

Europe study: Spain.

Key Vocabulary:	
Europe	Continent north of Africa consisting of 50 different countries, bounded by Ural mountains, Arctic and Atlantic Oceans and the Mediterranean Sea.
Climate	The long-term pattern of weather.
Currency	The money system used in a country.
Mediterranean	A characteristic of the Mediterranean Sea, the countries and people bordering it.
Peninsula	Land that is mostly surrounded by water
plateau	A elevated, flat area of land.
Population	The number of people that live in a place.
Tourism	Travel away from home for relaxation and pleasure, to visit new places.
Exports	Goods that are sent to another country to sell.
Desert	A landscape with little rainfall and little or no plant or animal life.
Territory	An area of land under the control (jurisdiction) of another country or state.



Tabernas Desert



Madrid



Barcelona



Valencia

Key Knowledge:
Spain is the fourth largest country in Europe, situated on the Iberian Peninsula. It is part of the European Union.
Spanish is the official spoken language.
The currency of Spain is the Euro.
The capital of Spain is Madrid. Other large cities are Barcelona, Valencia and Seville.
Spain also has territories including the Canary Islands near Africa and the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean Sea.
Mainland Spain is mountainous with high plateaus.
The climate is mainly a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters.
Spain has a hereditary monarch and elected parliament.
Some of Spain's exports are citrus fruits, wine, olive and sunflower oil, energy and cars. They also have a strong tourism industry, in excess of 82,000,000 tourists per year.
The Tabernas Desert in south-eastern Spain, is Europe's only desert.
The population in Spain is 47.5 million.