European Languages

***Part 1: Read the information below to complete the chart.***

Language is one of the primary ways Europeans define themselves. Most Europeans (and about half of the people in the world) speak languages that evolved out of an ancient parent language known as Indo-European. All three of Europe’s main language families are descended from Indo-European:

The Slavic languages – Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Czech.

The Romance languages – based on Latin. Romance languages spread through Europe with the Roman armies between 400 B.C.E. (before Common Era) and 400 C.E (Common Era). Romance languages include Romanian, Italian, French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

The Germanic languages – not only German, also Dutch, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian. English is considered a Germanic language strongly influenced by Romance languages.

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| **Slavic Languages**  **(color red)** | **Romance Languages (color blue)** | **Germanic Languages (color green)** |
| 1. Russian | 1. | 1. |
| 2. | 2. Italian | 2. |
| 3. | 3. | 3. Danish |
| 4. | 4. | 4. |
|  | 5. | 5. |
|  | 6. | 6. |

***Part 2: On the map on the back, color the countries based on the language family spoken in that country. Use the chart below as well as the chart above to help you. Be careful and think ahead before coloring as some countries have more than one language family. You should be using crayons or colored pencils only. Markers will bleed through the paper.***

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| **Country** | **Official Language(s) Spoken** |
| Spain | Spanish |
| France | French |
| Belgium | French and German |
| United Kingdom | English |
| Germany | German |
| Poland | Polish |
| Ukraine | Ukrainian |
| Russia | Russian |
| Italy | Italian |

***Part 3: Guess what language is written on the flyers around the outside of the Learning Cottage.***

#1 #2

#3 #4

#5 #6

Now guess what each of these flyers says. It says the same thing on each one……..