

## WELSH or CYMRAEG

### READING

- A** Test your knowledge of Wales and the Welsh language.  
Are these statements **T (true)** or **F (false)**?  
Check your answers in Task B.



#### WALES is...

- 1 part of Great Britain and the UK. ☐
- 2 a land of sheep. ☐
- 3 a country of 10 million citizens. ☐
- 4 called "the land of song". ☐
- 5 famous for the black dragon on its flag. ☐
- 6 famous for the capital city of Cardiff. ☐

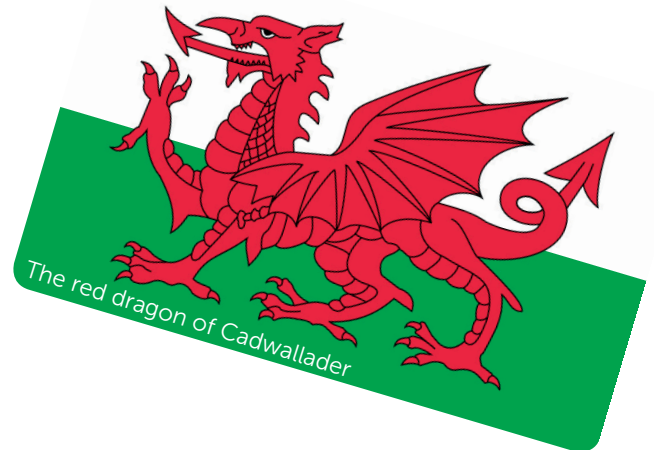
#### WELSH is...

- 1 one of the youngest European languages. ☐
- 2 the same as the English language. ☐
- 3 spoken by 20% of the people in Wales. ☐
- 4 does not have the letters k, q, v, x or z. ☐
- 5 not an official language in Wales. ☐
- 6 learned at school as a mother tongue. ☐

## **B** Read about Wales.

### **WALES**

Wales is part of the United Kingdom. There are around 3 million Welsh people, most of which live in the capital Cardiff. The Welsh are great singers and Wales is sometimes called "the land of song". The country is also famous for its 641 castles and the red dragon on its flag.



### **WELSH**

The Welsh language does not have any similarities to the English language. Welsh is very special because it is one of the oldest European languages and it does not have the letters k, q, v, x or z. Although it is an official language in Wales and it is learned at school as a first language, only 20% of the Welsh speak it.

### **INTERESTING FACTS**

The symbols of Wales are the leek (since the 16<sup>th</sup> century) and the daffodil (for the last hundred years). Rugby is the most popular sport in the country, but football and cricket are also popular.

The Welsh town with the longest name in the world is listed in *The Guinness Book of World Records*.

Its name is **Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwyllylantysiliogogogoch** (meaning: St Mary's Church in the hollow of the white hazel near a rapid whirlpool and the Church of St Tysilio of the red cave).



# SPEAKING & WRITING

**C** Speak Welsh! Use the words below and have a short conversation with your partner.

COUNT TO TEN!		
WELSH	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
un	/ i:n /	one
dau	/ dai /	two
tri	/ tri: /	three
pedwar	/ pedvar /	four
pump	/ pimp /	five
chwech	/ hveh /	six
saith	/ saiθ /	seven
wyth	/ viθ /	eight
naw	/ nau /	nine
deg	/ deg /	ten

COLOURS		
WELSH	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
coch	/ kok /	red
glas	/ gla:s /	blue
gwyrdd	/ gvirð /	green
brown	/ broun /	brown
gwyn	/ gvin /	white
melyn	/ melin /	yellow
oren	/ or'en /	orange
du	/ di: /	black
porffor	/ por'for /	purple
pinc	/ pink /	pink

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES		
WELSH	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
Cymraeg	/ kamraeg /	Welsh
S'mae	/ š'mai /	Hello!
Croeso i Gymru	/ krajso i gamri /	Welcome to Wales.
Sut wyt ti?	/ sit'oi'ti /	How are you?
Da iawn diolch	/ dajan dioh /	Good, thank you.
Diolch	/ dioh /	Thank you!
Bore da	/ bore da /	Good morning!
Nos da	/ nos da /	Good night!
Bendigedig	/ bendigedig /	fantastic, awesome
Hwyl	/ hoil /	Goodbye!

**D** Write Welsh! Use the words from Task C and write an e-mail to your teacher.

# TEACHER'S WORKSHEET

<b>Worksheet</b>	<b>European Day of Languages (26 September 2016)</b> <b>Welsh or Cymraeg</b>
<b>Year</b>	5
<b>Topic</b>	Integrated Day (cross-curricular topic)
<b>Key language</b>	cultural diversity, European languages, language as a communication tool; Welsh language (numbers, colours, useful words and phrases), Wales (facts)
<b>Aims</b>	Promoting language diversity, celebrating the cultural richness of Europe, topic-centred teaching, interdisciplinary approach to a topic Presenting a lesser-known European language of an English-speaking country
<b>Duration</b>	4 lessons per class (2 lessons per teacher/topic); 45 mins (Welsh)
<b>Procedure</b>	Teachers teach the common topic through their subjects. Students keep their Citizenship Education (GOO) portfolios where they put all the handouts, mind maps or other materials. Different classes have different subjects (e.g. Year 5 - Welsh and Music)
<b>References</b>	<b>Find out more about Wales</b> <a href="http://www.wales.com/">http://www.wales.com/</a> <b>Learn Welsh with Will on YouTube</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=no_rjWY7Zs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=no_rjWY7Zs</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gXToPIIarg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gXToPIIarg</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ske7xnRu4ac">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ske7xnRu4ac</a> <b>European Day of Languages</b> <a href="http://edl.ecml.at/">http://edl.ecml.at/</a>
<b>Correlation</b>	All school subjects, Citizenship Education (GOO) – interculturalism
<b>Homework</b>	Find more about the topic of your lessons. English lesson: Practise pronouncing the words in Welsh from the handout.
<b>Answer key</b>	<b>A</b> Wales is: <b>1</b> T; <b>2</b> F (Wales is a land of castles.); <b>3</b> F (Wales is a country of 3 million citizens.); <b>4</b> T; <b>5</b> F (Wales is famous for the red dragon on its flag.); <b>6</b> T Welsh is: <b>1</b> F (Welsh is one of the oldest European languages.); <b>2</b> F (Welsh is completely different from the English language.); <b>3</b> T; <b>4</b> T; <b>5</b> F (Welsh is an official language in Wales.); <b>6</b> T