

Polite words in five languages

Name _____

- 1 WRITE IT FIVE WAYS:** The English word is given. The other four are in task 2 below – copy each one carefully here, getting every accent right.

ENGLISH	IRISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	SPANISH
Please (informal)				
Thank you (informal)				
Sorry				

- 2 FIND WHAT THEY SHARE:** Look along each line. Do any two of the words look close to each other? Write which two and the letters they share. If none of them do, write “none” – that is a real answer here.

Please (informal) (English) • **Le do thoil** (Irish) • **S'il te plaît** (French) • **bitte** (German) • **Por favor** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Thank you (informal) (English) • **Go raibh maith agat** (Irish) • **merci** (French) • **danke** (German) • **gracias** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Sorry (English) • **Tá brón orm** (Irish) • **pardon** (French) • **Entschuldigung** (German) • **Lo siento** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ 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.

- ☐ Show thanks with a gesture when you have no shared words
- ☐ Recognise a polite phrase when you hear it in more than one language
- ☐ Point on a map to places where those languages live
- ☐ _____