

B1. UNIT 10. – CHANGES

Vocabulary:

- Getting to know Europe.

Grammar:

- Reflexive pronouns.
- Each other.



10.1. Read this text about Europe and learn more about some of its member countries.

The European Union (EU) was formed to bring together the countries of Europe. The EU helps its member countries with issues such as trade, security, and the rights of citizens. By 2013 the group had 28 member countries. However, in 2016, the United Kingdom voted to leave the EU.

Let's get to know some of the EU country members:

Romania is the largest country on the Balkan Peninsula in Eastern Europe. Bucharest is its capital and largest city and the President of this Republic is Klaus Iohannis. Romanians are considered friendly and hospitable. Sarmale is a symbol of the delicious mix Romanian gastronomy. It is a dish of vine, cabbage, monk's rhubarb or chard leaves rolled around a filling usually based on a combination of grains, like bulgur or rice, and minced meat.

Spain is a large country in Western Europe. It is situated in the Iberian Peninsula together with Portugal. Spanish has over 450 million native speakers in Spain and the Americas. Madrid and Barcelona are the largest cities in Spain. This country is known for being a very touristic destination due to its nice weather and rich culture and gastronomy. The delicious tortilla de patata is known world-wide. Its football team, Real Madrid, is also very popular. Football star Cristiano Ronaldo played for Real Madrid for 9 years.

Serbia is a Republic that borders Hungary to the North, Romania to the Northeast, Bulgaria to the Southeast, North Macedonia to the South, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina to the West, and Montenegro to the Southwest. Its inhabitants speak Serbian and use both Cyrillic and Latin alphabets. Emir Kusturica is a well-known Serbian filmmaker, actor and musician.

Portugal is a small country on the Western edge of Europe and it faces the Atlantic Ocean. Its capital, Lisbon, is a global city due to its relevance in finance, commerce, media, entertainment, arts, international trade, education and tourism. Portugal receives many tourists all year round.



Known as the Emerald Isle, Ireland is famous for its green countryside. Ireland is an island and a former colony of the British Empire. The country has two official languages: English and Gaelic. Most of the inhabitants of Ireland are concentrated in its capital city, Dublin. Dublin is a historical and contemporary centre for education, the arts, administration and industry. Its most famous drink is the Guinness bier and for lunch you can always find a stand where to buy the traditional Fish (codfish) and Chips snack.

10.2. Select the correct answer.

Nadia Comaneci	Dublin	Emir Kasturica	Tortilla	Madrid
Guinness	Sarmale	Coldfish	Belgrade	Cristiano Ronaldo

Country	Portugal	Spain	Serbia	Romania	Ireland
Capital	Lisbon			Bucarest	
Typical food			Đuveč		
Famous people		Rafael Nadal			U2

10.3. Select the correct option.

1. Just over _____ live in Portugal.
 - 10 million
 - 8 million
 - 16 million

2. Serbia is located in the _____ and the Pannonian Plain.
 - Balkan peninsula
 - Iberian peninsula
 - Alpine peninsula

3. Mexicans are known to wear _____.
 - sombreros
 - tall hats
 - kilts

4. Italy is smaller than _____.
 - Germany
 - Luxembourg
 - Ireland

5. Romania's flag colours are _____.
 - blue, yellow and red
 - blue, red and white
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6. The typical Spanish dance and music is _____.

tango

fandango

flamenco

7. The French National Anthem is _____.

La Marseillaise

Wake up

God Save the Queen

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Statehood Day

4th of July

Great Union Day



10.4. Match the country to its representative symbol.

Ireland	Romania	Mexico	China	Spain	United States of America	Switzerland
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10.5. Grammar. Reflexive pronouns and “each other”.

Reflexive pronouns

We use a reflexive pronoun as a **direct object** when the object is **the same as the subject** of the verb. See the following examples:

- I am teaching **myself** to play the piano.
- Be careful with that knife. **You** might cut **yourself**.

The reflexive pronouns are:

singular	myself	yourself	himself	herself	itself
plural	ourselves	yourselves	themselves		

We can use a reflexive pronoun as direct object with most **transitive verbs**, but these are the most common:

amuse blame cut dry	enjoy help hurt introduce	kill prepare satisfy teach
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Reflexive pronouns are also used in a few expressions **or idioms**:

- **Help yourself!** = Serve yourself, take a portion of...
- **Behave yourself** = Be a good boy, or girl!
- **Make yourself at home!** = make yourself comfortable!
- **Please yourself!** = Do what you like!

Reciprocal pronouns: each other

Each other, like all pronouns, refers back to a noun that comes before it (an antecedent). However, because it is a reciprocal pronoun, it refers to **two** nouns or a group noun.

It expresses what one person feels toward or does for the other; the other feels or does the same in return.

See the following examples:

- I love John and he loves me. We love **each other**.
- Our cat and dog get along well but occasionally we have to protect them from **each other**.
- Angela and Sarah write emails to **each other** because they are good friends.





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3. Sara and Sean are helping _____ with their homework.
4. Tony and Peter, please make _____ comfortable.
5. They never go to the cinema by _____.
6. The earth revolves around _____.
7. Mark and Will know _____ very well.
8. I wrote this poem _____.
9. Take good care of _____.
10. Our parents never allowed us to go camping by _____.

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 meet ourselves meet
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 burnt herself burnt
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 happy happy themselves





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you

yourself

6. You may _____ on that bed.

lie down

lie down yourself

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trapped itself

is trapped

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mentions herself

mentions

9. We rarely think of _____.

us

ourselves



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CORRECT ANSWERS



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