	Кк k [k]	ı	m		0	Пп р [р]	Pp r [r]
Cc s [s]	TT t [t]	$\begin{matrix} y_y \\ {}^u_{\text{[u]}} \end{matrix}$	Фф f [f]	$\underset{[x]}{\overset{\textbf{x}}{\text{x}}}$	Цц c [ts]	Чч č [tç]	IIIIII š [š]	Щщ šč [ç]

## **Diversity Today**

- Many European countries have more than one official language.
  - This is a part of life in many countries due to the ethnic background of the people living there.
  - Also, many countries share borders and people move back and forth across them.

About 400 million people in the world speak English because it is often their choice for a 2<sup>nd</sup> language.

Over ½ of all Europeans speak English.



## **Diversity Today**

- Having speakers of so many different languages in one area can be a problem.
  - Language barriers make it difficult to live, work, and trade with people who cannot communicate with each other.
- So...

European Union has 23 "official" languages to make sure that people can understand laws and

decisions

made by the government

Schoolchildren learn 1 or 2 other languages besides their own.