

The European Union

1. Goals of the EU: Write Yes or No.

- a. Promote Peace
- b. Protect the environment
- c. Ensure justice and equality
- d. Promote scientific advancements
- e. Stop tourism to non-EU countries

2. Match the goals from activity 1 to the examples

- The EU has got a goal to use 20% of its energy from renewable sources by 2020.
- Some EU programs give money to people for investigation and research.
- The EU provides humanitarian aid to people in need outside the EU.
- There are institutions in the EU to protect the rights of its citizens.

3. Complete the table about the single market with the titles listed below.

- Free movement of money
- Free movement of goods
- Free movement of people

a)	b)	c
Citizens of EU countries can easily study in another EU country.	Vegetables grown in Spain are available in French supermarkets.	A German boy purchases a football jersey from Spain online.

4. Complete the sentences with the information you have learned in this Unit.

- a.** In 1957, _____
- b.** In 2002, _____
- c.** Protecting the environment and freedoms is _____
- d.** The Eurozone _____
- e.** To create a new law in the EU _____

5. Read about the symbols of the EU. Are the sentences True or False?

The symbols of the EU represent its values and goals. They are not meant to replace the flags and anthems of the member states but celebrate shared ideas.

The flag of the EU is 12 gold stars set on a blue background. The number of stars does not represent the number of countries in the EU, but they do form a perfect circle to represent unity. The flag was the symbol of the Council of Europe first and was chosen to be the official flag of the EU in 1985.

The anthem of the EU is *Ode to Joy* from Ludwig van Beethoven's 9th Symphony. It was adopted as the official anthem in 1985. Though based on a poem, the EU version hasn't got any lyrics, just music. It symbolises peace, freedom and unity.

- a. Member states must change their flag to the EU flag.
- b. When a new member state joins the EU a new star is added to the flag.
- c. Both the flag and the anthem were adopted in the same year.
- d. The flag and anthem were created specifically for the EU.
- e. There aren't any words in the EU's official anthem.

6. Write the names of the EU countries and their entry date into the EU.

1957

1995

2004

2013



7. Look at the text. What does it say? Choose a, b or c.

*'Are you driving from an EU country? No duty taxes required.
Simply continue to the exit'*

- a. If you go shopping in an EU country, you do not have to pay taxes.
- b. Shopping in the EU is more difficult because you have to pay taxes on items you buy.
- c. You can leave the airport after you have paid the taxes.

8. Match the members to each institution

Judges	European Commission
MEPs	Council of the EU
Ministers	European Council
Leaders of each country	European Parliament