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The World of Languages and Languages of the World

**Today, let's learn about
Language Families.**

Let's get thinki ng...

- German
 - Dutch
 - English
 - Norwegian
 - Danish
 - Swedish
 - Flemish
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- What do these languages have in common?

What is a Language Family and what is a Language Tree?

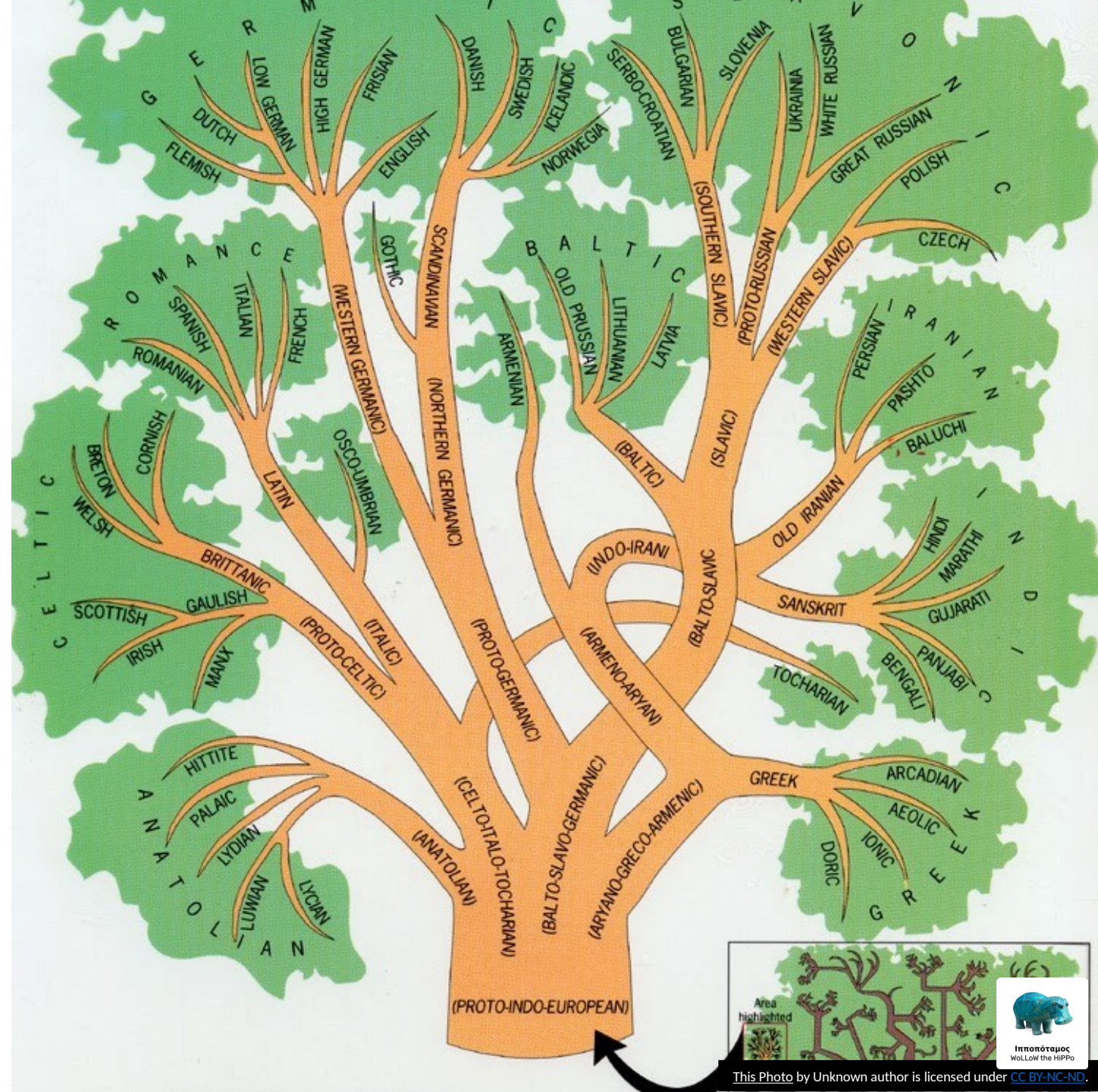
A language family is a group of languages related through descent from a common ancestral language or parental language, called the proto-language of that family.

(Wikipedia)



Linking Languages

- How do we know which languages belong together?
- How do we know what the parent language was?
- Click on the title to find out.
- Note – Galician (in the clip) is a language spoken in the NW corner of Spain.





How many language families are there?

It is estimated there are around 7,117 living human languages.

These are distributed in 142 different language families.

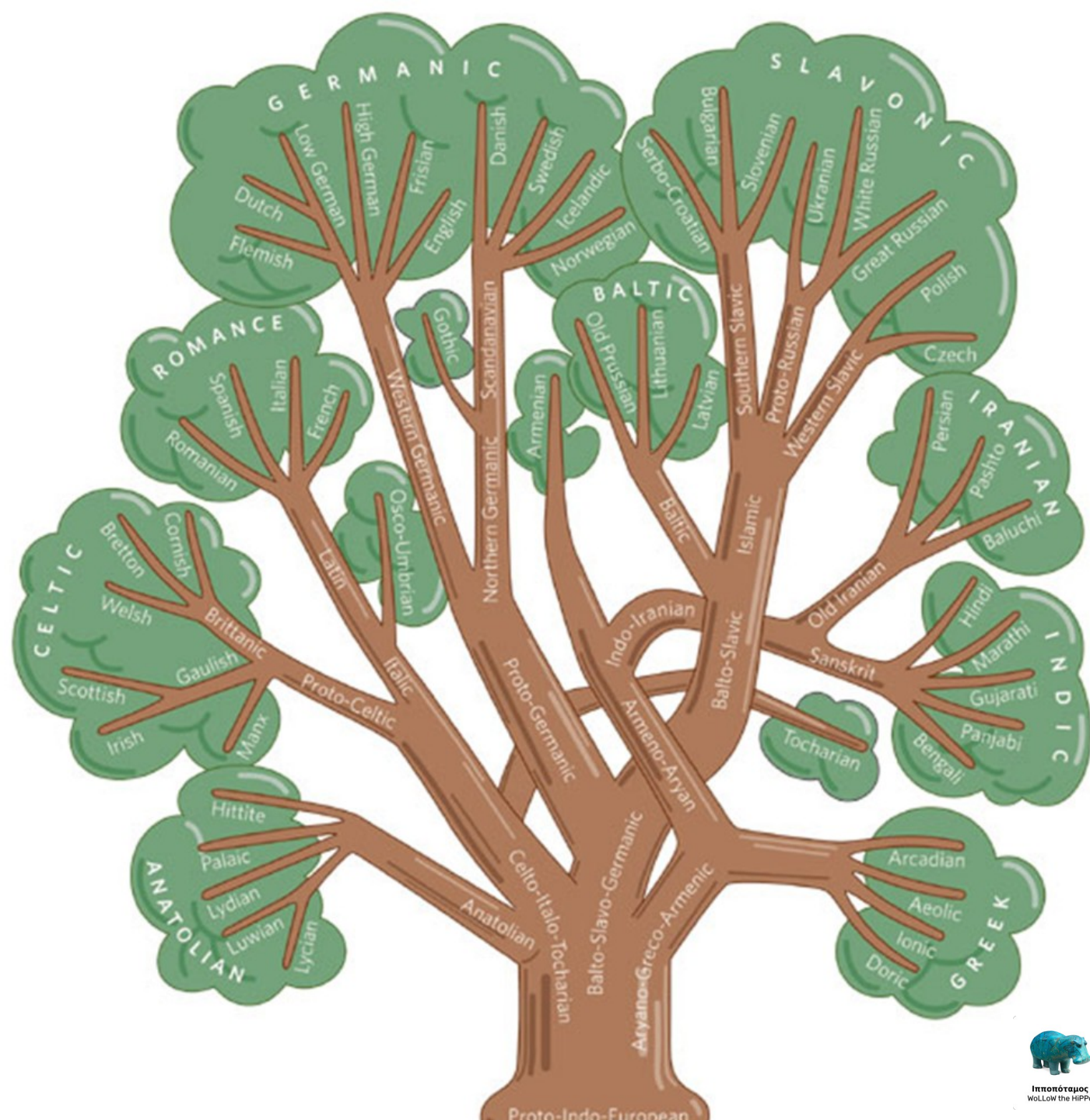
The continent of Africa is the most linguistically diverse.

On the next slide you'll see the 5 language families with the most languages.

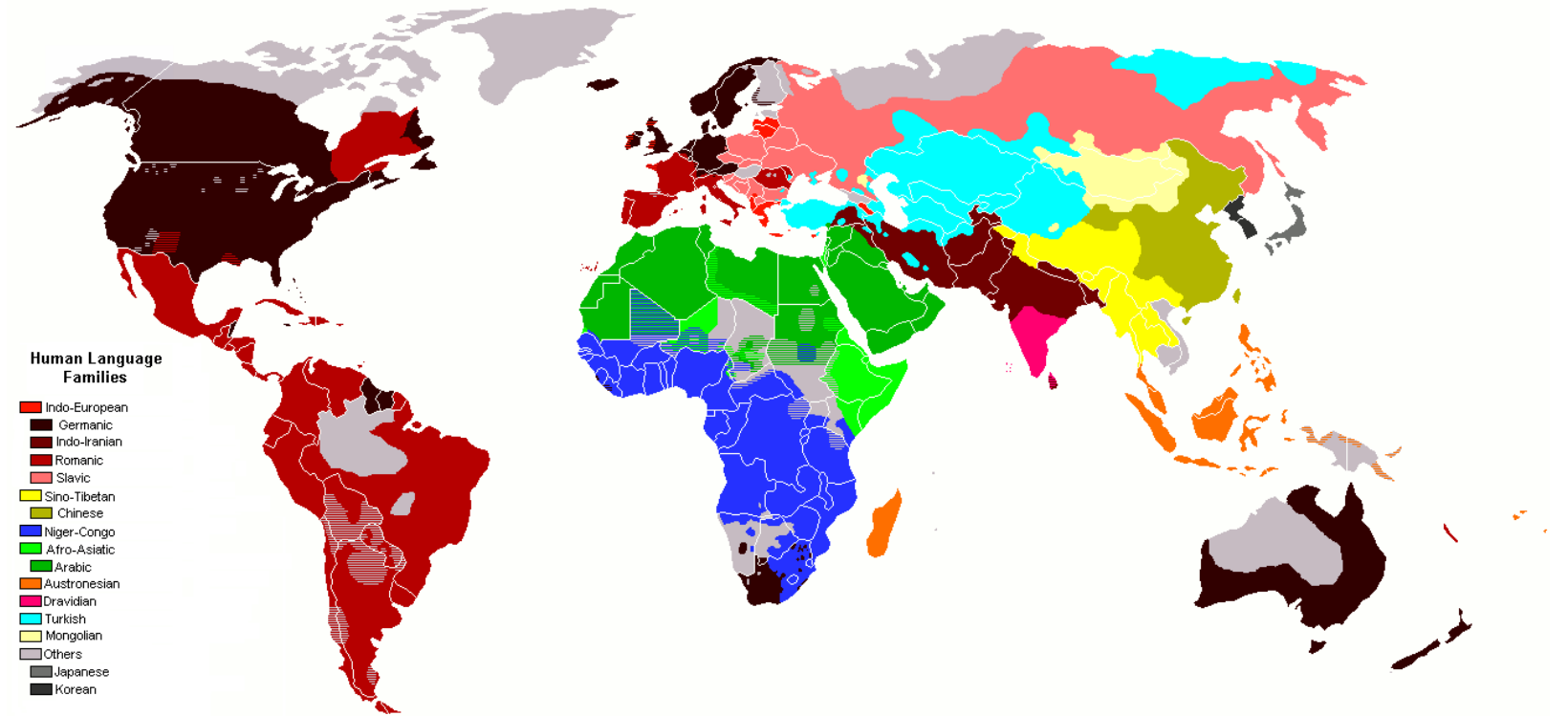
Language families	Number of languages	Where the languages are spoken
Niger-Congo	1,532	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Austronesian	1,257	Brunei, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, East Timor, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Indonesia, Kiribati, Madagascar, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mayotte, Micronesia, Myanmar, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Taiwan, Thailand, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, USA, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Wallis and Futuna
Trans New Guinea	477	Australia, East Timor, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Sino-Tibetan	449	Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand, Viet Nam
Indo-European	439	Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Maldives, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, USA, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Venezuela

Let's Look at Indo-European Quiz Time

- a. Add in the following languages in the correct place on your worksheet: French, Bengali, Irish, Danish and Polish.
- b. Name 5 Germanic Languages
- c. Name 4 Romance Languages
- d. Name 3 Indic languages
- e. Name 2 Slavonic Languages
- f. Name 1 Celtic Language
- g. Which 5 languages led to Hindi?
- h. What do you think a proto-language is?



Discussion Point



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What languages spoken in this class are not on this language tree? Why are they not here?

What language family could they belong to?

Find 4 Germanic Languages: 1 Minute Challenge

Germanic
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Afrikaans	Breton	Bulgarian	Cornish	Czech	Danish	Dutch	English	Estonian
Finnish	French	Galician	Gujarati	Hungarian	Icelandic	Irish	Kurdish	Latin
Latvian	Manx	Moksha	Pashto	Persian	Portuguese	Romani	Romanian	Russian
			Sami	Silesian	Welsh			

English, Danish, Dutch, Afrikaans, Icelandic

Find 5 Romance Languages: 1 Minute Challenge

Italic

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Latin, Romanian, French, Galician, Portuguese

Find 3 Balto-Slavic Languages: 1 Minute Challenge

Balto-Slavic

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Czech, Russian, Latvian,

Find 4 Indo-Iranian Languages: 1 Minute Challenge

Indo-Iranian
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Kurdish, Gujarati, Persian, Pashto

Find 5 Celtic Languages: 1 Minute Challenge

Celtic

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Irish, Cornish, Breton, Manx, Welsh

Snow over Europe

Look at how the word for snow changes as you move around the continent of Europe.



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