

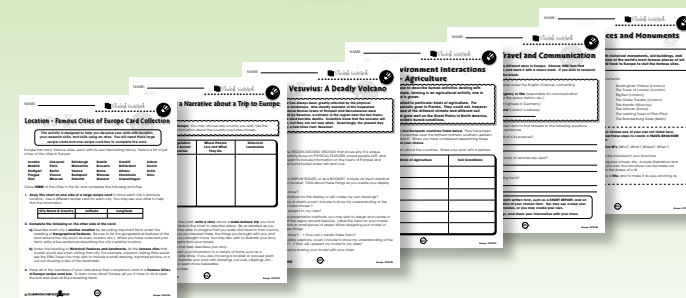
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Europe - Place



1. Complete each sentence with a word from the list. Use a dictionary to help you.

river wildlife continent livelihood vineyard culture

- A _____ is one of the seven large land masses in the world, each characterized by unique features and human interactions.
- The art, the music, and the literature of a society are known as its _____.
- The animals that live in a particular area are known as that area's _____.
- A long, moving body of water, with banks on either side, which flows into another larger body of water, such as an ocean or a lake, is called a _____.
- _____ is a word that describes the way in which a person earns his or her living. A person earns money at work in order to pay for food, shelter, and clothing.
- A _____ is a large field where grapes are grown. Grapes grow on a vine.

2. Make a list of those things that make your school unique. Use the chart and the headings to record your ideas.

The look of the school (color, hills, playgrounds)	Plants and animals seen around the school	What is found near the school? (homes, stores, etc.)



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Europe is **unique** among other continents because of its particular features. When we describe Europe as a **place**, we tell about its unique **physical characteristics**, such as mountain ranges, forests, or rivers. We can describe where people have chosen to live and the languages that they speak. Sometimes we even describe the **wildlife** unique to Europe.



Compared to other **continents**, Europe is rather small. However, it is a place made up of more than 40 countries, some large, some small, and more than 720 million people! Many people in Europe live near rivers, seas, or oceans. Some countries in Europe are islands! Many people rely on the sea for food, travel, and their **livelihood**.

Europe has many interesting physical characteristics. Huge forests, unusual cliffs, tall mountain ranges, and deep river valleys are found throughout Europe. The Black Forest is found in southern Germany. The white cliffs of Dover are found on England's eastern **coast**. In central Europe, the Alps tower tall and snow-capped. In France, the Loire River passes through a region of green, fertile lands and vineyards.

There are many important **rivers** in Europe, and many of Europe's largest cities are found on these rivers. The River Thames flows through London to the English Channel. The Seine flows through Paris. Vienna and Budapest, hundreds of miles apart and in different countries, are both found on the Danube River. And on the Tiber, with its long and exciting history, we find Rome, the capital city of Italy. All of these famous cities became important centers of **culture** because their location allowed for travel and **trade**.

STOP

Why are rivers and oceans important for so many Europeans?



Europe - Place



1. Fill in each blank with a word from the list.

culture livelihood largest rivers trade
physical characteristics vineyards place

When we describe Europe as a _____ we can do so in many ways. We can look at its _____ such as forests, mountains and _____. An example of a physical characteristic would be the _____ found in the Loire River Region. Some of Europe's _____ cities are found on important rivers. They became centers of _____ and _____ because of their location. Many people in Europe rely on the sea for their _____. They fish and travel on the sea.

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

a) Where is the Black Forest located?

- A in southern Germany
- B in England
- C in France
- D in Budapest

b) Which country does the Tiber wind through?

- A England
- B Germany
- C Rome
- D Italy

c) What are the physical characteristics of the Loire River valley?

- A dry and arid
- B mountainous
- C a humid rainforest
- D green, fertile lands



Europe - Place



Answer each question with a complete sentence.

- What are some of the physical characteristics of Europe?

- Why did some European cities become centers of culture and trade?

Research

5. Find out more about **one** of these famous European rivers by conducting some simple research. Answer the following questions when conducting your research, and record your findings on a separate piece of paper.

Thames Rhine Rhone Tiber Seine Danube Elbe

- How long is this river?
- Which countries does it pass through?
- Into which large body of water does it flow?
- Which famous cities are located on the river?

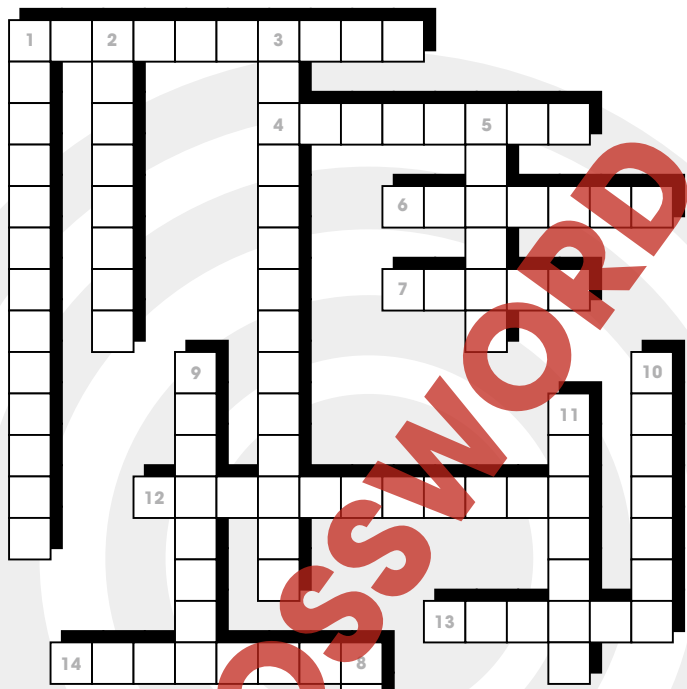
6. Because there are so many countries in Europe, many very close to one another, people often speak several different languages to get along with each other. Choose **three** different European countries, and list the various languages spoken there. Make a chart like the example.

Country Name	Languages Spoken (i.e., official language(s), and others spoken)

7. Like other continents, Europe has many **endangered species**. Research some of the endangered species of Europe by finding out **how** endangered it is and **why**, and its habitat. Record your information in the chart on the next page. The first species has been given for you.



Crossword Puzzle!



Word List

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

Across

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

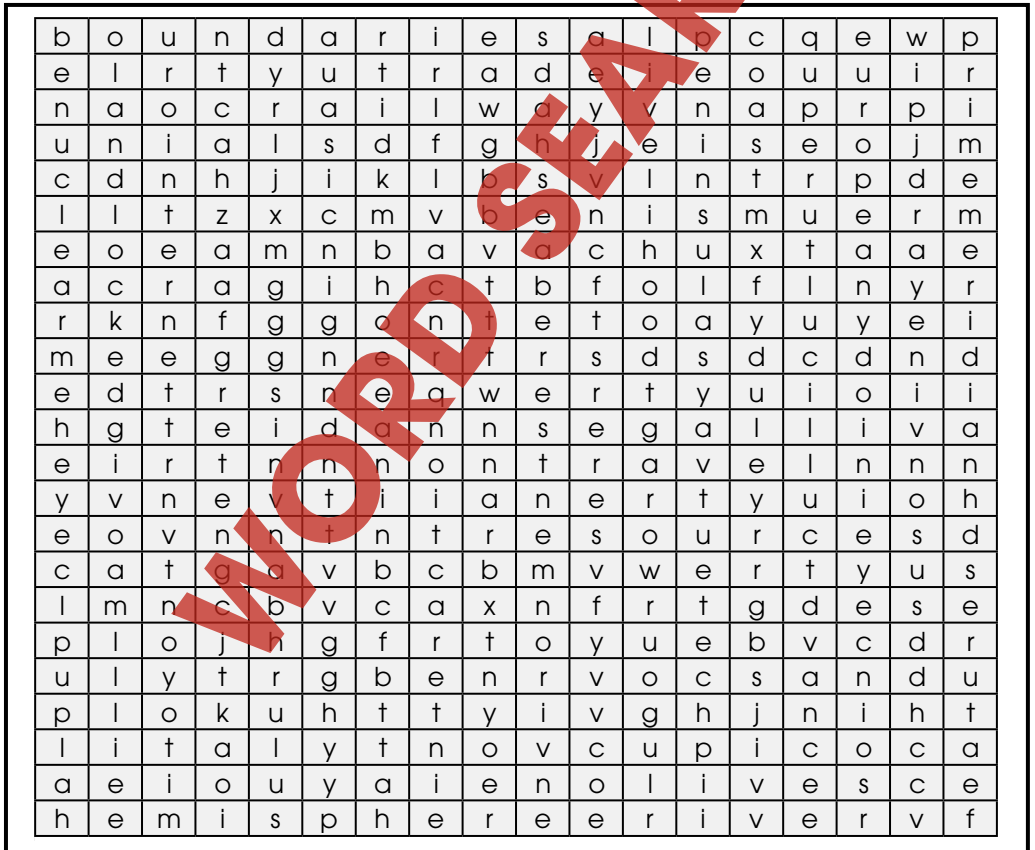
Down

- The _____ divides the world into east and west
- A place can be described by _____ and human characteristics
- Movement involving vehicles
- A region is described by its _____ features
- The Mediterranean Sea lies to the _____ of Europe
- Large field where grapes are grown
- Some countries in Europe are _____
- 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
- boundaries
- landlocked
- vineyard
- travel
- environment
- resources
- nuclear
- lavender
- peninsula
- location
- climate
- continent
- coast
- trade
- interaction
- conserve
- railway
- Internet
- villages
- prime meridian
- features
- livelihood
- culture
- European
- Italy
- river
- olives



Comprehension Quiz

Part C

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- What is the difference between **absolute** location and **relative** location? As an example, describe Europe's relative location.

- How do we describe **place**? Give examples when answering.

- Describe what is meant by **human and environment interactions**. Explain how recycling is a positive interaction.

- What do we mean by **movement** in geography? Give one example of transportation and one of communication.

- What is a **region**? How can we describe one? Give a European example.

SUBTOTAL: /16

Europe Outline Map





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Possible answers:
forests, unusual cliffs,
mountains, valleys,
etc.

4.

Built on rivers that
allowed for trade
and travel

5.

Answers will vary

6.

Answers will vary

7.

Answers will vary
Endangered species
include:
Iberian lynx,
peregrine falcon,
monk seal, etc.

Across:

- population
- absolute
- climate
- route
- hemispheres
- canals
- products

Down:

- prime meridian
- physical
- transportation
- unique
- south
- vineyard
- islands
- mistral

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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY