



Y7 Languages

Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Write here any languages you speak, where, how often and with whom.

Language	Where [e.g. at home]	How often	Spoken with...

[1] This challenge involves **English, French, Spanish, Catalan** and **Basque**.

Catalan is spoken in north-eastern Spain and southern France. It is very **similar** to French and Spanish.



Basque is spoken in north-eastern Spain and southern France. It is **different** from Spanish and French, but with some **similarities**.



Here are some colour words in **Catalan**.

Catalan colours in alphabetical order

blanc, blau, gris, marro, negre, porpra, rosa, taronja, verd, vermell

a. Look carefully at the colour words in English, French and Spanish. Write the correct **Catalan colour words** in the table.

English	French	Spanish	Catalan	Basque
black	noir	negro		
white	blanc	blanco		
grey	gris	gris		
pink	rose	rosa		
red	rouge	rojo		
blue	bleu	azul		
green	vert	verde		
orange	orange	naranja		
purple	violet	púrpura		
brown	brun	marrón		

Here are some **Basque** colours.

Basque colours in alphabetical order

arrosa, beltz, berde, gorri, gris, laranja, more, marroi, urdin, zuri

b. Look at the table below. It has the names of some **foods** in Basque, along with the **colour** of each food. Write the **English meaning** of the **Basque food** word in the table.

Basque food item	Basque colour	English meaning of food item
jogurt	zuri	
kafe	beltz	
tomate	gorri	
alberjina	more	

c. Now write the correct **Basque colour words** in the colours table in **a.** above.

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[2] Below are **French, Italian, Portuguese** and **Spanish** translations of the same text, from the Vasa Museum brochure in Stockholm. The Vasa was a ship which sank in 1628 in Stockholm whilst on its maiden voyage (first trip). You can visit its wreck in the museum.

Look carefully at the four texts and then complete the exercises.

French	Le 10 août 1628, le Vasa a pris la mer pour son voyage inaugural et a sombré dans le port de Stockholm.
Italian	Il 10 agosto 1628 il vascello Vasa affondò nel porto di Stoccolma dopo essere salpato per il suo viaggio inaugurale.
Portuguese	A 10 de Agosto de 1628, o Vasa afundou-se no porto de Estocolmo na sua viagem inaugural.
Spanish	El Vasa se hizo a la vela en su primera travesía y se hundió en el Puerto de Estocolmo el 10 de Agosto de 1628.

a. Complete the table by writing the **French, Italian, Portuguese** and **Spanish** translations of the following words:

English	French	Italian	Portuguese	Spanish
Stockholm				
port				
the 10 th August				

b. The following phrases from the text all mean ‘maiden voyage’ (first trip).

French	Italian	Portuguese	Spanish
voyage inaugural	viaggio inaugurale	viagem inaugural	primera travesía

Which words from each language are used to mean ‘first’ and which mean ‘voyage’?

	French	Italian	Portuguese	Spanish
first				
voyage				

c. Apart from ‘voyage’ are any of the words from exercise **b.** cognates (similar to English words)? If so, write the foreign word(s) and an example sentence in English using the word.

Foreign word(s)	English example sentence