



**The World of Languages**  
and Languages of the World

# Germanic Languages

Today we will learn all about Germanic languages

Get your thinking caps on...

# Objectives

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- We can see which modern languages belong to the sub-family of Germanic languages and where they originate.
- We can examine where in the world Germanic languages are spoken.
- We can observe similarities and differences between Germanic languages.



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# How much do you already know?

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1. From which language do you think Germanic languages originated?
2. Do you know any languages that are Germanic?
3. Is English a Germanic language? Why or why not?
4. How many million people in the world do you think speak a Germanic language as their mother tongue?
5. In which continents are Germanic languages spoken?



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# Were you right?

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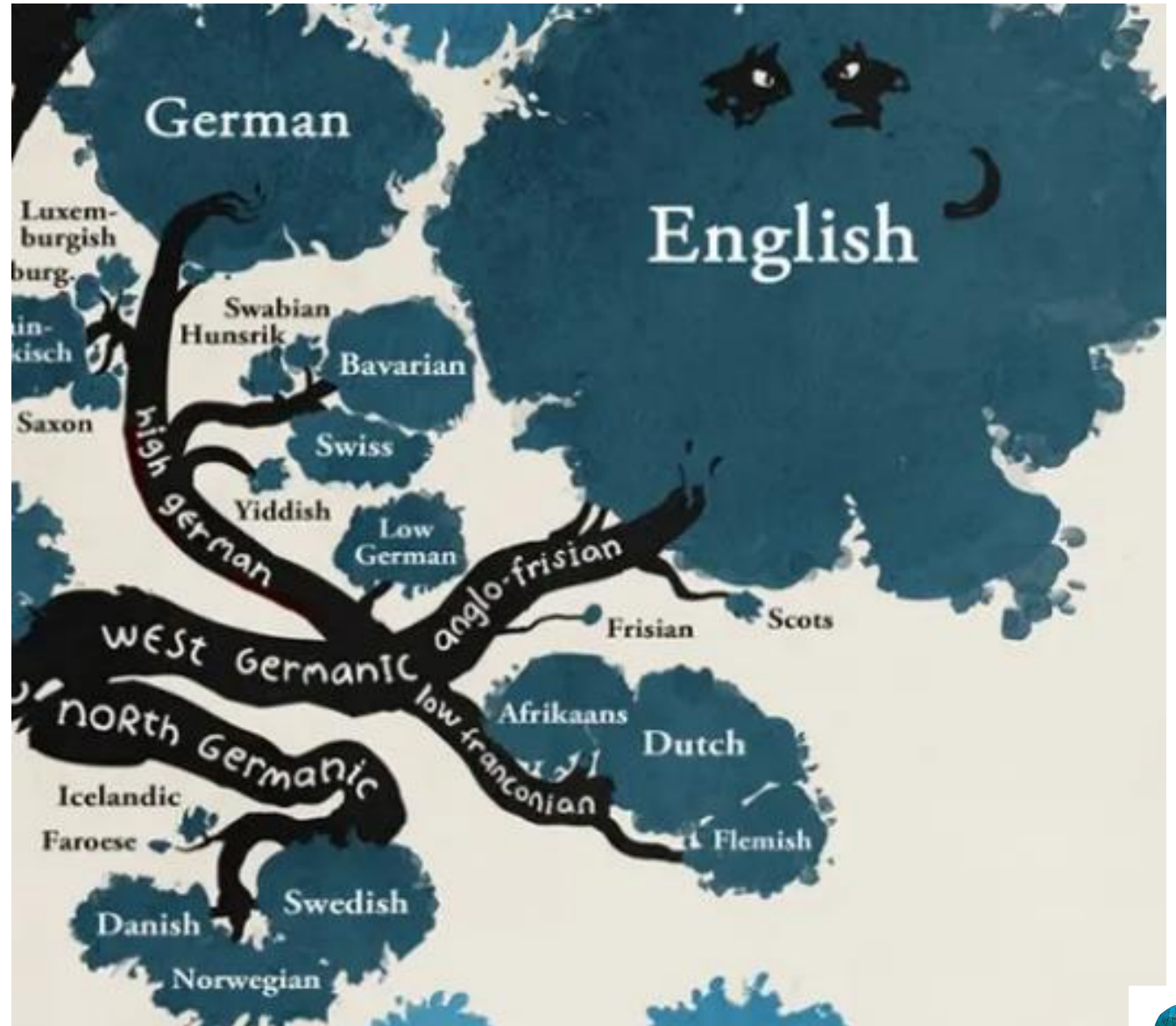
1. From which language do you think Germanic languages originated? **Proto Germanic**
2. Do you know any languages that are Germanic?
3. Is English a Germanic language? **Yes**
4. How many million people in the world do you think speak a Germanic language as their mother tongue? **Approximately 515 million** (babbel.com)
5. In which continents are Germanic languages spoken? **Europe, North America, Oceania, Southern Africa**



Language Detectives...

Race to find ten  
Germanic languages in  
Minna Sundberg's  
Language Tree  
illustration!

Ready, steady, go!



# Western Germanic Languages.

## Let's play spot the difference (and similarity)!

English	German	Dutch	Afrikaans	Flemish (dialect)	Fresian (West)
one	eins	een	een	één	ien
two	zwei	twee	twee	twee	twā
three	drei	drie	drie	drie	trije
four	vier	vier	vier	vier	fjouwer
five	fünf	vijf	vyf	vijf	fiif
six	sechs	zes	ses	zes	seis
seven	sieben	zeven	sewe	zeven	sân
eight	acht	acht	agt	acht	acht
nine	neun	negen	nege	negen	njoggen
ten	zehn	tien	tien	tien	tsien

# Let's think about the numbers grid....

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1. Which two languages seem the closest? Why do you think this is?
2. Where is Flemish spoken?
3. Which other language is spoken in that country as well as Flemish?
4. Where is Dutch spoken?
5. What's the link between Deutsch and Dutch?
6. Where is Afrikaans an official language?
7. Is Afrikaans spoken elsewhere?
8. Have you ever heard of Frisian?
9. Where do you think you could find it being spoken?
10. What's your favourite word on the grid?

# Let's think about the numbers grid....

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1. Dutch and Flemish. The countries in which they're spoken are right next to each other on the map. In fact, Flemish is a dialect of Dutch with certain words and pronunciation being different.
2. Flemish is spoken in the North of Belgium!
3. They also speak French in Belgium (South) and German (East).
4. Dutch is spoken in the Netherlands.
5. *Deutsch* is the German word for "German".
6. Afrikaans is an official language in South Africa.
7. Afrikaans is also spoken in Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe
8. Yes or no?
9. Frisian is spoken in the Northern province of Friesland in the Netherlands
10. Your choice (I like the Frisian word for nine!)



# I bet you know more German than you think...

- Hand Finger Knie Fuss Arm Schulter
- Maus Katze Hamster Hund Kuh Schwein
- Schule Mathe Sport Musik Englisch
- Mutter Vater Bruder Schwester Freund Onkel
- Markt Schwimmbad Hotel Haus Park

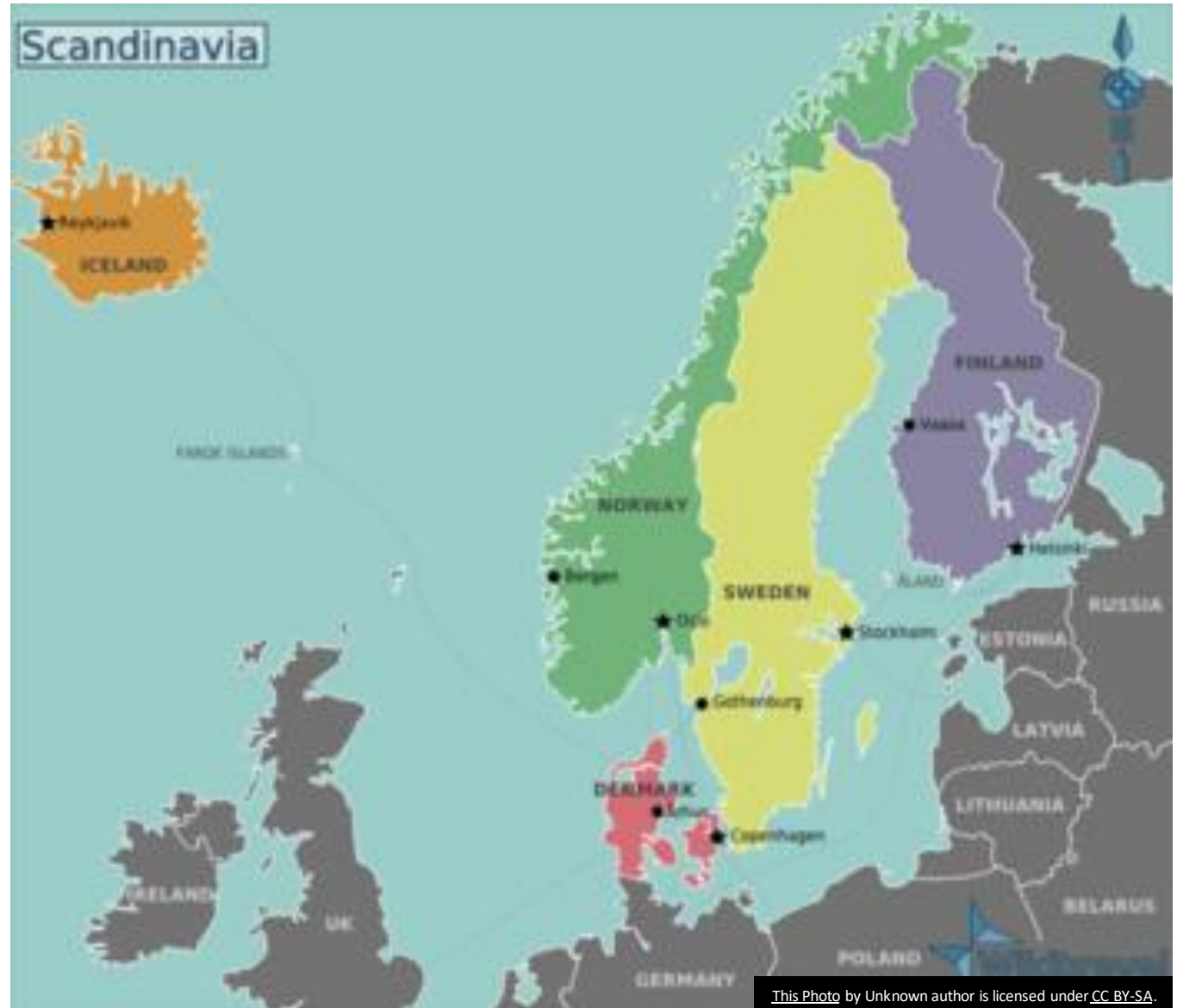
## How about North Germanic languages, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian?

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These three Scandinavian languages are sisters.

Danish and Norwegian are very similar in vocabulary but have different pronunciation.

Swedish and Norwegian sound similar but have more different vocabulary.



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**Over to you, Language detectives!**

Which text is German and which is Norwegian?  
Find the words in both texts for...

- a. Information Centre
- b. Culture
- c. Whole region
- d. Fish market
- e. Harbour
- f. Opening times
- g. Friday
- h. Sunday

## Norwegian, German and English. Let's take a trip to Bergen in Norway!

### A) Touristeninformation in Bergen

Das Informationszentrum für Kultur und Erlebnisse für die ganze Region finden Sie auf dem Fischmarkt. Sie haben eine Panoramansicht auf den Hafen und Bryggen.

**Öffnungszeiten:** Montag - Freitag 08:30 - 20:00 Uhr. Samstag und Sonntag: 09:00 - 16:00 Uhr.

### B) Turistinformasjonen i Bergen

Informasjonssenteret for kultur og opplevelser for hele regionen finner du på fisketorget. Du har panoramautsikt over havna og Bryggen.

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# So what?

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- Well, as English is a Germanic language, we find there are many **cognates (words that look and sound the same in different languages)** with other Germanic languages.
- You understood lots of the words shown to you today without being taught them – you just worked it out using your clever linguistic skills.
- This means you will probably find learning vocabulary in Germanic languages, like German, Dutch or even Swedish, relatively simple!
- Go for it!

# WoLLoW would like to know...5,4,3,2,1

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5 Germanic languages

4 : how do you say this number in German, Dutch and Flemish

3 Germanic languages located in Scandinavia

2 languages spoken in Belgium

1 fun fact about Germanic languages that you learnt today.



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