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.

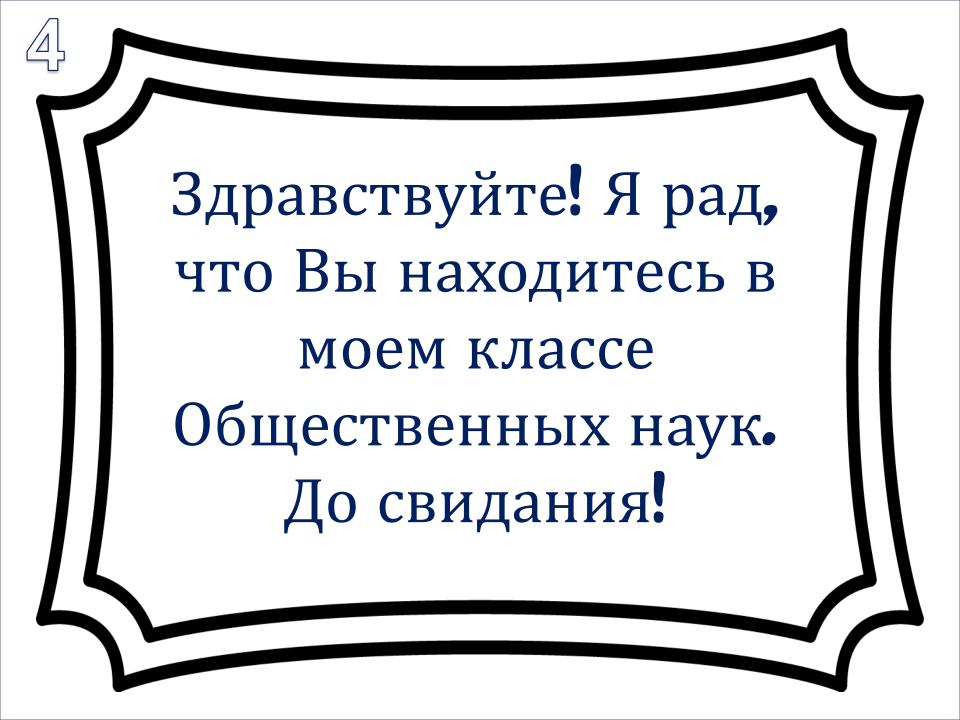
Hallo! Ich bin froh dass Sie in meiner Gemeinschaftskund e-Klasse sind. Auf Wiedersehen!

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

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iHola! Me alegro de que usted esté en mi clase de Estudios Social. iHasta la vista!





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



Ciao! Sono contento che tu sia nella mia classe Studi Sociali. Arrivederci!

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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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 a Question

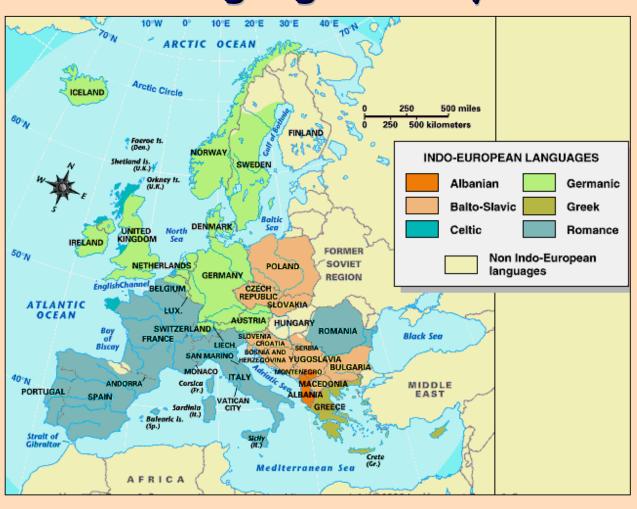
Strip. The students should glue the strip into their notebooks and write the answers on this notebook lines beside each question. All of the answers can be found in the presentation.

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 2nd language in their schools

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
 - Romance Languages

Slavic Languages

- Includes Russian
- Found in central and eastern Europe
- Written with a Cyrillic alphabet

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Brain Break!

• If possible, write your name using the Cyrillic alphabet.

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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 2nd language
 - Over 1/2 of all Europeans speak English



- · 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 decisions made by the government

Classify Your Language Chart into Language Families...

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