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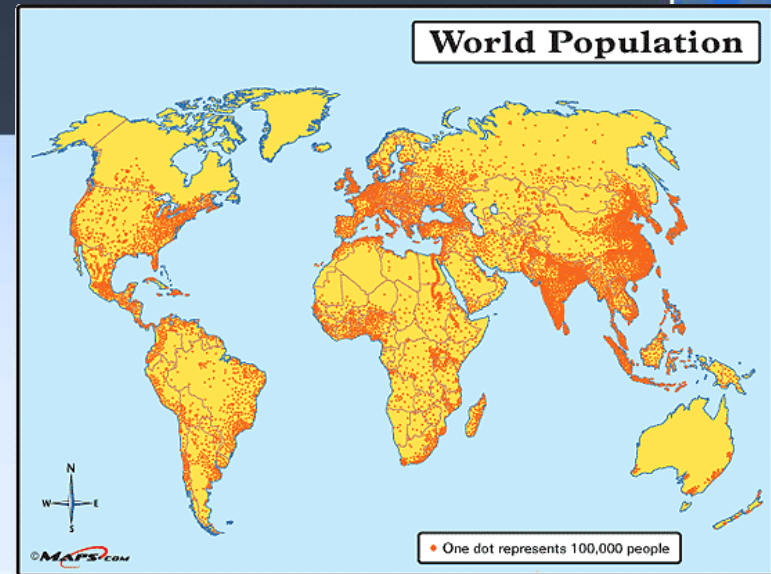
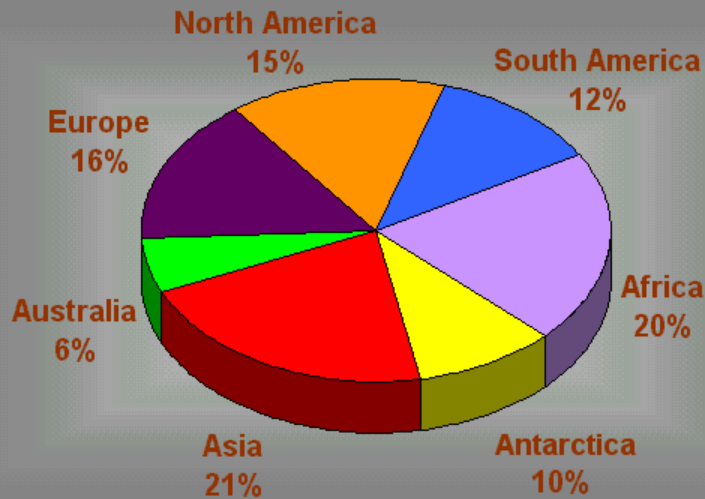
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# Languages of Europe

SS6G11 The student will describe the cultural characteristics of Europe

a. Explain the diversity of European languages as seen in a comparison of German, English, Russian, French, and Italian

## Continental Land Area



- Europe is slightly larger than the US in land area
- Europe's population is more than double the US
- In the US, English is the dominant language
- Europe is different. It is home to more than 200 languages

Most European languages are in 3 main categories



- Germanic Languages
- Romance Languages
- Slavic Languages

# Germanic Language Group



- Has most native speakers
- Native speakers live mostly in northwest and central Europe
- About 20% of Europeans speak English or German as their native language
- Most Europeans learn English as a second language in their schools



# Romance Language Group



- This group includes French, Italian, and Spanish
- These are found in the south and west of Europe
- These languages come from Latin, the language of the Roman Empire

The Roman alphabet is used to write Romance and Germanic languages



# Slavic Language Group



- This includes Russian
- They are found in central and eastern Europe
- They are written with a Cyrillic Alphabet

## The Cyrillic Alphabet

Аа Бб Вв Гг Дд Ее Ёё Жж Зз  
Ии Йй Кк Лл Мм Нн Оо Пп  
Рр Сс Тт Уу Фф Хх Цц Чч  
Шш Щщ Ъ ъ Ы ы Ъ ъ Ээ Юю Яя

# The Problems with Multiple Languages



- It is difficult to live, work, and trade with people who cannot communicate with each other
- Most schoolchildren learn one or two other languages besides their own





- The European Union have 23 “official” languages to make sure laws and decisions are understood
- Special laws exist to protect languages spoken by only a few people







- Lee: Do you understand the words that are a-coming out of my mouth?
- Carter: Don't nobody understand the words that are comin' out of your mouth

# Your Task



Write G for Germanic, R for Romance, and S for Slavic.

- This language is spoken in the United States.
- This language is spoken in the country that is shaped like a boot.
- This language uses an alphabet based of Greek letters.
- People who speak this language live directly south of the United Kingdom.
- This language is in the same family as English.

# Language Comparison Chart



English	German	Russian	French	Italian

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