

Le WebQuest per celebrare la Giornata Europea delle Lingue



Introduction:

Organise students into groups. Tell students that they are going to look at several webpages with information about European Day of Languages.

Ask students the following questions:

- How many languages do you speak?
- What do you know about the European Day of Languages?
- Do you usually celebrate this special day? If yes, how?

Tasks:

1. General Information about the European Day of Languages

You and the other members of your group are going to visit four different web links that contain information about the European Day of Languages. Find the information to answer the questions on the handout.

2. Indigenous Languages in Europe

Go to the web links to find Information about the indigenous and minority languages in Europe and about the EU's multilingualism policy.

3. European Language Facts

Now, look at the Infographic "20 things you might not know about Europe's Languages". Find the information you need to answer the questions.

4. Daily life in another country

(Option 1) Go to the website and find the information you need to answer the questions.

(Option 2) Research daily life in a country and present it to the rest of your class in a media of your choice. Include information about routines, meals, school, and leisure activities.

5. All the colours of the rainbow

Find an expression for each of the colours listed. Tell your expressions to the rest of the class and see if they understand the phrases. Use visuals and other resources to help clarify the meanings.

Process:

Task 1: General Information about the European Day of Languages

Go to each of the following web links and find answers to the following questions.

1. When was the EDL created?

<https://edl.ecml.at/Home/Whatisit/tabid/1760/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

2. Who created/ organized this special day?

<https://edl.ecml.at/Home/Whatisit/tabid/1760/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

3. Who can participate?

<https://edl.ecml.at/Participate/tabid/1764/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

4. What day is it celebrated?

5. What are the objectives of this day?

<https://edl.ecml.at/Home/WhyaEuropeanDayofLanguages/tabid/1763/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

Task 2: Indigenous Languages in Europe

Click on the link below to find out how many indigenous languages there are in Europe?

<https://edl.ecml.at/Facts/LanguageFacts/tabid/1859/language/Default.aspx>

Click on this second link and answer the questions:

https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/eu-languages_en

1. What are the aims of the EU's multilingualism policy aims?

2. What EU programme aims to protect and promote the teaching and learning of minority languages?

3. How many languages does the EU want its citizens to be able to communicate in?

5. Task 3: European Language Facts

Open the Infographic at the following link and find the information you need to answer the following questions.

<https://edl.ecml.at/Portals/33/documents/poster/EDL-infographic-languages-EN.pdf>

1. What percentage of Europe is bilingual?

2. What is one of the oldest European languages in Europe?

3. Which L1 (mother tongue language) is spoken by most people in Europe?

4. Which language has the longest existing word at the moment?

<https://edl.ecml.at/Fun/Longestwords/tabid/3114/language/Default.aspx>)

5. What does a dog say in Spanish:

<https://edl.ecml.at/Fun/Animalsounds/tabid/3112/language/Default.aspx>)

Task 4: Daily life in another country

Find out about Daily life in Europe using this link:

https://op.europa.eu/webpub/com/eu-and-me/en/HOW_IS_THE_EU_RELEVANT_TO_YOUR_DAILY_LIFE.html

1. How many countries can you travel to as a European citizen?

2. In 2018, how many Europeans commuted between EU countries every day for work?

3. How old do people need to be to take part in the 'Your first EURES job' project?

4. What is the **Youth Guarantee Scheme**?

Task 5: All the colours of the rainbow

Many languages have expressions that contain the names of colours. Go to the following link and choose one expression for each colour. See if the other members of your class understand the phrases. Use visuals and other resources to help clarify the meanings.

<https://edl.ecml.at/Fun/Allcoloursoftherainbow/tabid/3155/Default.aspx>

Evaluation: (create your own evaluation criteria)

Task	Points		
	2 points	3 points	5 points
Task 1	Completed all questions in 120 seconds	Completed all questions in 90 seconds	Completed all questions in 60 seconds
Task 2			
Task 3			
Task 4			
Task 5			
Total			

Conclusion:

This lesson has covered a variety of interesting facts about languages and language diversity in Europe. The WebQuest has provided students with access to real-life information about Europe’s rich linguistic and cultural diversity and offered ideas and activities to develop their plurilingual skills and reinforce intercultural understanding.

Teacher Page:

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