

The Languages of This Island

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
River				
Mountain				
Lake				

- 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.

River (English) · **Abhainn** (Irish) · **la rivière** (French) · **der Fluss** (German) · **el río** (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: _____

Lake (English) · **Loch** (Irish) · **le lac** (French) · **der See** (German) · **el lago** (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.

☐ Wonder which language a town name is really in, and check before you decide

☐ Break a big Irish placename into parts and read the picture it paints

☐ Spot nature words written in Irish on a page

☐ _____