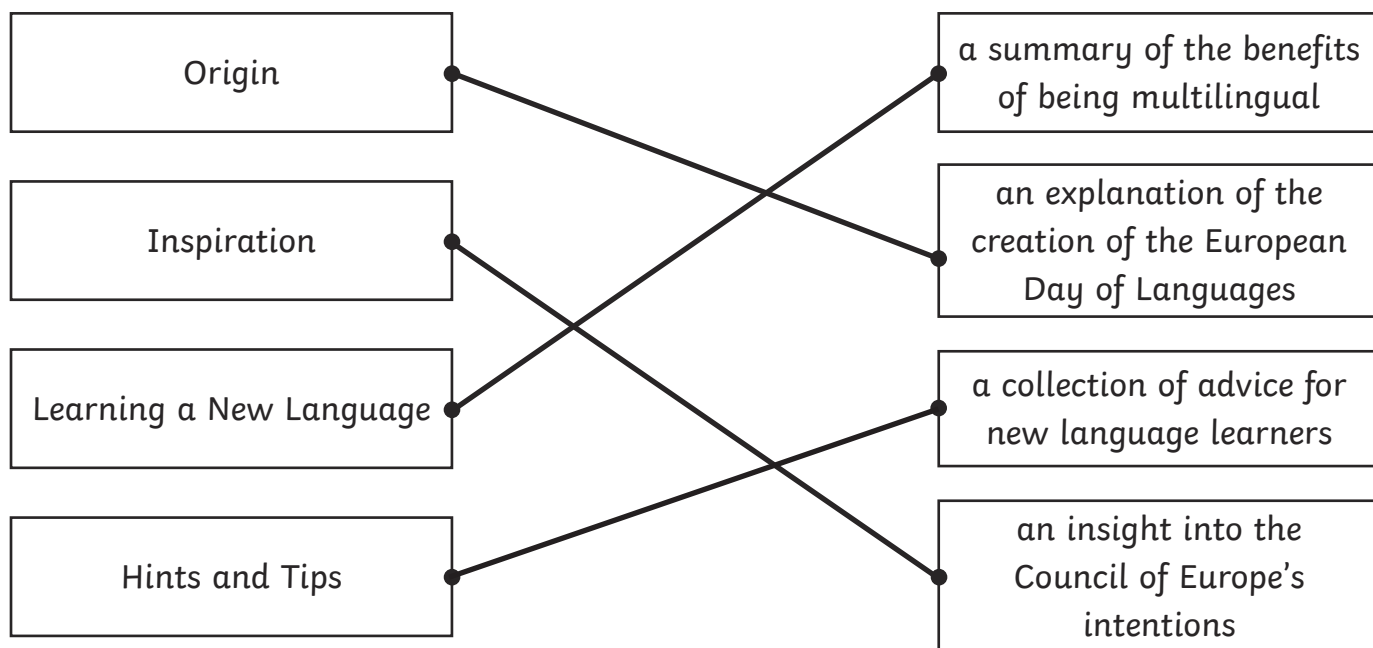


Answers

1. Which of these statements are true? Tick **two**.

- ☐ Learning a new language as a child will make you less employable as an adult.
- ☐ Studying a foreign language can confuse you about the language that you already speak.
- ☒ **Learning new languages could help to promote tolerance and respect.**
- ☒ **There are many languages spoken across Europe.**

2. Draw **four** lines and match each sub-heading to a summary of the contents of that section.



3. Look at the **Hints and Tips** section.

Find and copy one word which means the same as 'intimidating'.

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4. ... **created a day dedicated to linguistic diversity...**

How else could the author have written this phrase?

Pupils' own responses, such as: ... made a day that focused on different languages...

5. According to the text, how might you label a bottle of water if you were trying to learn Spanish?

The text says that if you are trying to learn Spanish, you could stick a label saying 'agua' on your bottle of water.

6. Comment on how the initial intent behind the European Day of Languages quickly changed.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Initially, the European Day of Languages was intended to be a one-off event but this quickly changed because it was celebrated again in 2002 when it became an annual occurrence.

7. What do you think the impact would have been on society today if the Council of Europe had not emphasised the importance of language learning?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that fewer people would be able to speak any additional languages if the Council of Europe had not emphasised the importance of language learning because they might not have realised how beneficial it is.

8. The Council of Europe wanted to raise awareness of three key points. Which of these points do you think is the most important? Explain your choice.

Pupils' own responses, such as: The point that I find to be the most important is that less widely used languages should be learnt by people in Europe. I find this the most important point because I don't think that rarer languages should be forgotten or overlooked in favour of those which are more prevalent.

9. Summarise what you think the author's intent was when they created this text.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the author's intent in creating this text was to inform the reader about the European Day of Languages, to encourage them to learn a new language for themselves and to support them with learning a new language.

10. Would you like to learn another European language?

Give **two** reasons for your choice.

Accept 'yes' or 'no' providing that two reasons have been given, such as: Yes, I would like to learn another European language because I often go on holiday to Spain and I would like to be able to say thank you in Spanish when I eat in a cafe. I would also like to learn one so that I might be able to work in Spain when I am older.