

Questions

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.

Origin	a summary of the benefits of being multilingual
Inspiration	an explanation of the creation of the European Day of Languages
Learning a New Language	a collection of advice for new language learners
Hints and Tips	an insight into the Council of Europe's intentions

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

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

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

How else could the author have written this phrase?

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

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

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?

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.

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

10. Would you like to learn another European language?

☐ yes ☐ no

Give **two** reasons for your choice.
