

Seasons 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
Spring				
Summer				
Autumn				
Winter				

- 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.

Spring (English) • **An t-earrach** (Irish) • **le printemps** (French) • **der Frühling** (German) • **la primavera** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Summer (English) • **An samhradh** (Irish) • **l'été** (French) • **der Sommer** (German) • **el verano** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Autumn (English) • **An fóimhar** (Irish) • **l'automne** (French) • **der Herbst** (German) • **el otoño** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Winter (English) • **An geimhreadh** (Irish) • **l'hiver** (French) • **der Winter** (German) • **el invierno** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

- 3 WHAT DO YOU THINK?** What does it mean to draw a legal boundary around a language?

The Gaeltacht is the parts of Ireland where Irish is the everyday language, and the government draws its borders on a map.
