

# Birds 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 |
|---------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| Eagle   |       |        |        |         |
| Owl     |       |        |        |         |
| Swan    |       |        |        |         |

- 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.

**Eagle** (English) • **Iolar** (Irish) • **l'aigle** (French) • **der Adler** (German) • **el águila** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Letters they share: \_\_\_\_\_

**Owl** (English) • **Ulchabhán** (Irish) • **le hibou** (French) • **die Eule** (German) • **el búho** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Letters they share: \_\_\_\_\_

**Swan** (English) • **Eala** (Irish) • **le cygne** (French) • **der Schwan** (German) • **el cisne** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Letters they share: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 WHAT DO YOU THINK?** Irish puts the verb first. Does the order change what you notice first?

English says The swan is big. Irish says Tá an eala mhór, which is word for word Is the swan big: the being-word comes first.

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