

PLURILINGUAL WORKSHEET

European connections

1 Read the text and answer questions 1–5 below.



European connections

The idea of a European Union was suggested in 1950. But connections between European people have existed over thousands of years. Why?

Geography

Long rivers connect people. The Rhine and the Danube flow through many countries. The Rhine flows north-west from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea. The Danube flows east from the Black Forest in Germany to the Black Sea. For thousands of years European people have travelled and traded down these rivers. Language experts think the words for both rivers come from the early European language words for 'flow'.

History

The Rhine and the Danube were borders of the Roman Empire. The Romans governed the lands around the rivers and the southern part of Europe. The Romans built many roads and gave Europe the

Roman alphabet as a writing system. So people were able to travel more and to share ideas in writing. Roman laws, money and religions were used around the Empire. When the Romans left Britain and other parts of the Western Empire in 400 AD, Germanic people took over these lands. Over the next two hundred years, Slavic people moved into the old eastern Roman Empire, around the Danube and down to the Black Sea.

Language roots

3,500 years ago, Europe shared a common language. Then the language developed in different ways in different places. Between 100 BC and AD 400, Romans used their Latin language across their Empire. French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian are 'Romance' languages that come from Latin. German, English, Dutch, Danish and Swedish are 'Germanic' languages that developed after AD 400. Polish, Czech, Slovak, Croatian, Serbian and Bulgarian are 'Slavic' languages.

- 1 In which direction does the Rhine flow?

- 2 In which direction does the Danube flow?

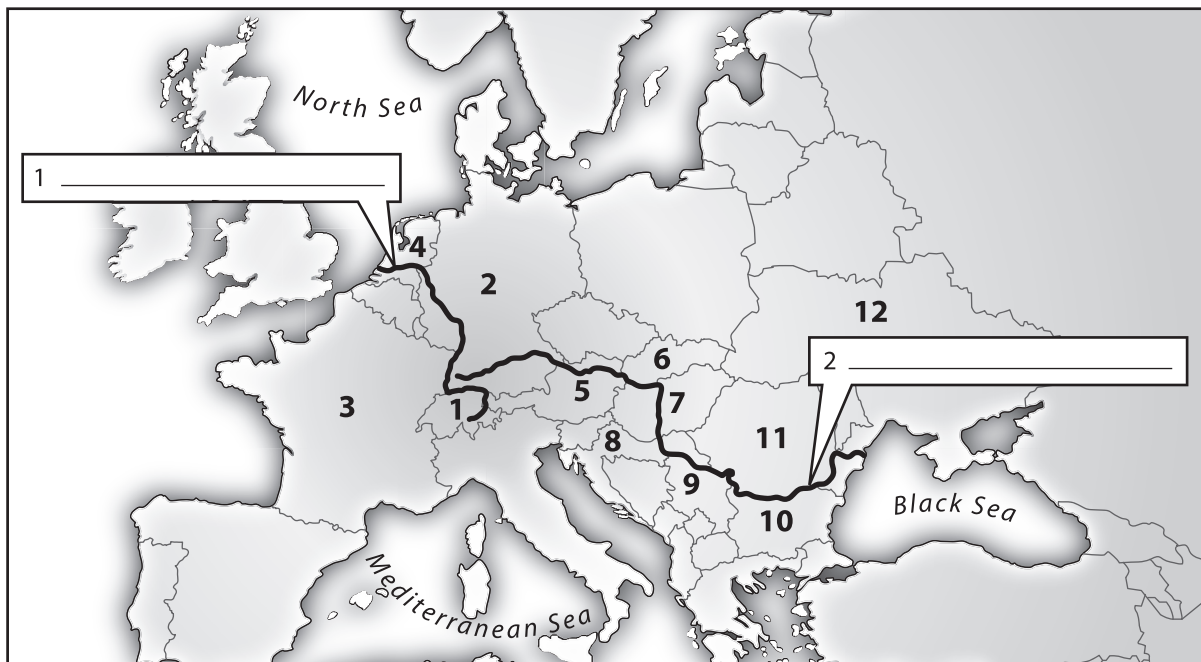
- 3 What was the importance of the two rivers to the Romans?

- 4 What were people able to do in Roman times?

- 5 Which modern languages come from Latin?

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- 2 Label the Rhine and the Danube on the map. Then write the names of the countries 1–12 on the map key.



Map key

1	<i>Switzerland</i>	5		9	
2		6		10	
3		7		11	
4		8		12	

- 3 There are different names for the Rhine in different countries. Which countries use these names?

- 1 Rijn _____
 2 Rhein _____
 3 Rhin _____

- 4 The Danube flows through nine of the countries shown on the map. There are different names for the Danube in different countries. Match the name of the river with the country or countries.

- 1 Donau _____ and _____
 2 Dunaj _____
 3 Duna _____
 4 Dunav _____
 5 Дунав (Dunav) _____ and _____
 6 Dunarea _____
 7 Дунай (Dunay) _____

Austria

Bulgaria

Croatia

Germany

Hungary

Romania

Serbia

Slovak Republic

Ukraine