



WALT: To identify
physical features of
European countries

Enquiry question:
What makes
Europe so popular?

Last week we started looking at the Mediterranean Sea.

We know that the Mediterranean is surrounded by 3 continents:
Europe, **Africa** and **Asia**.

There are 21 countries that border the Mediterranean sea altogether:

- 12 European countries
- 5 African countries
- 4 Asian countries

We are going to be looking at the European countries.

Key information about Europe:

Europe is one of the seven continents. The other six are; **North America**, **South America**, **Africa**, **Asia**, **Australasia** and **Antarctica**.

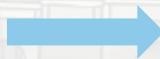


Europe is the second smallest continent in size.

There are around **50 countries** in Europe, including England, France, Croatia and part of Russia. 12 of these countries border the Mediterranean Sea.

739 million people (739,000,000) are thought to live in Europe, making it the third largest continent by population.

Most countries use the **Euro** as their currency.



There are lots of religions across Europe, the most practised being Christianity.



Do you
recognise any
of these?

Some Flags of Europe



European
Union



Croatia



Ireland



Sweden



Estonia



Belgium



Switzerland



England



United
Kingdom



Slovakia



Slovenia



Portugal



Poland



Netherlands



Germany



Northern
Ireland



Italy



Monaco



Latvia



Serbia



Turkey



Romania



Iceland



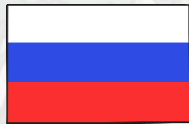
Spain



Georgia



Wales



Russia



Hungary



Scotland



France



Finland



Austria

Map of Europe



Over the next 2 days we are going to be looking at human and physical features of countries within Europe. Today we are looking at physical features.

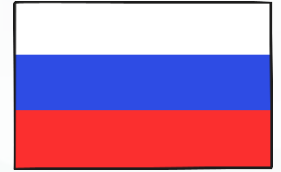
Physical features

Physical features are things that are natural like seas, mountains and river. They would be here even if there were no people around.



Rivers

Volga, Russia



The Volga river runs through Russia. It is the longest river in Europe at 2,294 miles long.

In places the Volga is so wide that you cannot see the other side.

Huge **sturgeon** fish can be found living in the water.



One of the biggest battles of World War 2 was fought on the banks of the river.



Rivers

Danube, Germany



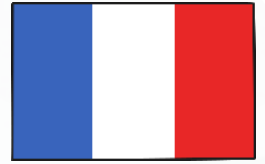
The Danube is Europe's second-longest river, after the Volga. It is located in Central and Eastern Europe and starts in Germany and eventually flows into the Black Sea.



The Danube was once a long-standing frontier of the Roman Empire and today flows through 10 countries; Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Ukraine and Germany.

Mountains

Mount Blanc, France (Alps)



Mount Blanc is the highest mountain in the Alps and Western Europe, rising 4,808m. The Alps is a mountain range that stretches across France, Switzerland, Monaco, Italy, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, and Slovenia

It is the second highest mountain in Europe.

It is popular for outdoor activities such as hiking, climbing and skiing.



Mountains

Mount Vesuvius, Italy



Mount Vesuvius is the most dangerous volcano in today's world because of the nearby population and has erupted more than 200 times.



The size of the volcano changes after each eruption.

Mount Vesuvius is an active **volcano** in southern Italy. It is famous for an eruption that happened in 79 ce. Thousands of people died when lava, ashes, and mud buried the cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabiae. The cities were forgotten until archaeologists began digging up their ruins in the 1700s.

Activity:

Use the map to label the countries where the physical features are. Draw a line from the country and then label the feature. Colour the label in green to show it is physical. See the example.

Danube river



Challenge: Can you find any more physical features of Europe and label on your map?



Look at this website, can you identify the physical features of Europe?

[Europe Continent | Europe Facts For Kids | DK Find Out](#)