

A language is not a country

Name _____

- 1 WRITE IT FIVE WAYS:** The English word is given. Write each word in the other four languages, copying carefully from the board.

ENGLISH	IRISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	SPANISH
Tree				
Flower				
Mountain				

- 2 FIND WHAT THEY SHARE:** Look along each line. Two of the words are closer to each other than the rest. Write which two, and the letters they have in common.

Tree (English) · **Crann** (Irish) · **l'arbre** (French) · **der Baum** (German) · **el árbol** (Spanish)

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Flower (English) · **Bláth** (Irish) · **la fleur** (French) · **die Blume** (German) · **la flor** (Spanish)

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Mountain (English) · **Sliabh** (Irish) · **la montagne** (French) · **der Berg** (German) · **la montaña** (Spanish)

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

- 3 WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW:** Tick the ones that feel true. Write one more of your own on the last line.

- ☐ Explain why "What language does Switzerland speak?" is a trick question
- ☐ Name one country with more than one official language, and one language spoken in more than one country
- ☐ Say why two Irish speakers might still find each other hard going
- ☐ _____