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Therefore, the European Day of Languages has been celebrated every year since 2001 on September 26th.

1. Complete the following official languages with the missing vowels (a,e,i,o,u).

1) R_m_n_ _ n

4) L_tv_ _ n

7) Sw_d_sh

10) F_nn_sh

2) G_rm_n

5) M_lt_s_

8) H_ng_r_ _ n

11) B_lg_r_ _ n

3) _st_n_ _ n

6) P_l_sh

9) L_th_ _ n_ _ n

12) Sl_v_k

2. Use the clues to find the corresponding European languages and fill in the crosswords.

1- ... is the official language of Turkey and one of the official languages in Cyprus.

2- ... is a language spoken in Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

3- People speaking ... as their native language are called Lusophone.

4- ... is closely related to Russian and is spoken in the city of Kiev.

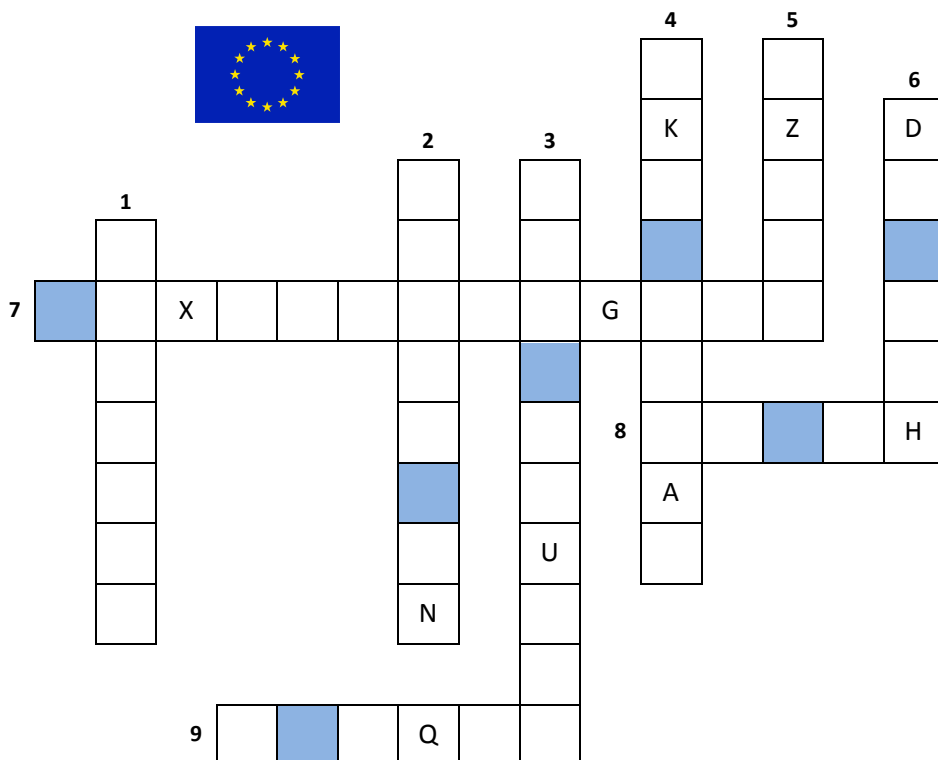
5- There are 25 consonants in ..., the official language of Prague.

6- ... was the official language of Norway until 1830 and of Iceland until 1944.

7- ... is a language of the Moselle region, similar to German and Dutch.

8- "Gaeilge" is the name of the language in

9- ... is spoken in a region of northern Spain and southwestern France.



➡ Reorder the letters in the coloured squares to find another language :

3. Read the explanations and fill in the corresponding idioms with Dutch, English, French, Greek or Spanish.

1) To apologize for using bad language ⇒ "Pardon my"

2) To split the bill in a restaurant between everyone who ate together ⇒ "To go"

3) Unauthorized working methods that benefit those who follow them ⇒ "..... practices"

4) Referring to something you find difficult or impossible to understand ⇒ "It's all to me"

5) In clear, simple language ⇒ "In plain"

6) Unauthorized or unannounced absence or departure ⇒ "Take Leave"



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| 1) Ro m an i an | 4) Lat v ian | 7) Sw e dish | 10) F i nnish |
| 2) Ger m an | 5) Mal t ese | 8) Hun g arian | 11) Bul g arian |
| 3) Est o nian | 6) Pol i sh | 9) Lit h uanian | 12) Slov a k |

2. Use the clues to find the corresponding European languages and fill in the crosswords.

- 1- **Turkish** is the official language of Turkey and one of the official languages in Cyprus.
- 2- **Croatian** is a language spoken in Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 3- People speaking **Portuguese** as their native language are called Lusophone.
- 4- **Ukrainian** is closely related to Russian and is spoken in the city of Kiev.
- 5- There are 25 consonants in **Czech**, the official language of Prague.
- 6- **Danish** was the official language of Norway until 1830 and of Iceland until 1944.
- 7- **Luxembourgish** is a language of the Moselle region, similar to German and Dutch.
- 8- "Gaeilge" is the name of the language in **Irish**.
- 9- **Basque** is spoken in a region of northern Spain and southwestern France.



➡ Reorder the letters in the coloured squares to find another language : **Italian**

3. Read the explanations and fill in the corresponding idioms with Dutch, English, French, Greek or Spanish.

- 1) To apologize for using bad language ⇒ "Pardon my **French** "
- 2) To split the bill in a restaurant between everyone who ate together ⇒ "To go **Dutch** "
- 3) Unauthorized working methods that benefit those who follow them ⇒ " **Spanish** practices "
- 4) Referring to something you find difficult or impossible to understand ⇒ "It's all **Greek** to me "
- 5) In clear, simple language ⇒ "In plain **English** "
- 6) Unauthorized or unannounced absence or departure ⇒ "Take **French** leave "