

The Romanian Language

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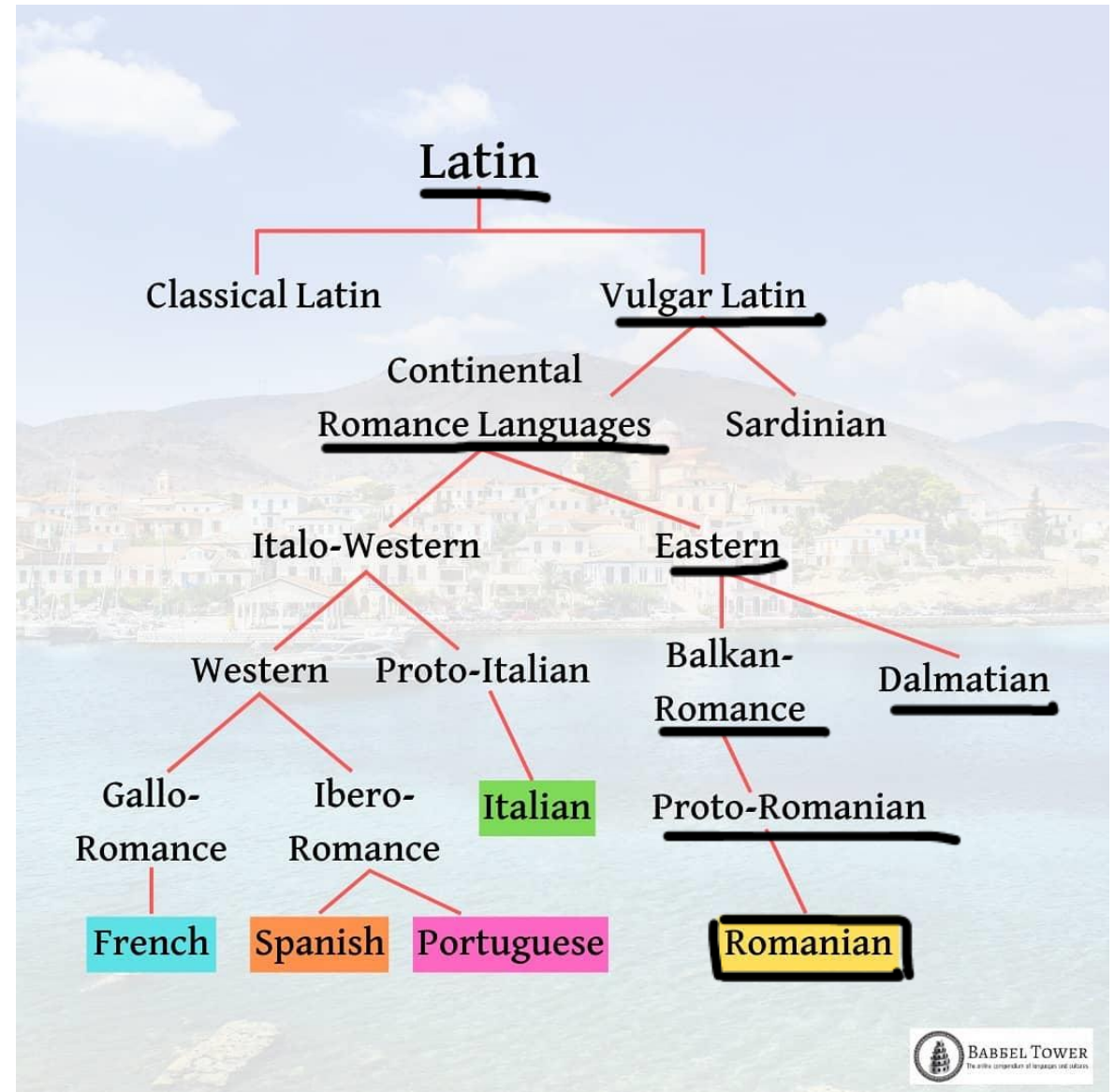
Where is Romanian Spoken?

- ❖ Romania
- ❖ Republic of Moldova



Origins of The Romanian Language

- Romanian descended from the Vulgar Latin
- Only Latin language that survived in Eastern Europe
- Resembles Dalmatian, a language that is no longer in circulation
- Vocabulary is mainly of Latin origin
- Some grammar rules are Slavic



The Romanian Alphabet:

A Ă Â B C D E F
G H I Î J K L M N
O P Q R S Ș T Ț U
V W X Y Z

Fun Facts about Romanian

- Written as it sounds
- It is 1700 years old
- Well-preserved, meaning it is still spoken similarly to what it was hundreds of years ago
- The words “dor” and “doină” are in UNESCO heritage (untranslatable)
- Only Latin language that uses one word instead of two to identify a thing or a person “băiatul” instead of “**lé** garçon”/“**él** niño”
- The only major Romance language in Eastern Europe.



Languages closest to Romanian

- 1) **Sicilian –spoken on the island Sicily**
- 2) **Italian –often considered the closest language to Latin**
- 3) **French –somewhat distant but close due to shared Latin roots**
- 4) **Spanish –certain sounds such as “r” are common in both languages**
- 5) **Portuguese – More distant but still part of the Romance family.**

Comparing basic words between languages!

English	Romanian	Italian	French	Spanish	Sicilian	Portuguese
Hello	Bună	Ciao	Bonjour	Hola	Ciau	Olá
Thank you	Mulțumesc	Grazie	Merci	Gracias	Grazzi	Obrigado



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