

# Unit 4: The European Union

1. Use the years in the box to **complete the facts** about the EU:

1986      2002      1957      1975      1993      27

- a) Spain became part of the European Union in \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) In \_\_\_\_\_, the EU started a new system of trade called the *Single Market* and changed its name from *The European Economic Community* to *The European Union*.
- c) The EU started in \_\_\_\_\_, after the destruction of World War II.
- d) 12 European countries started to use the Euro in \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) Today, the EU is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ different European countries.

2. Choose the best explanation of **why the  started**:

The EU started to help rebuild countries after World War II.

The EU started to make trade more efficient between European countries.

The EU started to make trade necessary and peace obligatory.

The EU started to make it easier to access different materials in Europe.

3. Complete these exercises about the **EU institutions**:

a) **Where** can we find **European Parliament** buildings?

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

b) **What** are the responsibilities of the **European Commission**?

\_\_\_\_\_

c) **Who** votes for the members of the **European Parliament** (MEPs)?

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d) **Why** do we need so many institutions to make laws?

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#### 4. Explain these aspects of the EU:

a) *The Single Market*

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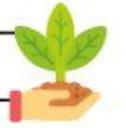
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b) *The EU and Agriculture*

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c) *The EU and the Environment*

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#### 5. Write examples.

a) Name 5 countries that are in the European Union:

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

iii) \_\_\_\_\_

iv) \_\_\_\_\_

v) \_\_\_\_\_

b) Name 3 European Union candidate countries:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

c) Name 5 countries which use the Euro:

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

iii) \_\_\_\_\_

iv) \_\_\_\_\_

v) \_\_\_\_\_



6. Describe three benefits of being an EU citizen.

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