
e-lessonWeek starting: 2nd May 2005**1. Europe Quiz**

May 9th is Europe Day. Hurrah! To celebrate the occasion we've put together a quiz to test your knowledge of Europe.

Level

Lower Intermediate upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Tell your students they are going to look at some statements about Europe and decide if they are true or false. They are then going to have to bet anything from 10 to 100 points (depending on how confident they feel) on their guess.
2. Divide the class into pairs or small groups and give each pair/group a copy of the quiz.
3. Ask your students to discuss each statement and decide if they think it's true or false. In the first column they should write T or F. In the second column they have to write in the number of points they are willing to bet on their guess (10 points only if they don't feel very confident, going up to 100 if they are very sure of their answer). They can only bet between 10 and 100 points.
4. After giving enough time for students to discuss their answers, it's time to score. Either choose a student to be the scorer (s/he will need a copy of page 2 of the Teacher's Notes) or do it yourself. Each pair/group calls out their answer and how many points they have bet. If they have answered correctly, students enter their points in the final column (points won). If they have answered incorrectly, they should enter their points in the third column (points lost). To increase competitiveness and ensure your students do not cheat, you can ask them to swap worksheets before checking the answers. At the end of the quiz, students add up their entries in the third and fourth columns and then subtract the total of the third column from the total of the fourth column to give the total number of points they have won. The pair/group with the most points is the winner.

Follow up

This quiz could constitute part of a project on Europe. With help from the websites on the next page, your students could find out much more about Europe as a whole, or a specific country (history, geography, people and fashions etc.) and make a presentation and class display.

Answers

1. **False.** According to statistics the population of Portugal is actually 9.9 million.
2. **True.**
3. **True.** When Maria married Frenchman Pierre Curie, she became Marie along with the change to her surname.
4. **False.** The Rhine goes nowhere near the Czech Republic.
5. **False.** Karl Marx is in fact buried in Highgate Cemetery in London, England.
6. **True.** The first Modern Olympics were held in Athens 108 years ago, in 1896. However, the famous five rings didn't make their first appearance until 1920.
7. **True.** The splendid capital city which gave its name to an equally splendid chicken recipe.
8. **False.** The Spanish flag contains a horizontal yellow band between two red bands, with the Spanish coat of arms in the centre.
9. **True.** During the summer the sun never truly sets.
10. **True.** It flows for 652 km from the north-west of Italy, across the north and into the Adriatic Sea.
11. **False.** Switzerland is not currently a member of the European Union.
12. **False.** Cars from Germany have a 'D' (Deutschland) on their number plate.
13. **False.** Abba are Swedish.
14. **True.** There are a staggering 179,584 islands in Finland.
15. **True.** Her name was also given to one of Jupiter's moons.
16. **False.** The ancient name for Paris was *Lutetia*.
17. **True.** It measures 3,685 km and flows entirely within Russia.
18. **False.** Denmark has the oldest monarchy in Europe. Current monarch, Queen Margrethe II, can trace her family line directly back for more than a thousand years to the Vikings.
19. **False.** There are twelve stars on the flag, not ten. The number of stars is invariable, twelve being the symbol of perfection and entirety. The blue of the flag represents the sea and sky of the planet, whilst gold is the colour of enlightenment.
20. **True.** They were the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

http://europa.eu.int/abc/symbols/9-may/decl_en.htm

What is Europe Day? Check it out, along with the EU flag and anthem

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/geography/flags/europe.shtml>

European flags and much more

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/2063419.stm>

Here's a very quick test to see how much you know

http://www.eun.org/eun.org2/eun/en/SpringSite_Resources/sub_area.cfm?sa=3387

Links to lots of other quizzes on Europe

http://www.eurovision.tv/eurovision/micro_index.htm

Check out this year's Eurovision Song Contest, from Kiev