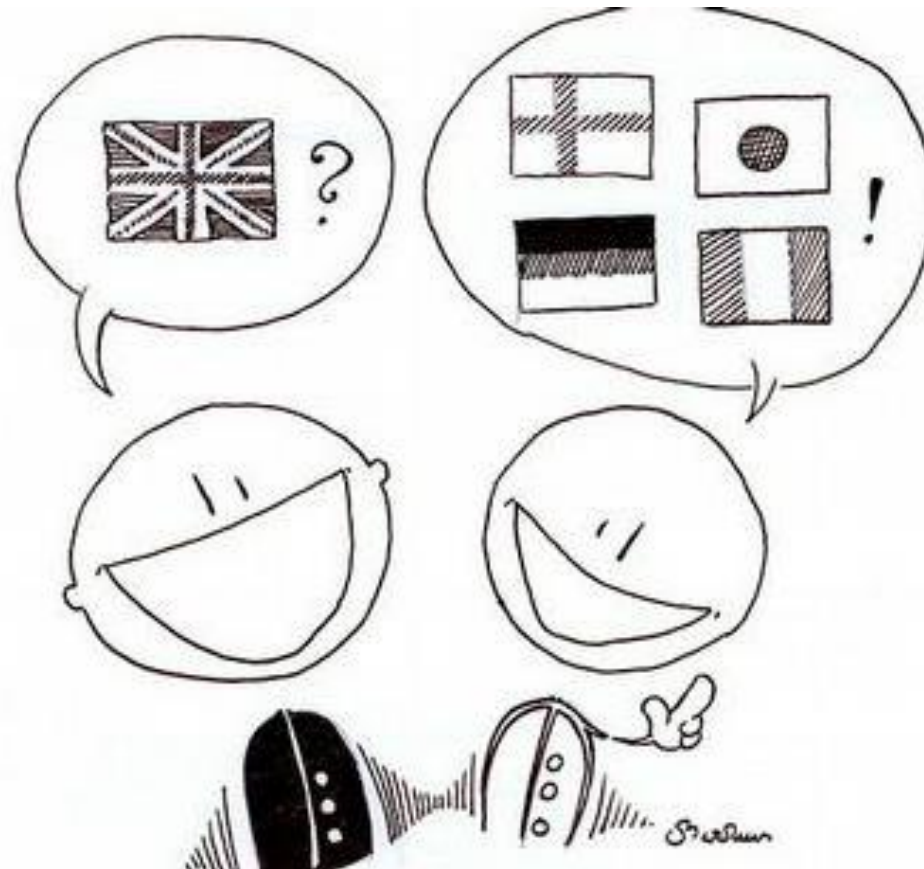


Europe's Many Languages

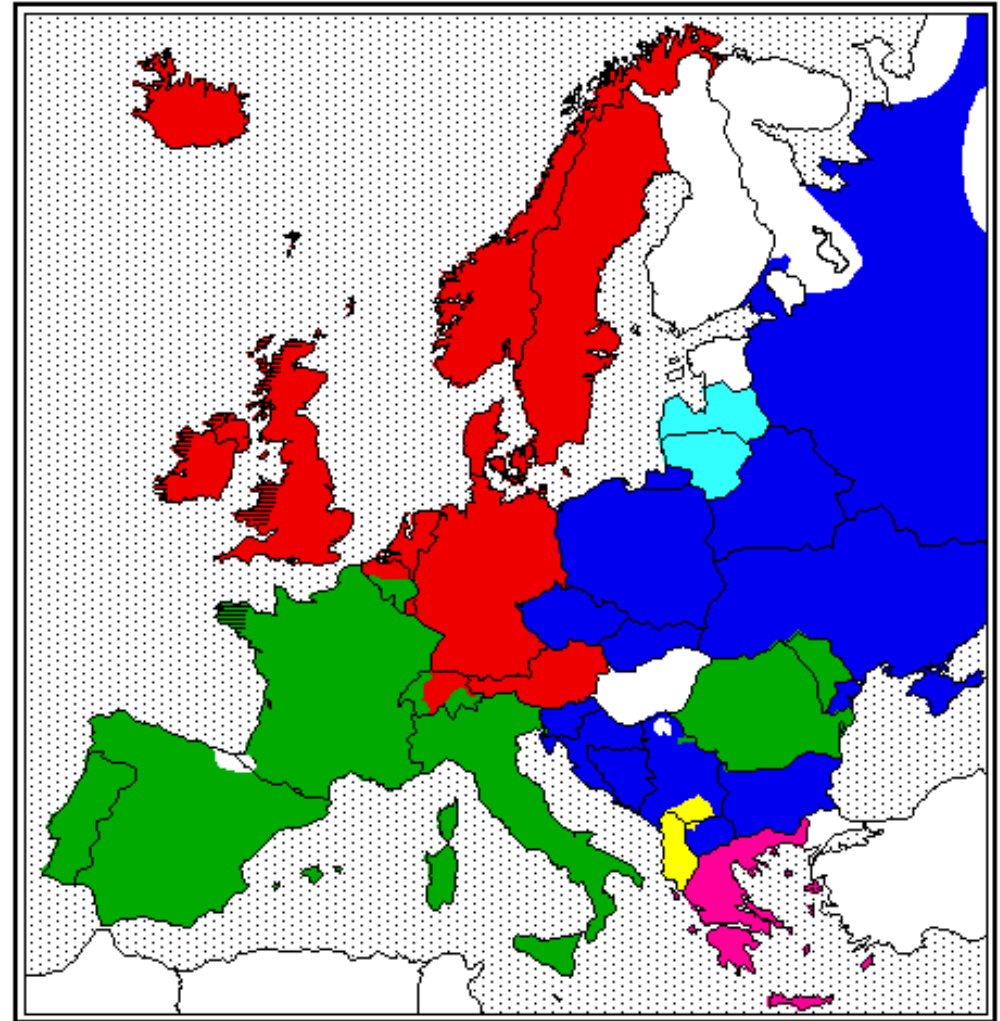


Introduction

- Europe is about the same size of the United States and yet in the U.S.A. the main language spoken is English.
- In contrast, in Europe, more than 200 languages are spoken.
- Europe's languages are categorized according to different **language families**.
- The majority of Europeans speak languages from three main categories.

Language Families of Europe

What three language families are the most widespread in Europe?

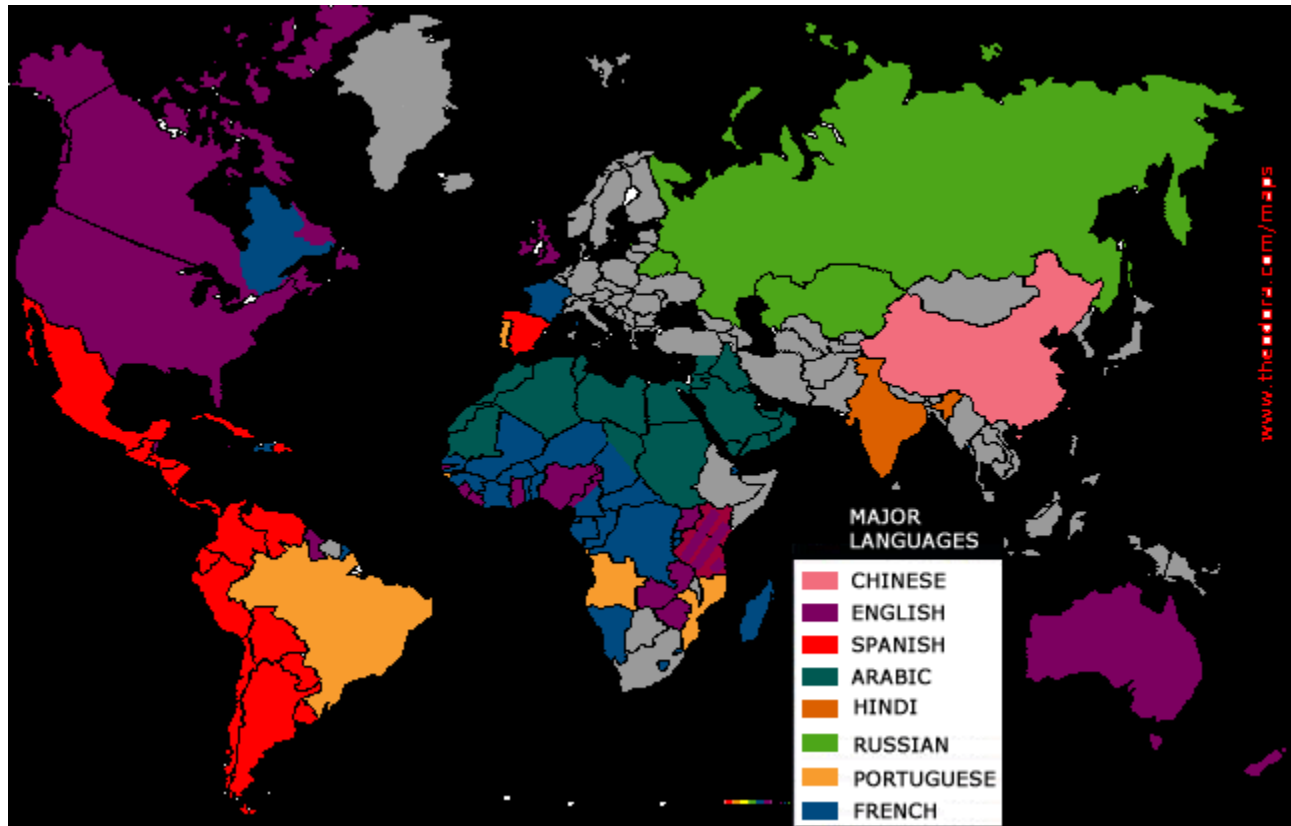


Germanic Languages

What are the three main Germanic languages spoken in Europe and the corresponding country for each?



Germanic Language



Which Germanic language is the most widespread language in the world?

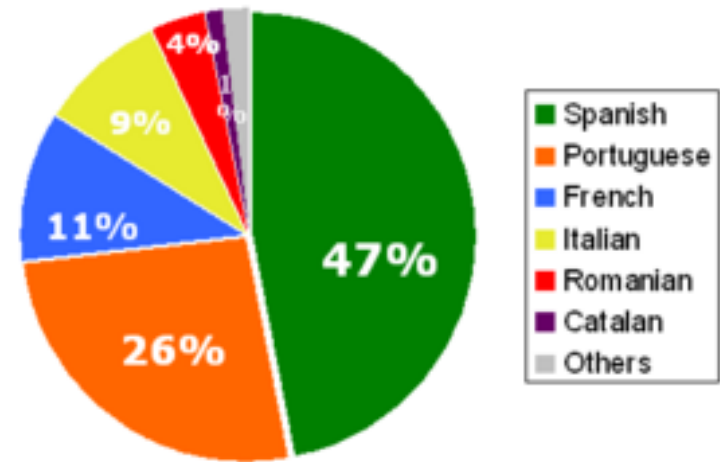
Romance Languages



What are the three main Romance languages spoken in Europe and the corresponding country for each?

Romance Languages

Note: Romance languages evolved from Latin, the language of the Romans in the Roman Empire.



Which Romance Language is spoken the most?

Slavic Language

**Which Slavic
language that
is spoken the
most in
Europe?**

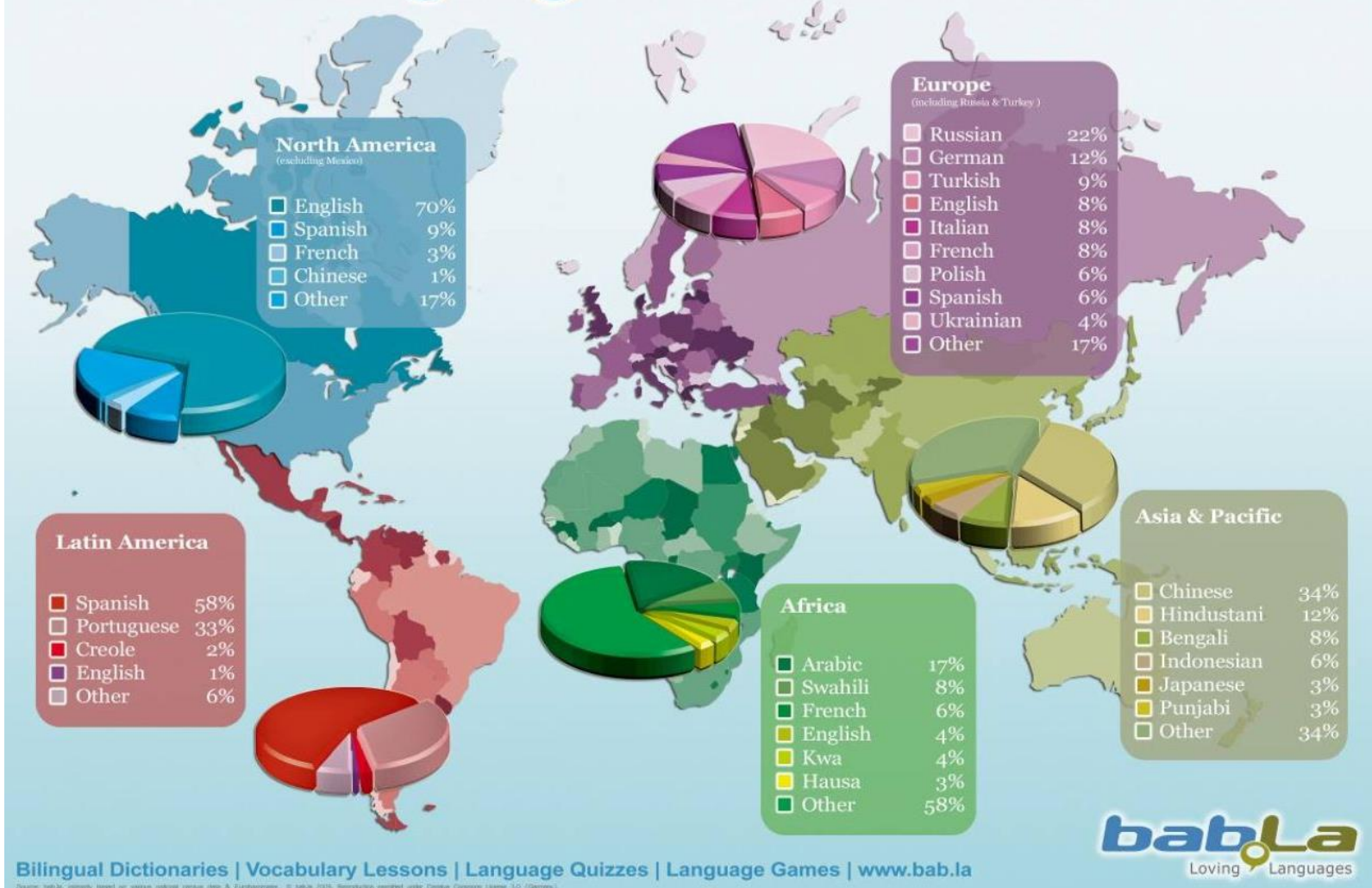


Slavic Languages

Аа	Бб	Вв	Гг	Дд	Ее	Её	Жж	Зз
a	b	v	g	d	e	jo	ž	z
[a]	[b]	[v]	[g]	[d]	[ye]	[yo]	[ž]	[z]
Ии	Йй	Кк	Лл	Мм	Нн	Оо	Пп	Рр
i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	r
[i]	[y]	[k]	[l]	[m]	[n]	[o]	[p]	[r]
Сс	Тт	Уу	Фф	Хх	Цц	Чч	Шш	Щщ
s	t	u	f	x	c	č	š	šč
[s]	[t]	[u]	[f]	[x]	[ts]	[tɕ]	[š]	[ɕ]
Ьь	Ыы	Ьь	Ээ	Юю	Яя			
'	y	”	è	ju	ja			
silent	[ɯɨ]	silent	[e]	[yu]	[ya]			

- **Written with a Cyrillic alphabet**

Languages of the World



Which language is spoken the most in Europe?

Problems

- Having so many languages can be a problem.
- It is difficult to live, work, and trade with people who cannot communicate with each other.



Solutions

- Europeans have worked hard to solve this problem.
- Most European school children learn one or two other languages besides their own.
- The European Union has 23 official languages to make sure that people can understand the laws and decisions made by the government.
- There are special laws to protect languages spoken by only a few people.
- They are working to build a unified Europe.