

The Community of Castilla - León borders with the Principality of Asturias and Cantabria to the north, La Rioja and Aragón to the east, Madrid and Castilla-La Mancha to the south and Extremadura, Galicia and Portugal



Sierra de Gredos

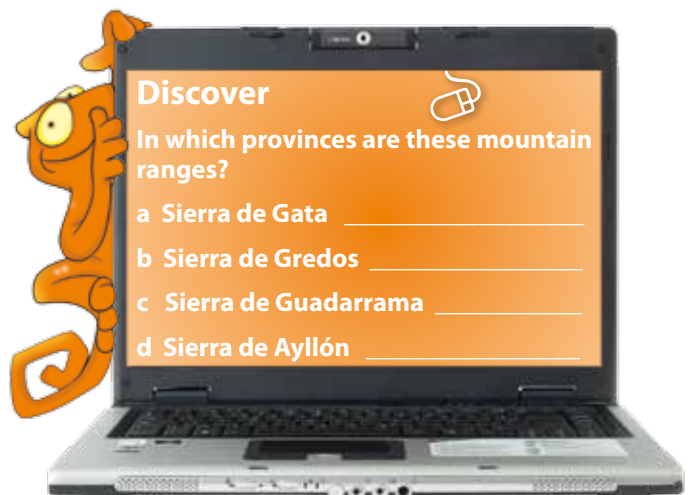
to the west. It has many different land forms. There are **mountains, hills, valleys, plains** and **plateaus**. The main part of Castilla - León is **plateau** and is on average at an **altitude** of 800m. In the north of the community there are **mountains** in the provinces of Palencia, León and Burgos. These mountains are part of the Cantabrian **mountain range**. There are also mountains in the provinces of Zamora, Avila, Segovia and Salamanca.

Read and answer the questions.

- a What is the main type of land form in the community?

- b Which country is to the west of the community?

- c In which provinces is the Cantabrian mountain range?

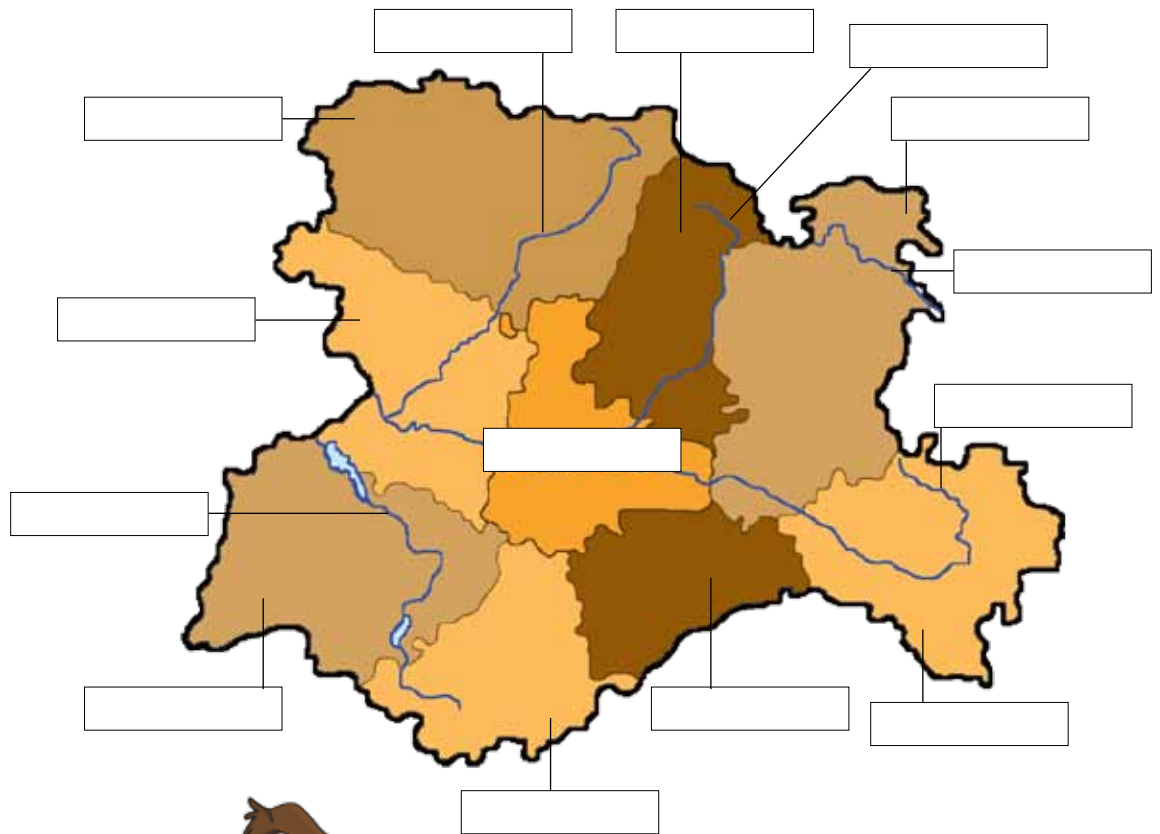


Rivers

The River Duero crosses the Community of Castilla – León. The **source** is in Soria and then it passes through Burgos, Valladolid, Zamora and Salamanca. The **mouth** of the river is in Oporto in Portugal. In the flat landscapes farmers grow different **crops** – **wheat, corn, melons, potatoes** and many others. Vines are also grown to make wine. The wine from the Duero region is one of the best in the world.

Other important **rivers** are the Ebro, Esla, Sil, Pisuerga and the Tormes. Most of the rivers run into **reservoirs** and **lakes**. One of the most famous lakes is in Zamora – the Lago de Sanabria. This is also a **tourist resort**. Other important lakes are the Laguna Grande in Gredos and the Laguna de Nava in Palencia.

Label the provinces and rivers of Castilla – León on the map.



Provinces:

Ávila, Burgos,
León, Palencia,
Salamanca,
Segovia, Soria,
Valladolid,
Zamora

Rivers: Duero,
Pisuerga,
Tormes, Tajo,
Ebro



DID YOU KNOW?

Castilla - León is the largest Autonomous Community in Spain and the third largest territory in the European Union.

ANSWER KEY

8 Landscapes

Read and answer the questions.

a What is the main type of land form in the community?

Plateau

b Which country is to the west of the community?

Portugal

c In which provinces is the Cantabrian mountain range?

Palencia, León and Burgos

