

# LANGUAGES WEEK TRIVIA

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# 1. THE RIVER SEINE RUNS THROUGH WHICH FRENCH CITY?

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A) Lille

B) Paris

C) Lyon

## 2. WHICH EUROPEAN COUNTRY IS CLOSEST TO AFRICA?

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A) United Kingdom

B) Italy

C) Spain

### 3. SANDRA BULLOCK, LEONARDO DICAPRIO, KIRSTEN DUNST AND BRUCE WILLIS ALL SPEAK WHICH LANGUAGE?

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A) Hungarian

B) German

C) Polish

# 4. WHICH POPULAR ITEM OF CLOTHING ORIGINATED IN FRANCE?

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A) Jeans

B) Hoodies

C) T-Shirts

## 5. 'POISSON D'AVRIL' IS THE FRENCH EQUIVALENT OF WHICH DAY?

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A) Christmas Day

B) Good Friday

C) April Fools' Day

# 6. SPANISH IS SPOKEN IN HOW MANY COUNTRIES?

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A) 24

B) 5

C) 61

# 7. WHAT IS THE MOST WIDELY SPOKEN LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD?

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A) Mandarin

B) English

C) Spanish





# 8. HARIBO, VOLKSWAGEN AND ADIDAS ARE ALL COMPANIES FROM WHICH COUNTRY?

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A) United States

B) Russia

C) Germany

# 9. THE WORD 'GUITAR' ORIGINATES FROM WHICH LANGUAGE?

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A) Portuguese

B) Spanish

C) Thai

# 10. THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT IS IN WHICH CITY?

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A) Berlin

B) Bonn

C) Bremen

# 11. LOLLIPOPS WERE INVENTED IN WHICH COUNTRY?

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A) Holland

B) Spain

C) India

# 12. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY LANGUAGES ARE CURRENTLY SPOKEN IN THE WORLD TODAY?

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A) Around 1,000

B) Around 7,000

C) Around 20,000



# 13. WHAT DOES THE WORD 'POLYGLOT' MEAN?

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A) A language with more than 1 billion speakers

B) A country with more than 3 official languages

C) A person who can speak multiple languages

# 14. WHAT IS THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LANGUAGE AND A DIALECT?

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A) A dialect is only spoken in some regions of the country

B) A language has a written form, while a dialect does not

C) People of different dialects of a language can understand each other, while people of two different languages cannot



# 15. WHAT IS THE MOST COMMON WORD ORDER IN MOST LANGUAGES IN THE WORLD?

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A) Subject – Verb – Object

B) Subject – Object – Verb

C) Object – Verb – Object





# 16. WHICH CONTINENT HAS THE MOST LANGUAGES?

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A) Africa

B) Asia

C) Europe



# 17. WHICH COUNTRY HAS UP TO 16 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES?

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A) Zimbabwe

B) South Africa

C) Spain

# 18. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES HAS NO ALPHABET?

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A) Korean

B) Japanese

C) Chinese



# 19. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES IS RELATED TO SPANISH THE MOST?

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A) English

B) Romanian

C) Danish



**20. ACCORDING TO DICTIONARY ENTRIES, WHICH LANGUAGE HAS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF WORDS (MORE THAN 200,000 WORDS)?**

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A) Chinese

B) English

C) Spanish



# 21. WHEN WOULD YOU SAY 'NAMASTE' TO SOMEONE?

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A) When you are leaving their house

B) When greeting them

C) If you want them to leave you alone

**22. HAKUNA MATATA (MEANING 'NO WORRIES') WAS A PHRASE MADE POPULAR AROUND THE WORLD BY THE LION KING, BUT WHICH LANGUAGE IS IT?**

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A) Igbo

B) Swahili

C) Afrikaans

**23. IN WHICH COUNTRY DO LOCALS USE THE PHRASE  
'NOT MY CIRCUS, NOT MY MONKEYS' WHEN THEY  
MEAN 'NOT MY PROBLEM'?**

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A) Poland

B) Morocco

C) Ghana



# 24. WHERE WOULD YOU DRINK THIS COCA-COLA?

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A) Saudi Arabia

B) Taiwan

C) Ethiopia

# 25. WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

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A) Beijing

B) Tokyo

C) Hanoi

## 26. WHERE IS THIS MCDONALDS?

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A) Athens

B) Prague

C) Moscow

# 27. WHICH COUNTRY HAS THE HIGHEST LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY IN THE WORLD WITH AN ESTIMATED 820 LANGUAGES SPOKEN?

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A) India

B) Nigeria

C) Papua New Guinea



# 28. MOST ENGLISH VOCABULARY USED WHEN TALKING ABOUT THE LAW OR FOOD HAS ROOTS IN WHICH LANGUAGE?

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A) French

B) German

C) Latin



# 29. HOW MANY WORDS DO HAWAIIANS HAVE FOR 'RAIN'?

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A) Less than 100

B) 100-200

C) More than 200

# 30. THE WORD 'ALPHABET' COMES FROM WHICH LANGUAGE?

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A) Latin

B) Greek

C) French