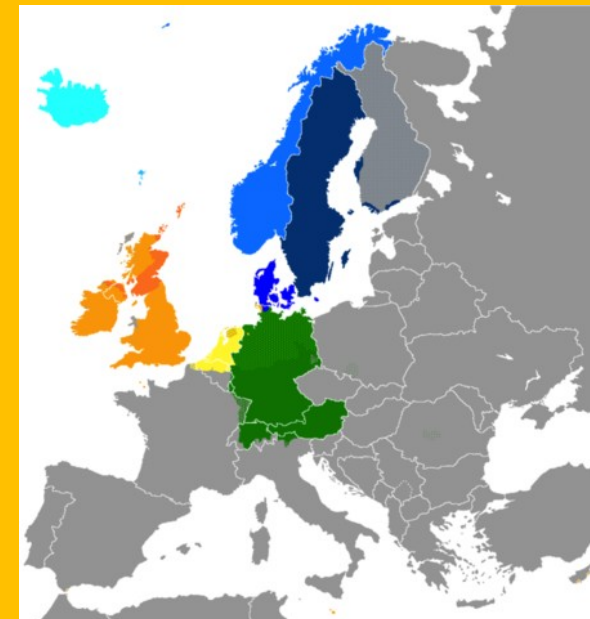


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Today, let's look at Germanic
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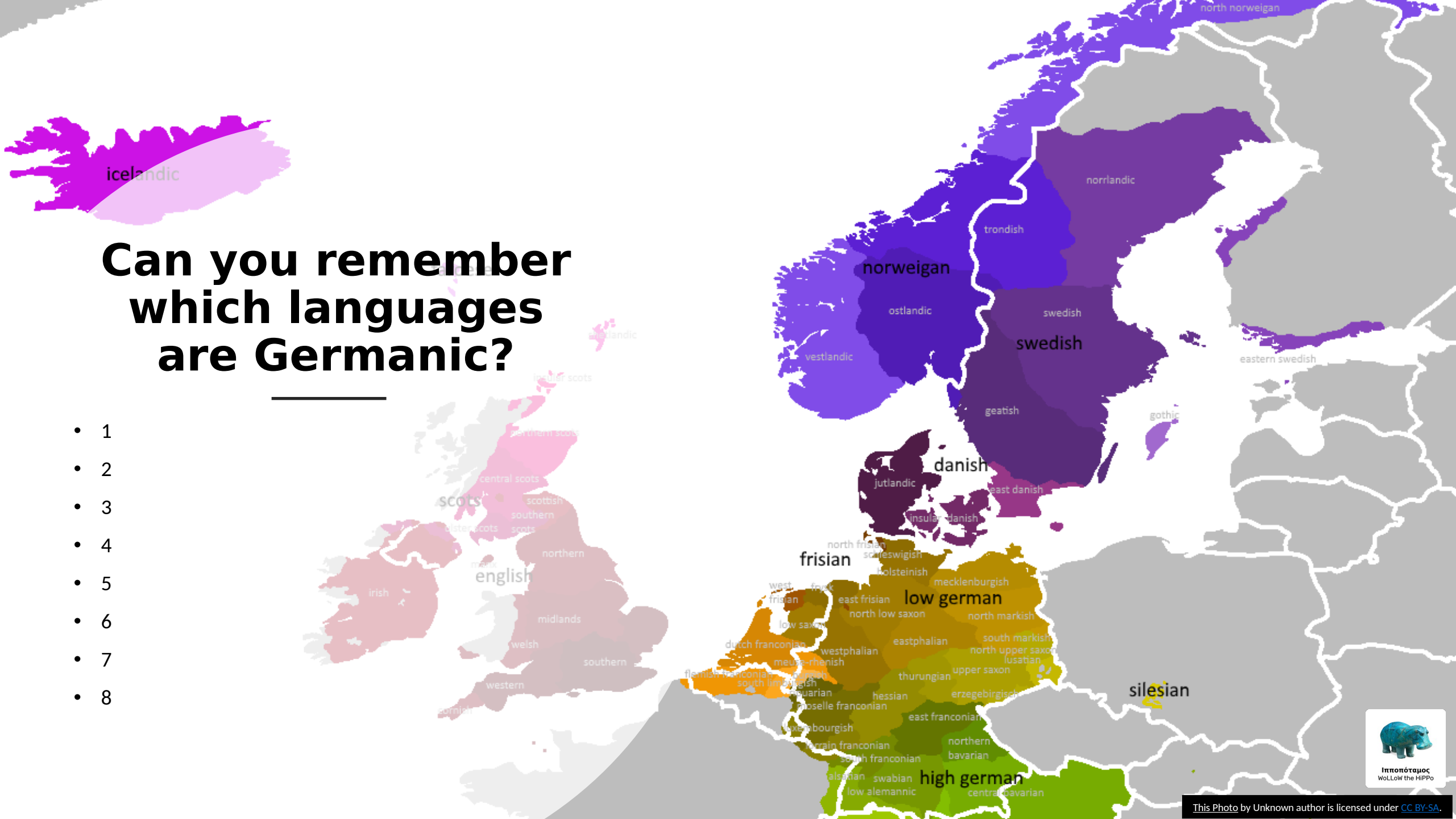
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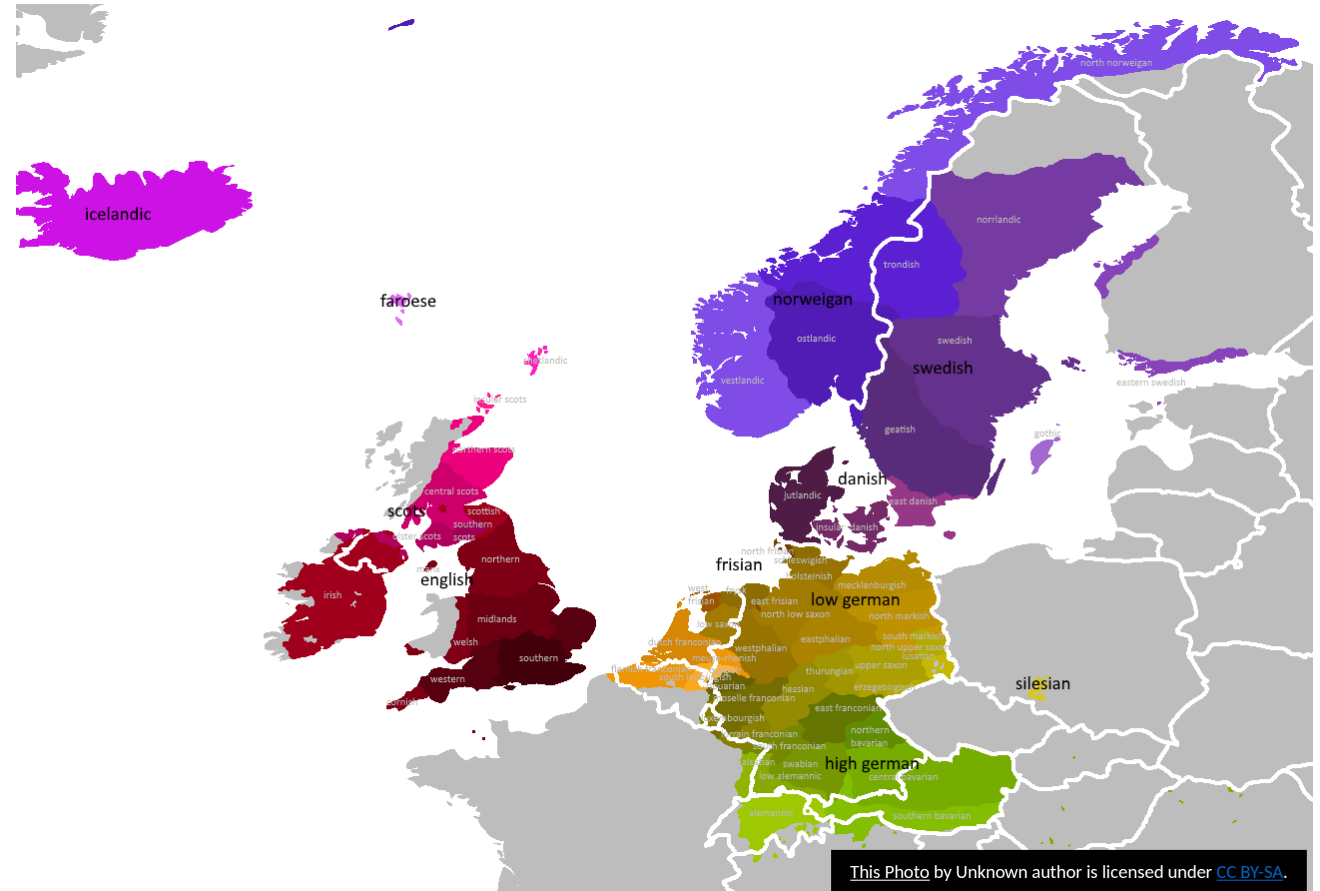
Can you remember which languages are Germanic?

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Die Antworten

- Flemish
- Dutch
- German
- English
- Swedish
- Norwegian
- Danish
- Icelandic
- Frisian



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Germanic Languages

Germanic Languages evolved from a language called Proto-Germanic which was spoken during the first millennium BC in Northern Europe. Dutch, English and German are part of a sub-group of languages called West Germanic, and Swedish is part of the North Germanic group.

Because they all originally developed from the same language, there are many similarities between the languages. The languages share many cognates – words which are the same or similar in more than one language, and which usually (but not always) have a shared meaning.



Let's go back to the Vasa Museum in
Stockholm .

Germanic Cognates



Dutch	Op 10 augustus 1628 begon de Vasa aan haar eerste reis en zonk derzelfde dag nog in de haven van Stockholm
English	On 10 August 1628, Vasa set sail on her maiden voyage and sank in Stockholm harbour.
German	Am 10. August 1628 sank das Kriegsschiff Vasa im Stockholmer Hafen – dem Tag, an dem es seine Jungfernfahrt antreten sollte.
Swedish	Vasa seglade ut på sin jungfrufärd och sjönk i Stockholms hamn den 10 augusti 1628.

English	Dutch	German	Swedish
sank			
harbour			
maiden voyage*			



The table below shows a list of English words. Find one or more examples of cognates in the text for English word listed below and say which language(s) they come from.



English word	Cognate(s)	Language(s) the cognate(s) come from
ship		
day		
sailed		
began		

The Answers



English word	Cognate(s)	Language(s) the cognate(s) come from
ship	SCHIFF	GERMAN
day	TAG DAG	GERMAN DUTCH
sailed	SEGLADE	SWEDISH
began	BEGON	DUTCH

English	Dutch	German	Swedish
sank	ZONK	SANK	SJÖNK
harbour	HAVEN	HAFEN	HAMN
maiden voyage*	EERSTE REIS	JUNGFERNFAHRT	JUNGFRUFÄRD

Extension Questions



Which of the languages are most / least similar to one another? Why might that be?

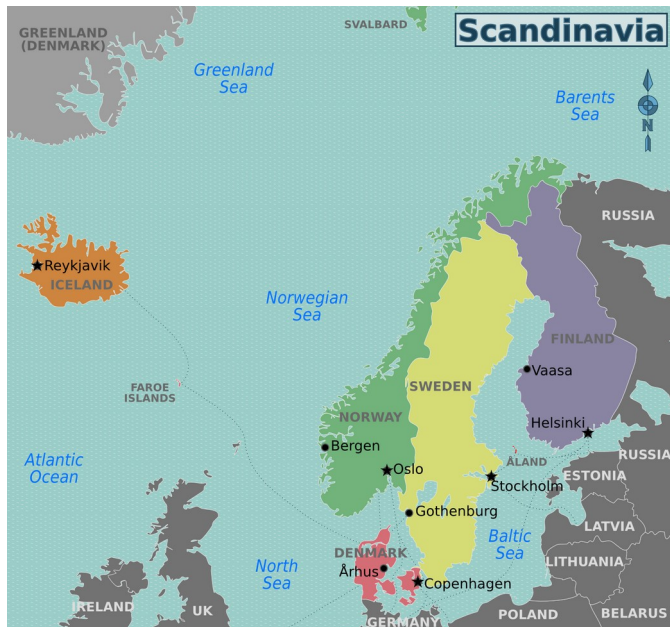
Can you find any examples of words which are cognates in two or more of the languages shown, but NOT English?

A Little bit harder.....Norwedish



Below are some sentences in Norwegian and Swedish with their English translations.

Note: the accents matter as “a” is different from “ä” or “å” and the meaning of a word may depend on exactly which vowel is used.



Norwegian	Swedish	English
Kan du snakke litt langsommere?	Kan du tala lite långsammere?	Can you speak a little more slowly?
Jeg forstår ikke.	Jag förstår inte.	I don't understand.
Snakker du norsk?	Talar du svenska?	Do you speak Norwegian/Swedish?
Vi liker engelsk.	Vi gillar engelska.	We like English.
Han spiser middag.	Han äter middag.	He is eating dinner.
Når går neste tog?	När går näste tåg?	When does (the) next train go?
Hun liker frokost.	Hon gillar frukost.	She likes breakfast.
Dette er ikke Storbritannia.	Det här är inte Storbritannien.	This is not Great Britain.

A little bit harder...Norwegian or Swedish?

Sentence:	English translation:	N or S?
Dette er flott.	This is beautiful.	
Jeg kan ikke spise frokost veldig tidlig.	I can't eat breakfast very early.	
Tåget är mycket tidigt.	The train is very early.	
Hon gör frukost bra.	She does breakfast well.	
Dette var ikke bra.	This was not great.	
Det här är bra.	This is great.	
Han har inte ett hus.	He doesn't have a house.	
Ett tåg var sent i går.	A train was late yesterday.	
Norsk är inte mycket svår.	Norwegian is not very difficult.	
Huset er flott.	The house is beautiful.	



Extension Task.

Supply the Norwegian and Swedish translations below. Pay attention to the accents.



Norwegian	Swedish	English
		When is dinner?
		This is not the train.
		Can you understand Swedish?
		We like the house.
		She understands Norwegian very well.
		I cannot speak English very well.



The Answers



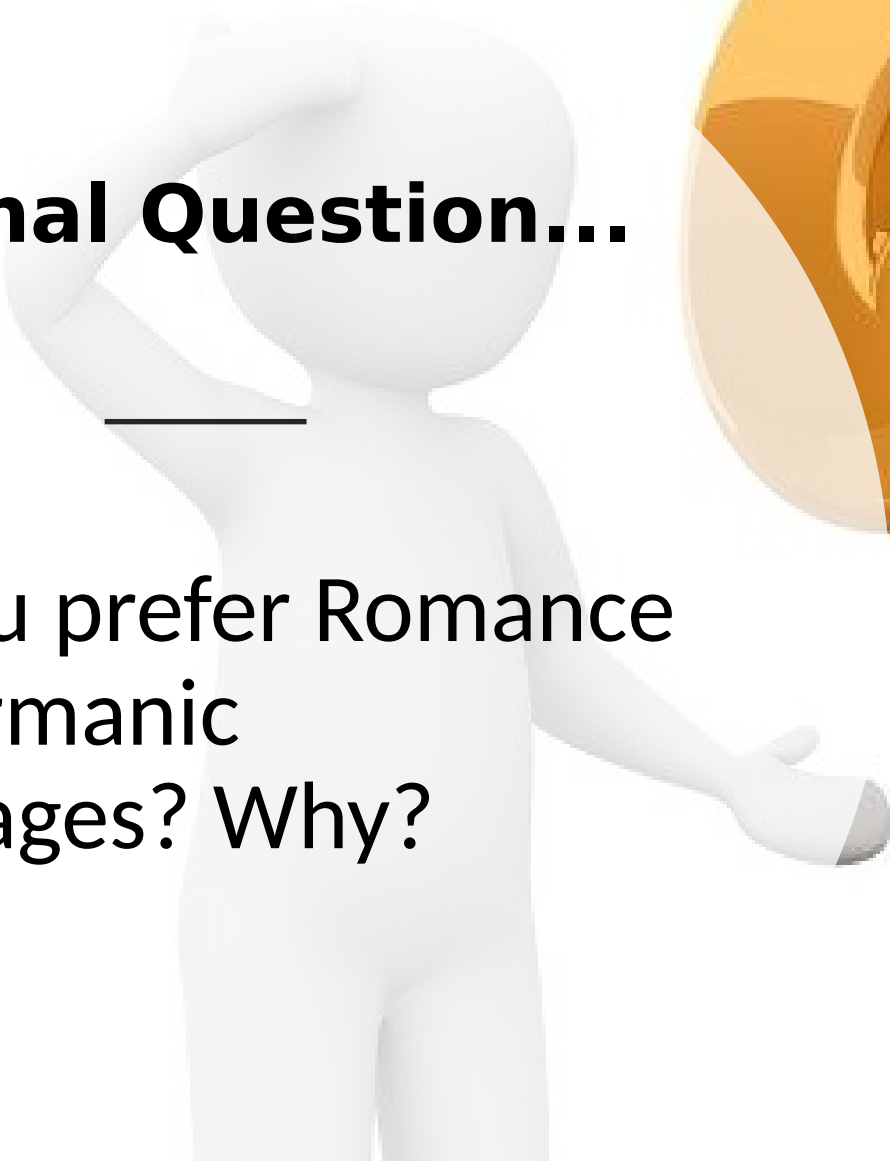
Dette er flott.	This is beautiful.	N
Jeg kan ikke spise frokost veldig tidlig.	I can't eat breakfast very early.	N
Tåget är mycket tidigt.	The train is very early.	S
Hon gör frukost bra.	She does breakfast well.	S
Dette var ikke bra.	This was not great.	N
Det här är bra.	This is great.	S
Han har inte ett hus.	He doesn't have a house.	S
Ett tåg var sent i går.	A train was late yesterday.	S
Norsk är inte mycket svår.	Norwegian is not very difficult.	S
Huset er flott.	The house is beautiful.	N

Q3.2. Norwegian

Q3.2. Norwegian	Swedish	English
Når er middag?	När är middag?	When is dinner?
Dette er ikke toget.	Det här är inte tåget.	This is not the train.
Kan du forstå svensk?	Kan du förstå svenska?	Can you understand Swedish?
Vi liker huset.	Vi gillar huset.	We like the house.
Hun forstår norsk veldig bra.	Hon förstår norsk mycket bra.	She understands Norwegian very well.
Jeg kan ikke snakke engelsk veldig bra.	Jag kan inte tala engelska mycket bra.	I cannot speak English very well.

A Final Question...

Do you prefer Romance
or Germanic
languages? Why?



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