

Resource 1.5

Teacher Copy: What Is the EU and Who Is in It?



EU4U?

Questions and Answers

Questions	Answers
What does the European Union do?	The European Union oversees co-operation among its 27 members in diverse areas, including trade, the environment, transport and employment.
Who is in the European Union?	There are 27 member countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.
When did the UK join the European Union?	The UK joined the EU in 1973.
What other countries joined the European Union at the same time as the UK?	Ireland and Denmark also joined the EU at this time.
Why did the UK join the European Union?	The UK joined the EU to improve the economy – to improve trade links with neighbouring countries and to have more allies. Membership of the EU also gave the UK more influence in world matters.
Which countries are on the waiting list to join the European Union?	Croatia, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are waiting to join.