



5 Read the end of the paragraph below and tick the sentences (a–f) that could naturally begin the following paragraph. You may tick more than one sentence.

The Maastricht Treaty came into effect in 1993, and it is from this point on that we begin to talk officially of a European Union (EU). At this point in time, there were 12 member states.

- a In the years that followed, there was an extended period of expansion.
- b In 1946, Winston Churchill gave a speech in which he envisioned a 'United States of Europe'.
- c The present population of the European Union is over 500 million.
- d Geologically speaking, Europe came into existence after Pangaea broke up.
- e Ten new countries joined the union in 2004.
- f It wasn't until 2002 that most members of the Eurozone started to use the euro as their currency.

Reflect

6 Based on the information you have discussed on this Worksheet, complete the checklist below.

Things you can do to predict the content of a text

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Does it appear to be written by an expert? Is the language serious?
- Is the text from a reputable publication or website?
- _____
- _____
- _____
- Does the first sentence/paragraph give you any clues about content?
- Does the writer use references and/or statistics to back up his/her points?