






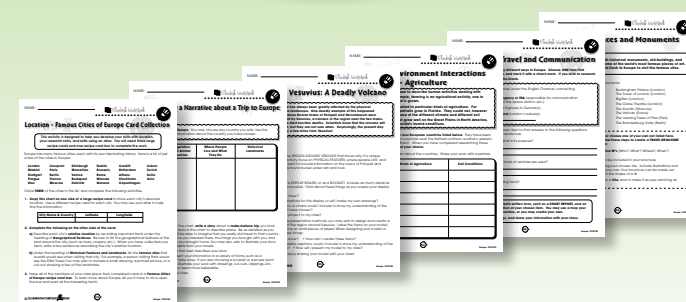
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Europe - Location

1. **You be the teacher!** Someone has matched the word on the left to the definition on the right. Are they correct? If **yes**, mark it correct with a check mark in the box beside each. If **no**, write an X in the box and correct the work by drawing an arrow to the correct definition. You may use an atlas or a dictionary to help.

<input type="checkbox"/> hemisphere	→	A Lines we have drawn on a map to find the location of a place north or south of the equator.
<input type="checkbox"/> latitude	→	B An imaginary line of longitude running from the North Pole to the South Pole through Greenwich, England. It divides the world into the eastern and western hemispheres.
<input type="checkbox"/> longitude	→	C One of the two shapes made by cutting a sphere in half.
<input type="checkbox"/> climate	→	D Lines we have drawn on a map to find the location of a place east or west of the prime meridian.
<input type="checkbox"/> prime meridian	→	E A word that is used to describe the usual temperature, the rain or snowfall, and the winds found in a certain place.

2. On the map, show the prime meridian as a red line. Color the lines of latitude yellow, and the lines of longitude green.



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Describing Europe's **location** can be done in two ways. If we describe Europe's **absolute location**, we are describing exactly where it is found. When we describe Europe's **relative location**, we describe the things around it and the things that connect it to other places.



A continent like Europe is very large, so it is difficult to give its absolute location. We describe a place's absolute location by looking at where lines of **latitude** and **longitude** cross. If we tried to give the absolute location of Europe, we could only give the location of its farthest boundaries, and some of those boundaries are thousands of miles apart! It is easier to describe Europe's location by looking at those features and places around it.

Europe is located west of Asia and north of Africa. Several large bodies of water surround Europe, and provide **links** between Europe and the other continents. The Atlantic Ocean lies to the west, the Arctic Ocean to the north, and the Mediterranean Sea to the south. In one way, Europe's relative location is unique. Most of Europe is located in the eastern **hemisphere**, but its western portion is in the western hemisphere. Why is this? The **prime meridian**, the north-south line that divides the world into east and west, passes through Europe.

STOP Describe Europe's relative location.

Europe has many different **climates**. Countries along the Mediterranean Sea have very warm, moderate climates. People flock to vacation in southern France, Italy, and Greece because of the pleasant climates. Countries in northern Europe have warm summers, but very cold and snowy winters. Skiers enjoy the tall snowy mountains in these cold places. In central Europe, the tall, snowy peaks of the Alps also attract skiers in the colder months.



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1. Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

- a) What kind of climate do countries along the Mediterranean Sea have?
- A a harsh, cold climate
- B extremely hot at all times
- C a warm, moderate climate
- D tropical and humid
- b) Where in Europe are people most likely to go skiing?
- A on Mount Olympus, Greece
- B in northern Europe and the Alps
- C on the Prime Meridian
- D in Asia
- c) In which hemisphere is most of Europe located?
- A north of Africa
- B the western hemisphere
- C the Arctic
- D the eastern hemisphere

2. Circle **T** if the statement is true or **F** if it is false.

T = True
F = False

- T F a) Europe has many different climates.
- T F b) Southern France does not have a warm, moderate climate.
- T F c) Greece is located on the Mediterranean Sea.
- T F d) Europe is located north of Asia and west of Africa.
- T F e) The prime meridian divides the Earth into eastern and western hemispheres.
- T F f) Relative location tells **exactly** where a place is located.
- T F g) The Atlantic Ocean lies west of Europe.



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Answer the questions in complete sentences.

3. What is the climate of southern Europe? Describe it using examples from the reading.
-
4. Which major bodies of water surround Europe?
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Research

5. Are these European cities located in the western hemisphere or the eastern hemisphere? Write **W** for the western hemisphere and **E** for the eastern hemisphere in the space beside each city. You may use your atlas to help you.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ___ a) Paris, France | ___ b) Berlin, Germany | ___ c) Glasgow, Scotland |
| ___ d) Athens, Greece | ___ e) Bordeaux, France | ___ f) Rome, Italy |
| ___ g) Oslo, Norway | ___ h) Bern, Switzerland | ___ i) Moscow, Russia |
| ___ j) Warsaw, Poland | ___ k) Dublin, Ireland | ___ l) Madrid, Spain |
| ___ m) Helsinki, Finland | ___ n) Florence, Italy | ___ o) London, England |

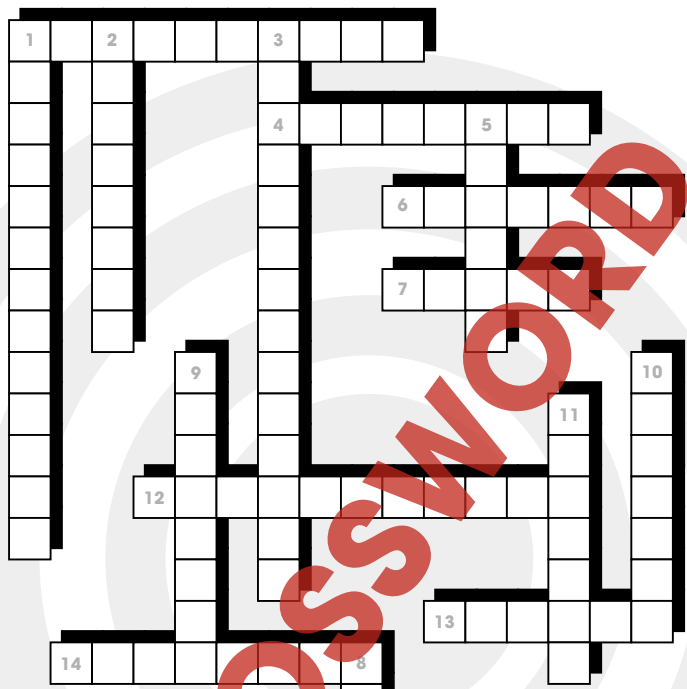
6. Find London, England in an atlas, and complete the following activities.

- a) What is London's **absolute** location? Give its latitude and longitude.
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- b) What is London's **relative** location? Describe its relative location by describing the things around it.
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7. When a country has no coast on an ocean or a sea, we say that it is **landlocked**. Which European countries are landlocked? List them below. You may use your atlas to help you locate them.



Crossword Puzzle!



Word List

- physical
- vineyard
- unique
- population
- islands
- hemispheres
- south
- absolute
- prime meridian
- canals
- transportation
- products
- mistral
- climate
- route

Across

- 1 Europe's _____ is very large for its size
- 4 _____ location describes exactly where a place is
- 6 The temperature, rain and/or snowfall found in a place
- 7 A path taken from one place to another
- 12 Europe is found in the east and west _____
- 13 Many products are transported along _____
- 14 Things people use at home, work and school

Down

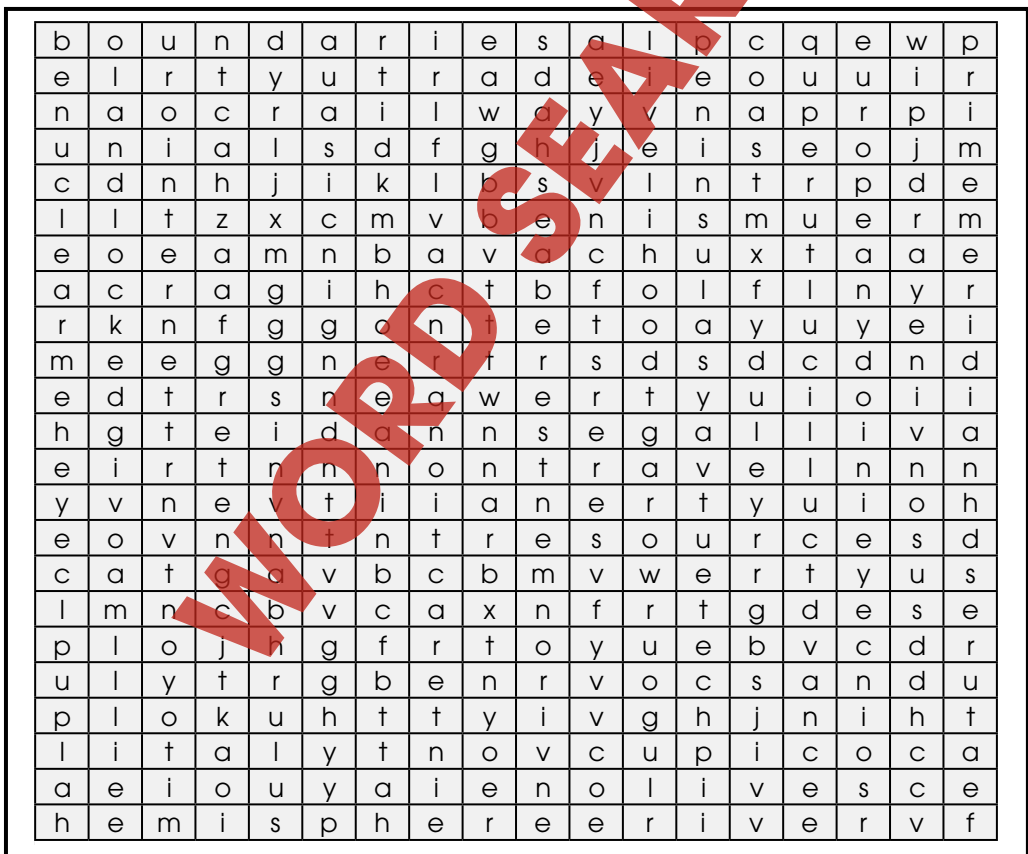
- 1 The _____ divides the world into east and west
- 2 A place can be described by _____ and human characteristics
- 3 Movement involving vehicles
- 5 A region is described by its _____ features
- 8 The Mediterranean Sea lies to the _____ of Europe
- 9 Large field where grapes are grown
- 10 Some countries in Europe are _____
- 11 Provence, France is know for its cold _____ winds



Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

- | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| hemisphere | nuclear | trade | features |
| boundaries | lavender | interaction | livelihood |
| landlocked | peninsula | conserve | culture |
| vineyard | location | railway | European |
| travel | climate | Internet | Italy |
| environment | continent | villages | river |
| resources | coast | prime meridian | olives |



Comprehension Quiz

Part A

Circle **T** if the statement is true or **F** if it is false.

T = True
F = False

- T F** a) Most of Europe is in the eastern hemisphere.
- T F** b) The prime meridian divides the world into eastern and western hemispheres.
- T F** c) The plants that grow in a place are called vegetation.
- T F** d) Provence is a cold, snowy region of France.
- T F** e) The accident at the Chernobyl nuclear plant caused thousands to move away, and caused many illnesses and deaths.
- T F** f) Very few Europeans rely on the sea for their livelihoods.
- T F** g) Latitude and longitude are used to find a place's absolute location.
- T F** h) River and rail travel are very important in Europe.

Part B

Label the map by doing the following:

1. Show the following features on the map by writing the letter on the map in the correct location.
 - a) Europe
 - b) Asia
 - c) Africa
 - d) Atlantic Ocean
 - e) Mediterranean Sea
2. Color the prime meridian red.



SUBTOTAL: /14

Europe World Location Map





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3.

Warm, moderate climate

4.

Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea

5.

- | | |
|------|----------|
| a) E | h) E |
| b) E | i) E |
| c) W | j) E |
| d) E | k) W |
| e) W | l) E |
| f) E | m) E |
| g) E | n) E |
| | o) E & W |

...the meridian passes through Greenwich, which is a part of London!

6.

a) 51°N latitude
0° W longitude

b) Possible answers:
In England, on the River Thames, north of Brighton, etc.

7.

Possible answers:
Andorra, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, Liechtenstein, Hungary, etc.

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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

