This Is Europe

Countries in Europe
Europe, the world’s second smallest continent, is made up of 47 different countries.

Europe’s Geography
Europe’s landforms include mountains, islands, and fjords. Europe has a long coastline and many rivers.

Climate, Plants, and Animals
Western Europe has a moderate climate. Winters in mountain regions and in Eastern Europe are colder. The climate in Southern Europe is mild. Europe has many natural resources, such as forests, seas, and soil for growing crops.

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Before You Read

Find and underline a form of each vocabulary word.

- **fjord** noun, a long, deep, narrow part of the sea that cuts into the land and runs between cliffs
- **coastline** noun, the shape or outline of land where it meets the ocean
- **moderate** adjective, mild

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After You Read

How many countries make up Europe?
Highlight the sentence that tells the answer.

What kind of climate does Western Europe have? Circle the sentence that tells the answer.

**SKILL** Reading Maps
Which sea is located south of Europe? Circle the label that tells the answer.