

# UNIT 1. SPAIN: PHYSICAL ORGANIZATION.

## RELIEF & RIVERS

### REVIEW

#### POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

##### 1. Write the borders of Spain

To the north: \_\_\_\_\_

To the south: \_\_\_\_\_

To the east: \_\_\_\_\_

To the west: \_\_\_\_\_

##### 2. Look at the map, the read and write the name of the Autonomous Community.



a. It has the most provinces: \_\_\_\_\_

b. It is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean: \_\_\_\_\_

c. It borders Portugal and has two provinces: \_\_\_\_\_

d. It borders France and Andorra: \_\_\_\_\_

## RELIEF

### 3. Answer the following questions:

a. What are the main characteristics of the Spanish relief?

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Where is the Meseta located? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Which rivers flow across the Meseta? \_\_\_\_\_

d. What mountain ranges surround the Meseta? \_\_\_\_\_

e. Where are the Picos de Europa? \_\_\_\_\_

f. What is a river basin or depression? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

g. What are the main depressions in the Iberian Peninsula? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

h. Which islands make up the Balearic Islands? \_\_\_\_\_

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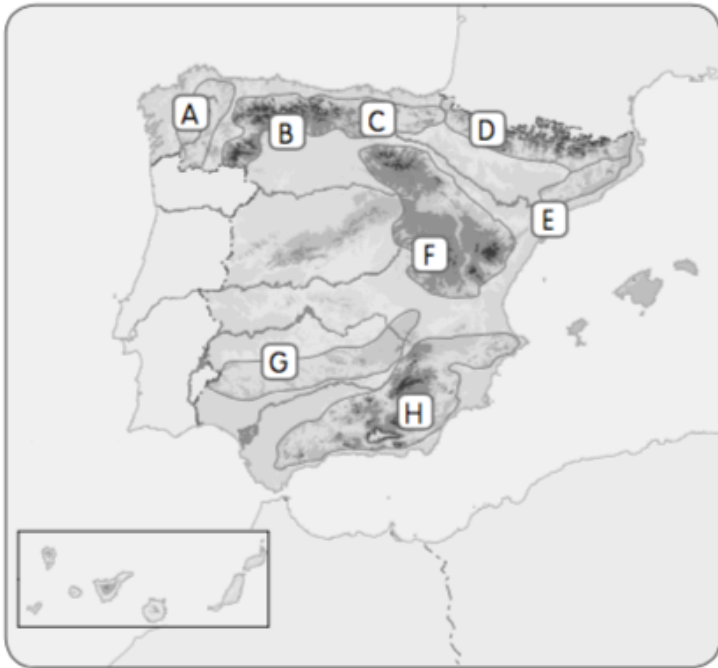
i. How did the Canary Islands form? \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Complete the table with the names in the box

Montes Vascos	Sierra Morena	Montes de Toledo	Sistema Ibérico
Montes de León	Pirineos	Cordilleras Costero Catalanas	Sistema Bético
Sistema Central	Cordillera Cantábrica	Macizo Galáico	

Mountains across the Inner Plateau	Mountains surrounding the Inner Plateau	Mountains far away from the Inner Plateau
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

5. Look at the map and write the names of the mountains from Activity 1



- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. \_\_\_\_\_
- H. \_\_\_\_\_

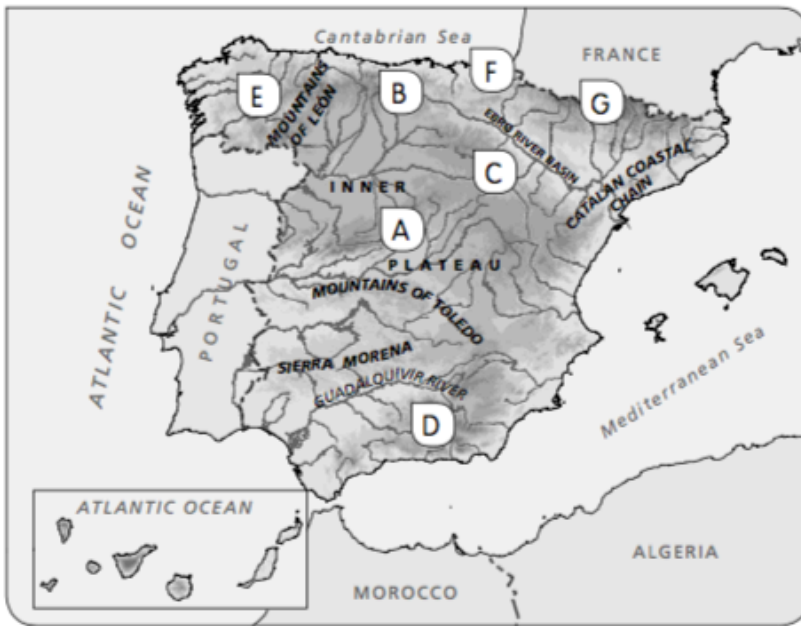
6. Read the descriptions and write the words

- a. The mountain chain that includes the Picos de Europa: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The extensive area of high land in the centre of Spain: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The mountain chain that includes the highest peak on the Iberian Peninsula:  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Write two facts about each of these:

- a. The Mulhacén \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. The Sistema Central \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. The Teide \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. The Sistema Ibérico \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e. The Pyrenees \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f. The Macizo Galáico \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Write the names of the mountains A-G.



- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Choose the correct answer a, b, or c.

1. The relief that covers the centre of the Iberian Peninsula is the ...
  - a. Sistema Ibérico
  - b. Sistema Central
  - c. Meseta
2. In the Sistema Central you can find...
  - a. Sierra de Gredos
  - b. Sierra de la Demanda
  - c. Sierra Nevada
3. Two groups of mountains across the Inner Plateau, they are the...
  - a. Sistema Penibético.
  - b. Sistema Central and Montes de Toledo.
  - c. Sistema Ibérico and Sierra Morena.
4. The Mountains surrounding the Inner Plateau are the ....
  - a. Montes de Toledo, Cordillera Cantábrica, Sistema Ibérico and Sierra Morena.
  - b. Montes de León, Cordillera Cantábrica, Sistema Ibérico, Sierra Nevada.
  - c. Montes de León, Cordillera Cantábrica, Sistema Ibérico and Sierra Morena.
5. The highest peak in Spain is the ...
  - a. Aneto
  - b. Mulhacén
  - c. Teide
6. You can find the Aneto in the...
  - a. Sistema Bético
  - b. Montes Vascos
  - c. Pyrenees.
7. Sierra Morena and Sistema Bético surround the river basin of the...
  - a. Ebro
  - b. Guadalquivir
  - c. Tajo

## COASTAL LANDFORMS

10. Match the coasts on the map (a-e) to the names below.

- \_\_\_ 1. The Eastern Mediterranean coast
- \_\_\_ 2 The Andalusian Atlantic coast
- \_\_\_ 3 The Cantabrian coast
- \_\_\_ 4 The Galician Atlantic coast
- \_\_\_ 5 The Andalusian Mediterranean coast



11. Which coast is each coastal feature found in?

Ría de Arousa	Cape Palos	Finisterre Cape	Bay of Bizcaya
Doñana marsh	Cape Matxitxaco	Gulf of Valencia	Cape Ajo

Cantabrian	Galician Atlantic	Andalusian Atlantic	Andalusian Mediterranean	Eastern Mediterranean

## RIVERS

12. Answer the following questions.

a. What is a watershed? \_\_\_\_\_

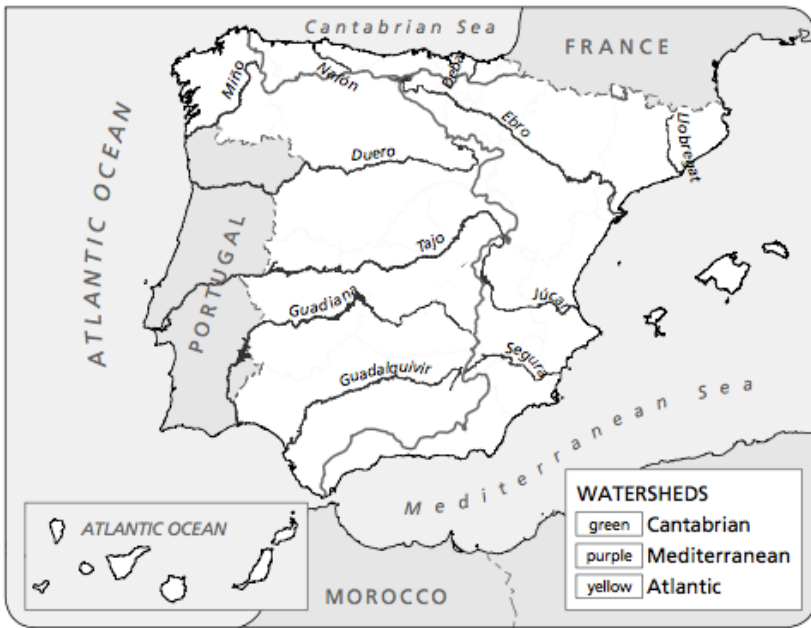
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b. What are the three main watersheds in Spain? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Colour the map using the key. They write the names of two rivers for each watershed.



a. Mediterranean watershed:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. Atlantic watershed:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. Cantabrian watershed:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Circle the correct words and copy the sentences.

a. Most rivers in Spain flow east/west into the Atlantic Ocean /Mediterranean Sea.

\_\_\_\_\_

b. A source/river basin in an area of low land drained by a river.

\_\_\_\_\_

c. There are four/three watersheds in Spain. The Atlantic watershed is the largest/smallest

\_\_\_\_\_

15. Classify the rivers into the corresponding watershed.

Segura	Tajo	Navia	Guadalquivir	Júcar	Pas
Nervión	Ebro	Duero	Nalón	Tinto	Tambre

Cantabrian watershed	Mediterranean watershed	Atlantic watershed
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

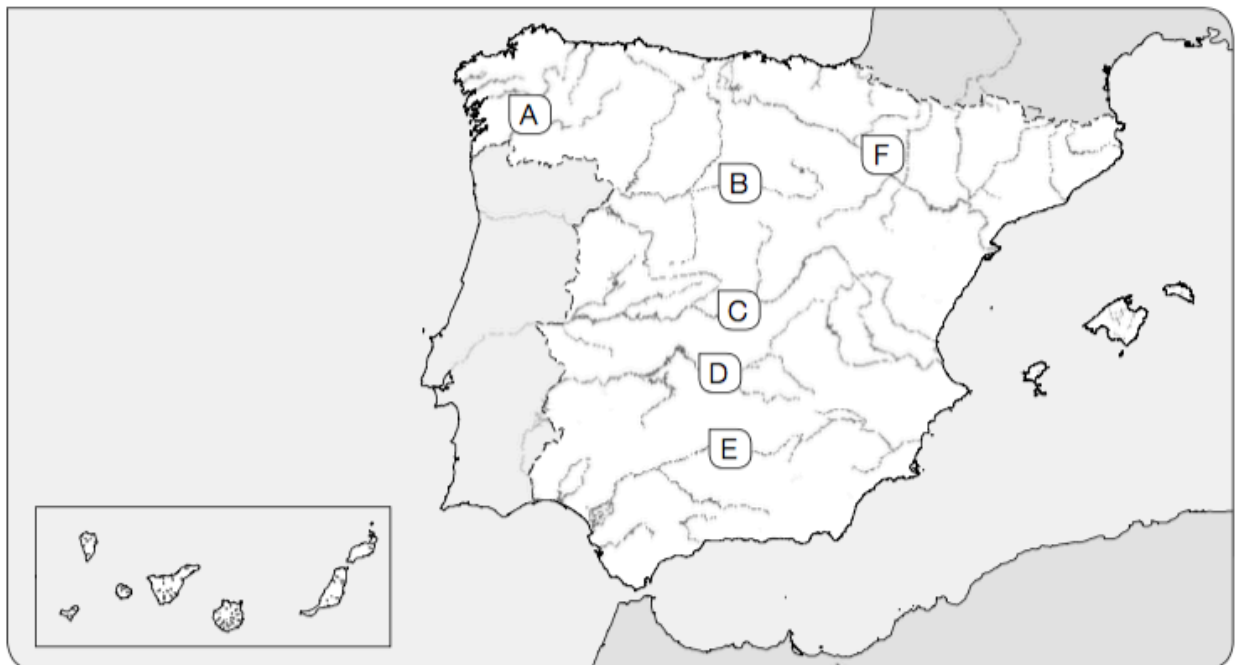
16. Circle the correct answers.

Mediterranean watershed		
a. What are rivers like?	short	long
b. What flow regime do they have?	regular	irregular

Atlantic watershed		
a. What flow regime do they have?	regular	irregular
b. Where do they start?	near the coast	far from the coast

Cantabrian watershed		
a. What are rivers like?	short	long
b. What is their flow like?	abundant	shallow

17. Look at the map and name the rivers A-F.



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| A. _____ | D. _____ |
| B. _____ | E. _____ |
| C. _____ | F. _____ |

18. Cross out the river that doesn't belong to each Spanish watershed.

- a. Cantabrian watershed: Miño – Bidasoa – Nalón
- b. Atlantic watershed: Tajo – Ebro – Duero
- c. Mediterranean watershed: Júcar – Segura - Guadiana

19. Complete the table.

Watershed	What are the rivers like?	What's their flow regime?
Cantabrian		
Mediterranean		
Atlantic		

20. Circle the correct answer.

1. Most rivers that flow into the Mediterranean Sea
  - a. have a regular flow regime
  - b. are very steep
  - c. are short and do not carry much water
  
2. The rivers in the Inner Plateau are
  - a. the shortest of the Iberian Peninsula
  - b. the longest of the Iberian Peninsula
  - c. part of the Cantabrian watershed.
  
3. Rivers in the Cantabrian watershed are
  - a. short and very steep. They have irregular, abundant flow regimes.
  - b. long and very steep. They have irregular, abundant flow regimes.
  - c. short and very steep. They have regular, abundant flow regimes.