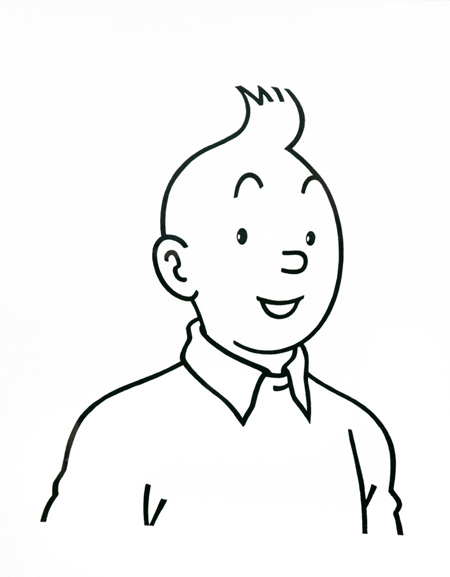
Geography Name:

BELGIUM



Hello, i'm Tintin, one of the most famous symbol of our wonderful country : Belgium.

Follow me to discover it ...

Here are a belgium map and neighbourings countries. Can you label the bordering countries (wich have a shared border).



Complete the chart

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| COUNTRY | FLAGS | CAPITALS | POLITICAL REGIME\* |
| BELGIUM  (Belgique) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | ........................... | .......................... |
| FRANCE  (France) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | ........................... | .......................... |
| GERMANY  (Allemagne) | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | | .......................... | .......................... |
| NETHERLANDS  (Pays-Bas) | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | | .......................... | ........................... |
| GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG  (Grand Duché de Luxembourg) | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | | .......................... | .......................... |

All of these countries are europeans (they are on the european continent)

and they are members of the European Union.

\* Monarchy (monarchie) = the country is governed by a king or a queen.

Republic (république) = the country is governed by an elected president.

SOME INFORMATION

* Belgium is situated in **Europe,**bordered by the **Netherlands,** by **Germany,** the **Grand Duchy of Luxembourg**and by *France.*
* Although its surface area of **30 528 km2**makes it a small country, its location has made it the economic and urban nerve centre of Europe.
* We are 11 267 910 inhabitants in Belgium (in 2016)
* National Day is celebrated on July 21. Its commemorates the day on which Leopold I took the constitutional oath as the first King of Belgium, on July 21st 1831.

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| * Maximum distance between two points = 280 kms. |  |

* Geographical center of the country is Nil-Saint-Vincent
* The peak = the "Signal de Botrange" at 694 meters.

*Vocabulary*

Governed = gouverné Situated = situé

King = roi Elected = élu

Queen = reine Urban = urbain

Although = bien que Between = entre

West = ouest Inhabitants = habitants

North = nord Oath = serment

East = est Nerve center = centre névralgique

South = sud

Peak = sommet (point culminant)



Belgium is a federal state, composed of regions, communities and provinces.

*The regions*

There are three Regions. The names of the three regional institutions are borrowed from the name of the territory they represent.

So we have (from north to south)

* the Flemish Region,
* the Brussels-Capital Region
* the Walloon Region.

The three regions have powers relating to the :

* economy, employment, agriculture, public works, energy, transport (except Belgian Railways), the environment, nature conservation, and scientific research for exemple

Each regions have his government and her ministers.

*VOCABULARY*

*Borrowed = emprunté*

*They = ils, elles*

*Powers = pouvoirs*

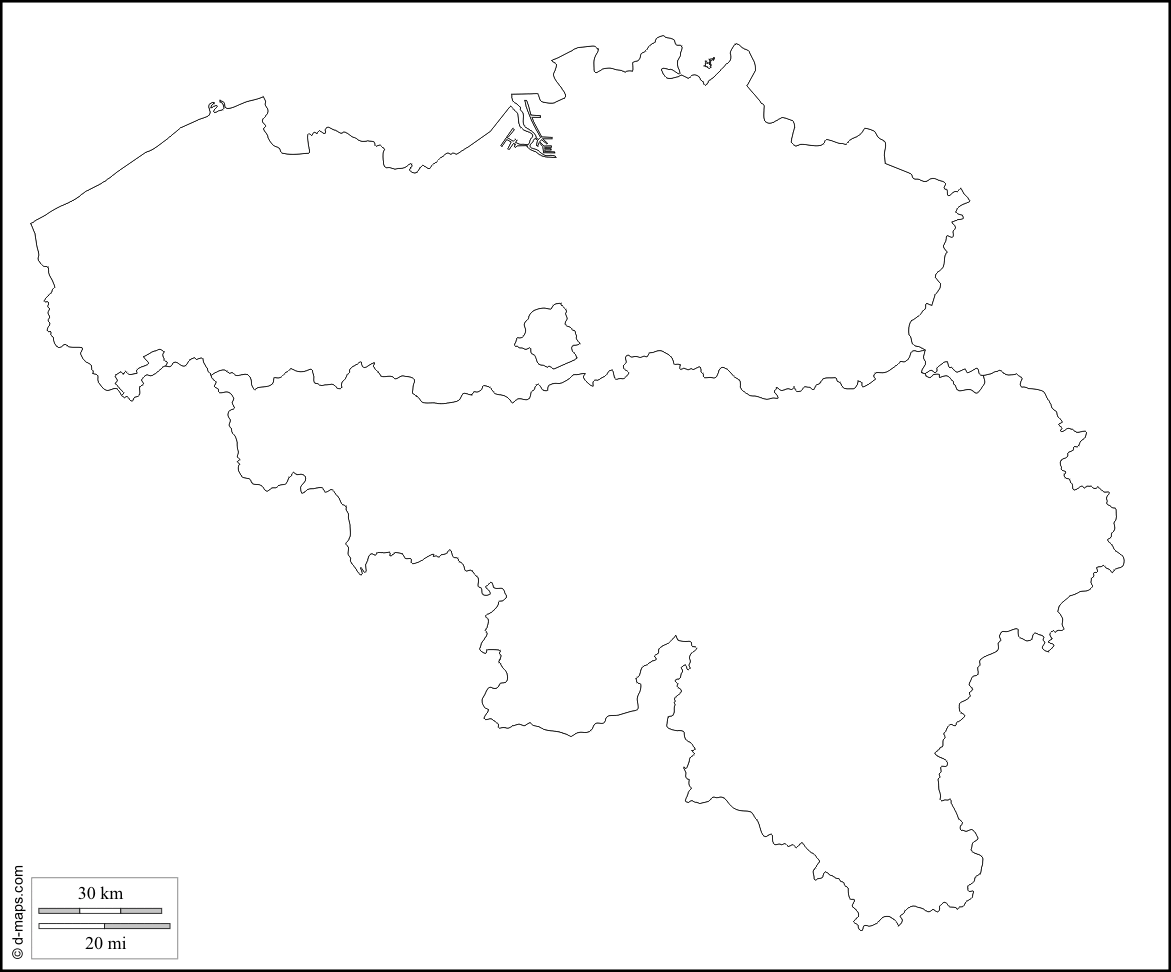
*Relating to = concernant*

*Public works = travaux publics*

*Railways = chemin de fer*

*Research = recherche*

With the Atlas, color the regions map.



Complete the caption\*

The Flemish region

\* caption = légende

The Walloon region

The Brussels-capital region

*The Communities*

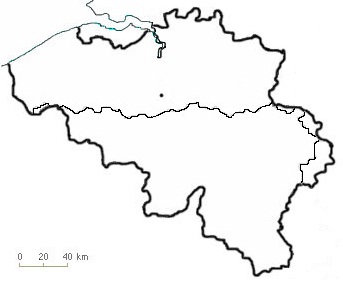
In addition to the three Regions, the Federal State has three Communities.

They are based on the  "language".

So we talk about the Flemish, French and German-speaking Communities.

The Community has powers for culture (theatre, libraries, audiovisual media, etc.), education,

!! Pay attention, Brussels is not a community !!



*The provinces*

After the regions and the communities, we also have some provinces in Belgium. Each one have a little "capital city" called CHEF-LIEU in french.

1. Count how many provinces and chefs-lieux are on the map bellow

* There are ......... provinces and ........... chefs-lieux.

1. Color each province in a different color
2. With the atlas, label each province and his chef-lieu.



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| AN OTHER TOWN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COMMUNITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REGION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CHEF-LIEU |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PROVINCE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

OUR COUNTRY'S FLAGS.

🡪 The national flag is black, yellow and red.

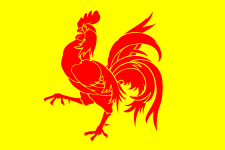




🡪 The flemish region and the flemish community flag : yellow with a black lion.



🡪 The Brussels capital region flag : Blue with a yellow iris flower and a heart

 🡪 The Walloon region flag : yellow with a red rooster



🡪 The german-speaking community : white with a red lion and nine blue gentian flowers.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM = Hymne national

Our national anthem is the "Brabançonne".

National day is celebrated on July 21.

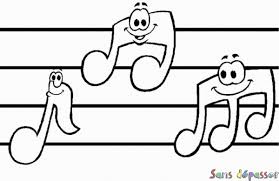
The song lyrics = les paroles

Ô Belgique, ô mère chérie,  
À toi nos cœurs, à toi nos bras,  
À toi notre sang, ô Patrie !  
Nous le jurons tous, tu vivras !  
Tu vivras toujours grande et belle  
Et ton invincible unité  
Aura pour devise immortelle :  
Le Roi, la Loi, la Liberté !  
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Le Roi, la Loi, la Liberté !

* There is any english version of the national anthem.

 A LOT OF SYMBOLS

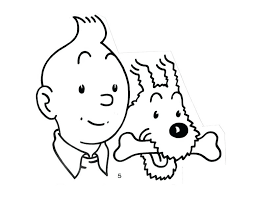
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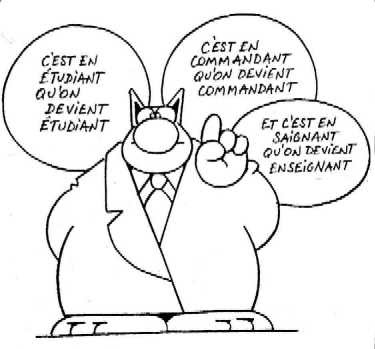
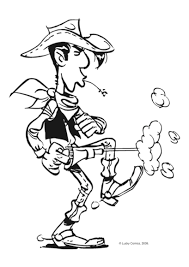
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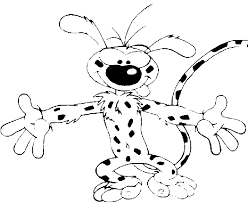
The lion of Waterloo - The atomium - The citadelle de Namur - The north sea - The royal palace of Brussels - The Manneken pis - The city and the belfry (beffroi) of Bruges - The Grand place in Brussels - The shrimp (crevette) fisherman on horse.

BELGIUM, A COUNTRY OF COMICS

Can you recognize the next comics heros ?

1)  2)  3)  4) 

5)  6)  7)  8) 

9)  10) 

1 = ..................................................................

2 = ..................................................................

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6 = ..................................................................

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*VOCABULARY*

*(To) place = placer A country = un pays*

*Correct = correcte, bonne Comic = bande dessinée*

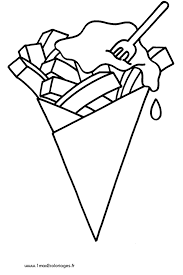
*With = avec Can you = peux-tu ?*

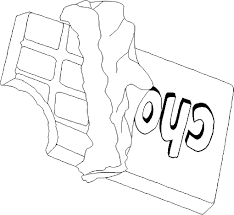
*Good = bonne recognize = reconnaître*

*Picture = image, photo next = suivant*

WHAT ARE OUR CULINARY SPECIALITIES ?

Connect the specialities with the right number

1  2)  3) 

4)  5)  1 🗒 🗒 Chocolate

2 🗒 🗒 Waterzooï

3 🗒 🗒 French fries / chips

4 🗒 🗒 Waffels

5 🗒 🗒 Mussels and french fries

SOME QUESTIONS / INFORMATIONS

* Our country is a monarchy, do you know the name of our monarchs ?

🡪 The King .................................. and the Queen .....................................

* The capital of Belgium is ......................................................
* Our national currency is the .......................................
* When we celebrate the national day ? .........................................
* In Belgium, we are talking three different languages. Can you mention them? .........................................

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* What is the name of our Prime Minister ? .............................................
* Do you know a famous singer ? .......................................................
* Do you know a famous sportman / sportwoman ? .....................................................................
* In wich province are you living? ....................................................

Vocabulary

Monarchs = souverains National day = fête nationale

King = roi we are talking = nous parlons

Queen = reine mention them = les citer

Our = notre prime minister = premier ministre

National currency = monnaie nationale famous = célèbre

When = quand singer = chanteur