

Europe Map Hunt

Use map clues to find seven European countries.

SS6G7.b "Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the countries of France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, and United Kingdom."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each of the seven country names. Circle the words that tell where a country is located, such as a nearby country, sea, mountain range, or part of Europe.

Clues Across Europe

- ① Start at Europe's western edge, the United Kingdom lies on islands off mainland Europe, across the English Channel from France. France is west of Germany and north of Spain. Spain occupies most of the Iberian Peninsula in southwestern Europe. Italy reaches into the Mediterranean Sea on a long peninsula shaped like a boot. On a regional political-physical map, these water and land shapes help you locate each country quickly with confidence during a map search in Europe today.
- ② Germany is in central Europe. It is east of France and north of Italy. When you find Germany, look farther east across Europe for Ukraine. Ukraine is a large country in eastern Europe. Its eastern border meets Russia. These neighboring positions give you clues, but political boundary lines and country labels tell you exactly where to point. Use the map's physical features, such as seas and mountains, to keep your search in the correct part of Europe.
- ③ Russia is the largest country in the world, and it stretches across both Europe and Asia. On a world political-physical map, find Russia by looking east of Ukraine and across northern Asia. Its European section is west of the Ural Mountains. Compare the world map with a Europe regional map. The world map clearly shows Russia's huge overall size, while a regional map helps you separate nearby countries and trace borders more easily in Europe.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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On a Europe political map, locate France. Which country named in the passage is east of France?

2

Locate Spain on a Europe regional map. What peninsula does the passage name for Spain?

3

Locate Ukraine and Russia on a political map. Which country meets Ukraine’s eastern border?

4

Which kind of map best shows Russia’s huge overall size, according to the passage?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Use a classroom world political-physical map and a Europe regional political-physical map. Point to all seven countries named in the passage, then complete the table with one location clue you used for each country.

COUNTRY	LOCATION CLUE USED

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each of the seven country names. Circle the words that tell where a country is located, such as a nearby country, sea, mountain range, or part of Europe. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	On a Europe political map, locate France. Which country named in the passage is east of France?	Germany.
2	Locate Spain on a Europe regional map. What peninsula does the passage name for Spain?	The Iberian Peninsula.
3	Locate Ukraine and Russia on a political map. Which country meets Ukraine's eastern border?	Russia.
4	Which kind of map best shows Russia's huge overall size, according to the passage?	A world political-physical map.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

COUNTRY	LOCATION CLUE USED
France	West of Germany and north of Spain
Germany	Central Europe, east of France and north of Italy
Italy	Long peninsula reaching into the Mediterranean Sea
Russia	East of Ukraine and across northern Asia
Spain	Most of the Iberian Peninsula in southwestern Europe
Ukraine	Eastern Europe, with Russia on its eastern border
United Kingdom	Islands off mainland Europe, across the English Channel from France

Accept equivalent location clues that accurately match the passage and the maps. Students should locate all seven countries on both map types as directed, although Russia may appear much larger and extend beyond Europe on the world map.