Our European Neighbours

Learning Objective: To be able to identify European countries according to their features.

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Can you remember which of these countries is France?





Did you get that right? Now try this one...

Where is Italy? CLUE: it is shaped like a boot.







Did you find Italy? Now try this one...

Where is Russia? CLUE: it is the biggest European country and part of it is in Asia.







Now try this one... CLUE: it shares a border with France.



Germany





Did you find Germany? Now try this one... Where is Norway? CLUE: it is in the very north of Europe.







Did you find Norway? Last one...

Where is Greece? CLUE: it includes lots of little islands off the mainland.







Did you find Greece?



Even though all these countries are in the same continent, they all have different features, identities and histories. They each have their own government, own laws and their own customs.

One way a country can show its identity is through its flag. Do you know what the flag for the United Kingdom looks like?











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This is the flag of the United Kingdom. Its official name is the Union Flag but it is more commonly known as the Union Jack.





Can you match these flags to their countries?









Germany









How many of those did you get right?



Can you match these flags to their countries?



Russia





















Did you get all three that time?



Apart from having different flags, can you think of any other ways in which European countries are different from each other?









Language

There are lots of different languages spoken in different countries across Europe. Most countries have their own language but some languages are spoken in more than one country. German, for example, is spoken in Austria, Belgium and Switzerland, as well as Germany.

Some countries speak more than one language too. In Belgium, around 60% of people speak Dutch, 39% speak French and around 1% speak German.







Currency

Lots of European countries have different currencies. In the UK, our currency is pounds sterling. If we wanted to go on holiday to another European country, we would have to change our money. A lot of countries now use the euro but there are lots of other currencies too, such as the Norwegian krone, Russian ruble and Swiss franc.

This picture shows what euros look like.





<u>Government</u>

Some European countries are run in different ways, too. Some countries, like the UK, have a royal family. Kings and queens used to be in charge of running the whole country but today they do not have the power to change laws. This is done by the members of parliament. France has a president instead of a king or queen. The president is elected to be the head of the government. Other countries are run solely by parliaments.









Which country does this flag belong to?



Click on the correct answer.

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That's right! Well done!



Try again!







Which country does this flag belong to?

Poland



Click on the correct answer.





That's right! Well done!



Try again!











That's right! Well done!



Try again!







Which country does this flag belong to?





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Luxembourg







That's right! Well done!



Try again!







Which country does this flag belong to?





Click on the correct answer.





That's right! Well done!



Try again!











Great work!

