

## The European Union

### 1a Read the text and match the students to the countries.

Malta    Finland    the Netherlands    France



My name is Amelie and I'm from <sup>1</sup> ..... - one of the original EU members. It's the biggest country in the EU and its capital is Paris. It's famous for its food and wine.



My name is Juhani and I'm from <sup>3</sup> ..... . My country joined the EU in 1995. The capital is Helsinki, and it's very cold in winter! The best thing about Finland is the winter sports. I love skiing!



My name is Imre and I'm from <sup>2</sup> ..... , also an original EU member. The capital is Amsterdam but the government is in The Hague. A great thing about my country is the beautiful flowers and the canals.

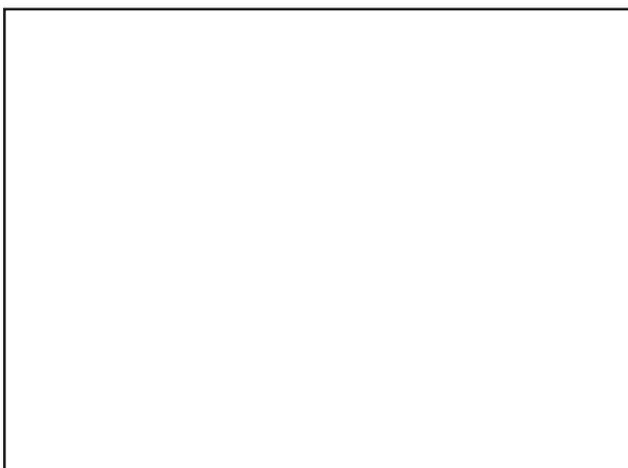


I'm Matthias and I'm from <sup>4</sup> ..... - the smallest country in the EU. It's an island in the Mediterranean Sea and its capital is Valletta. In Malta, the beaches are beautiful and the weather is hot and sunny!

### 1b Read the texts again and answer the questions.

- 1 Which city is the capital of France?
- 2 Why is France famous?
- 3 Which city is the government of the Netherlands in?
- 4 What does Imre say is a great thing about the Netherlands?
- 5 When did Finland join the EU?
- 6 What type of sports does Juhani like?
- 7 Which is the smallest country in the EU?
- 8 What does Matthias like about his country?

### 2a Draw the European flag. Compare your flag with a partner.



### 2b Read the questions and circle the correct option.

- 1 When a new member joins the EU the number of stars  
**a** increases    **b** decreases    **c** doesn't change
- 2 The flag is  
**a** blue    **b** green    **c** red
- 3 The flag has got  
**a** 10 stars    **b** 12 stars    **c** 15 stars
- 4 The stars are  
**a** gold    **b** green    **c** red