

<h2>The European Union</h2>	
1	The European Union (EU) is a political and economic union of 28 member states that are located in Europe. The EU has developed an internal single market through a standardised system of laws that apply in all member states. EU policies aim to ensure the free movement of people, goods, services, and capital within the internal market. UE members have common policies on trade, agriculture, fisheries, and regional development. Within the Schengen Area, passport controls have been abolished. A monetary union was established in 1999 and came into full force in 2002, and is composed of 19 EU member states which use the euro currency.
2	In a referendum in June 2016 the United Kingdom voted to withdraw from the EU. It is currently negotiating its withdrawal called 'Brexit'. The term 'Brexit' comes from merging the words Britain and exit . This has become government policy under Prime Minister Theresa May. The UK is scheduled to leave on Friday, 29 March 2019.

1. Reading activity for stronger students: Read the text (section 1 and 2) about the European Union and answer the questions (using full sentences)

- a) How many countries belong to the EU? _____
- b) How many systems of laws apply on the EU market? _____
- c) How do policies on trade, agriculture, fisheries, and regional development differ in particular member states? _____
- d) What documents don't need to be controlled while moving in the Schengen Area? _____
- e) How many EU member states don't use the euro currency? _____

(This question does not only make the students comprehend the text but also analyse and calculate)

f) Who has made the decision to leave the EU?

A: British citizens B: British Prime Minister Theresa May

2. Reading activity for weaker students: Read section 1 of the text and circle the correct answer

a) How many countries belong to the EU?

A: 28 B: 19 C: All countries in Europe

b) Are policies on trade, agriculture, fisheries, and regional development different in every member state? (Yes/No)

c) Do we have to show passports when we travel in the Schengen Area? (Yes/No)

d) How many member states use the euro currency?

A: 28 B: 19 C: All

¹ Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union , (dostęp 19.05.2017)

² Alex Hunt & Brian Wheeler, BBC News, Brexit: All you need to know about the UK leaving the EU, <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-32810887> (dostęp: 23.05.2017)

3. Tasks for early finishers:

- Extra question: How many member states will form the EU in 2020?
- Choose 3 words from the text and write down their definitions from a dictionary. Then on a separate piece of paper jumble the definitions to make a matching exercise for another student.
- Find on the Net which member states don't use the euro currency.

4. Homework for dyslexic students:

- Order the letters to form some words from the reading text. *(You can give your students some clues where to find these words in the text)*

t a t s e s	(line 1)
m e m r b e	(line 1)
t o v e m m e n	(line 3)

- Put the words in the correct order in each sentence

1.	has	member	EU	28	The	states.
.....						

2.	aim to	the free movement	EU policies	of people.	ensure
.....					

Answer Key:

1. Reading activity for stronger students	a) There are 28 countries in the EU.			
	b) There is one standardised system of laws in all member states.			
	c) Policies on trade, agriculture, fisheries, and regional development are the same (common) in all member states.			
	d) Passports don't need to be controlled while moving in the Schengen Area.			
	e) $28 - 19 = 9$: Nine member states don't use the euro currency.			
f) A				
2. Reading activity for weaker students:	a) A	b) No	c) No	d) B
3. Tasks for early finishers:	a) In 2020 there will be 27 member states (after Brexit in 2019). The information in the text is not given directly. We require students to think logically, calculate, that is to process the information they have read.			
	b) Students' definitions			
	c) Member states that don't use the euro currency are: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Sweden, and the UK			
4. Homework for dyslexic students:	a) states/ member/ movement			
	b) 1. The EU has 28 member states. 2. EU policies aim to ensure the free movement of people.			