

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES

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**SS6G10 Describe selected
cultural characteristics of
Europe.**

a. Describe the diversity
of languages spoken
within Europe.



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.

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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 2nd 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 the ancient **Roman** Empire.
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- Romance languages

The name of the language 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 written with the Cyrillic alphabet.
- Most of the continent's languages use the Roman alphabet.



Cyrillic Alphabet

Аа	Бб	Вв	Гг	Дд	Ее	Её	Жж	Зз
a	b	v	g	d	e	jo	ž	z
[a]	[b]	[v]	[g]	[d]	[ye]	[yo]	[ž]	[z]
Ии	Йй	Кк	Лл	Мм	Нн	Оо	Пп	Рр
i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	r
[i]	[y]	[k]	[l]	[m]	[n]	[o]	[p]	[r]
Сс	Тт	Уу	Фф	Хх	Цц	Чч	Шш	Щщ
s	t	u	f	x	c	č	š	šč
[s]	[t]	[u]	[f]	[x]	[ts]	[tɕ]	[š]	[ɕ]
Ъъ	Ыы	Ьь	Ээ	Юю	Яя			
'	y	''	è	ju	ja			
silent	[ɯɪ]	silent	[e]	[yu]	[ya]			

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 2nd 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.

