THE BLACK SEA AND THE COUNTRIES AROUND IT

Grouping: (individual)

WORKSHEET 2

A.   Read some more information on the Black Sea, from the same sources:

In antiquity, the ancient Greeks used to call the Black Sea the 'Hospitable sea', *Euxeinos Pontos* (Εὔξεινος Πόντος). But this was a euphemism, in order to reverse the fact that the sea was difficult to navigate, due to frequent storms and because its shores were inhabited by savage tribes.

Today, all the peoples surrounding this deep water basin, call it by a name meaning "**Black Sea**" in their own language. (In the brackets you can see the original writing in the alphabet of the languages that do not use the Latin letters. The bold letters indicate where the stress is. Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sea):

Greek	*Mavri Thalassa* (Μαύρη Θάλασσα),
Bulgarian	*Cherno more* (Черно море),
Georgian	*Shavi zghva* (შავი ზღვა),
Romanian	*Marea Neagră*,
Russian	*Chornoye more* (Чёрное море),
Turkish	*Karadeniz*,
Ukrainian	*Chorne more* (Чорне море),

B. Can you find out which of the above words mean "sea" and which ones mean "black?" (The Turkish name is a compound word). If you need help, you can use a translation site: http://www.athropolis.com/translate.htm

Language	*Black*	*Sea*
Greek	Mavri	
Bulgarian		more
Georgian	Shavi	
Romanian		
Russian		
Turkish		
Ukrainian		