

CHAPTER 14

**Guided Reading Strategies 14.3
Northern and Western Europe**

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, complete each sentence below by writing the appropriate word, phrase, or place in the space provided.

1. Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg make up the _____ countries.
2. The early economic association of the Benelux countries planted the seeds that eventually led to the creation of the _____ Union (EU).
3. The EU introduced the _____, a new common currency, in 1999.
4. The people who live in the _____ have worked hard to reclaim land from the sea.
5. The people of the Netherlands are known as the _____.
6. _____ is a dialect of Dutch that is spoken in northern Belgium.
7. The French-speaking Belgians in the southern portion of Belgium are known as _____.
8. The country of Luxembourg has three official languages: German, French, and _____.
9. The capital of Belgium is _____, which is also the headquarters of the EU.
10. _____ is the smallest member of the EU, but it has the highest per capita GDP in the world.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, explain why Brussels is an ideal location for European businesses and associations.
