

TRUE OR FALSE:

Spanish is the official language in more than 15 countries around the world.

Right answer: move forward 1 space

True. Spanish is the official language in 20 states

There is a special field of study where experts analyse written and spoken language to assist in legal investigations, from decoding ransom notes to clarifying legal documents. What is this field of study called?

- A. The Language Police
- B. Forensic linguistics

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

B, forensic linguistics. Also called legal linguistics, it is the use of linguistic methods in the context of law. It can for example be used to identify the author of an anonymous note. It can also be used to identify cases of plagiarism

In which of these countries is French an official language?

- A. Belgium
- B. Croatia
- C. Denmark

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

A, Belgium. French is one of the official languages in Belgium, alongside Dutch and German

TRUE OR FALSE:

All Slavic languages use the Cyrillic alphabet.

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

False. Some Slavic languages use the Cyrillic alphabet (Russian, Bulgarian, Ukrainian...) while others use the Latin alphabet (Polish, Czech, Slovak, Croatian...). Serbian, Montenegrin and Bosnian use both, although the Latin script is more common than the Cyrillic one in Bosnian



What is the official language of Austria?

- A. German
- B. Czech
- C. Albanian

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

A, German

Which of these countries has 4 official languages?

- A. The United Kingdom
- B. Italy
- C. Switzerland

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

C, Switzerland. The official languages are German, French, Italian and Romansh

Which language has the most native speakers in the EU?

- A. Greek
- B. English
- C. German

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

C, German. It is the most widely spoken mother tongue in the EU with 18.8% of the EU population

What is the main language spoken in the United Kingdom?

- A. Portuguese
- B. English
- C. Slovak

Right answer: move forward 1 space

B, English. The United Kingdom doesn't have a legally defined official language, but English functions as the de facto official language



TRUE OR FALSE:

Italian derives from Latin?

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

True. Like other Romance languages, Italian derives from Latin

TRUE OR FALSE:

Icelandic has changed very little since the Middle Ages?

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

True. Some languages change less than others, like Icelandic that has preserved many features of its ancestor, Old Norse. With some help Modern Icelanders can still read medieval texts, such as the famous sagas

Besides Sweden, in which other country is Swedish an official language?

- A. Finland
- B. Malta
- C. Armenia

Right answer: move forward 1 space

A, Finland. Finnish and Swedish are the two official languages. Swedish is the mother tongue of approximately 5% of the population

TRUE OR FALSE:

Modern Greek uses the Greek alphabet?

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

True. It has 24 letters. This alphabet has been used to write the Greek language since the late 9th or early 8th century BC



From which language does the word 'ciao' come from?

- A. Latvian
- B. Italian
- C. Bulgarian

Right answer: move forward 1 space

B, Italian. It means both 'hello' and 'goodbye' and has entered the vocabulary of English and many other languages

Besides Greece, in which other country is Greek an official language?

- A. Ireland
- B. Norway
- C. Cyprus

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

C, Cyprus

How do you say 'hello' in Spanish?

- A. Hola
- B. Hallo
- C. Bonjour

Right answer: move forward 1 space

A, Hola

What is the main language family in Europe?

- A. Indo-European
- B. Afroasiatic
- C. Finno-Ugric

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

A, Indo-European. The Indo-European language family includes several sub-families. The main ones are the Romance, Germanic and Slavic branches. The Indo-European language family also includes Baltic and Celtic languages, as well as Armenian, Greek, Albanian and Romanian



TRUE OR FALSE:

Irish and Scottish Gaelic are two different languages.

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

True. They are however both Celtic languages

From which language does the word 'kindergarten' come from?

- A. Hungarian
- B. German
- C. Lithuanian

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

B, German. It literally means 'garden of children'; English speakers use it for a school class for young children

In which countries is Basque spoken?

- A. Spain and France
- B. Luxembourg and Estonia
- C. Greece and Hungary

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

A, Spain and France. It is spoken in the Basque country, which is a region situated in southwest France and the northwest of Spain

Which of these languages is the closest to Latvian?

- A. Lithuanian
- B. Irish
- C. Armenian

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

A, Lithuanian. They are the only two Baltic languages which have survived as living languages to the present day



Which of these is a Celtic language?

- A. Dutch
- B. Welsh
- C. Macedonian

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

B, Welsh. Dutch is a Germanic language, and Macedonian is a Slavic language

From which language does the expression 'déjà vu' come from?

- A. Slovak
- B. French
- C. Romanian

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

French. The expression déjà vu literally means 'already seen'; it describes the feeling that you have experienced a situation before

TRUE OR FALSE:

Armenian uses its own alphabet?

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

True. The Armenian alphabet was created in the 5th century. Modern Armenian has 39 letters

Besides English, what is the other official language in Ireland?

- A. Irish
- B. Scottish
- C. Cornish

Right answer: move forward 1 space

A, Irish. It is a Celtic language



How many letters are used in the Polish language?

- A. 12
- B. 32
- C. 55

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

B, 32. Polish uses the Latin alphabet, with some special letters such as 'Ł', 'Ó', or 'Ż'.

From which language does the word 'alphabet' come from?

- A. Slovenian
- B. Albanian
- C. Greek

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

C, Greek. The word alphabet comes from the first two letters of the Greek alphabet alpha and beta.

In which language do we say 'Buongiorno' to say good morning?

- A. Italian
- B. Czech
- C. Estonian

Right answer: move forward 1 space

A, Italian

Which of the following are the most spoken languages in North Macedonia?

- A. Macedonian and Albanian
- B. Bosnian and Hungarian
- C. French and Italian

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

A, Macedonian and Albanian



TRUE OR FALSE:

Luxembourgish is an official language spoken in at least one European country?

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

True. It is an official language in Luxembourg

In which country are Venetian and Sardinian regional languages?

- A. Hungary
- B. Italy
- C. France

Right answer: move forward 1 space

B, Italy

TRUE OR FALSE:

In which country is Danish an official language?

Right answer: move forward 1 space

Denmark

Which languages are spoken in Greenland?

- A. Greenlandic and Danish
- B. English and Czech
- C. French and Dutch

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

A, Greenlandic and Danish. It is estimated that 85-90% of the population speaks Greenlandic, which is the only official language of Greenland. Danish is a recognised language and is studied by students in school



Can you name at least three countries where German is an official language?

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

Germany, Austria, Switzerland,
Liechtenstein, Luxembourg,
Belgium

TRUE OR FALSE:

Every country in Europe has only one official language?

Right answer: move forward 1 space

False. Some countries have more than one, such as Switzerland (4 official languages), Belgium, Luxembourg (3 official languages), ff, Ireland, Malta (2 official languages), etc

Which of these countries only has one official language?

- A. Luxembourg
- B. Hungary
- C. Belgium

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

B, Hungary. There are several minority languages in Hungary, but Hungarian is the only official language

Can you name a celebrity who speaks several languages?

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

Examples: Monica Bellucci, Will Smith, Shakira... Discover more multilingual celebrities on the EDL website!



TRUE OR FALSE:

Slovak is the official language of Slovakia?

Right answer: move forward 1 space

True

To which language family does Romanian belong?

- A. Romance
- B. Slavic
- C. Germanic

Right answer: move forward 1 space

A, Romance. It comes from Latin

TRUE OR FALSE:

Bosnian is a Germanic language?

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

False. It is a Slavic language

To which language does the language code 'FR' refer to?

- A. Finnish
- B. Serbian
- C. French

Right answer: move forward 1 space

C, French



What is the official language of Andorra?

- A. Catalan
- B. Italian
- C. Spanish

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

A, Catalan

From which language does the phrase 'Carpe diem' come from?

- A. Ancient Greek
- B. Latin
- C. Ukrainian

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

B, Latin. It literally means 'Seize the day'; it means making the most of the present moment instead of worrying too much about the future

**TRUE OR FALSE:
Bulgarian is a Slavic language**

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

True. It is a Southern Slavic language

In which European countries is Dutch spoken?

- A. The Netherlands and Belgium
- B. France and Germany
- C. Austria and Hungary

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

A, The Netherlands and Belgium



TRUE OR FALSE:

The majority of Europeans know more than one language?

Right answer: move forward 1 space

True. According to an EU survey, 59% of Europeans can have a conversation in a language other than their mother tongue

Which European language is considered a language isolate, meaning it is not related to any other living language?

- A. German
- B. Basque
- C. Bosnian

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

B, Basque. It is the only surviving European language of Paleo-European origin. It developed before the arrival of Indo-European languages

How many official languages does the European Union currently have?

- A. 12
- B. 24
- C. 39

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

B, 24. The official languages of the EU are Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish

Which language uses the word 'kiitos' for 'thank you'?

- A. Finnish
- B. Italian
- C. French

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

A, Finnish



Which language is an official language of both Ireland and the European Union?

- A. Irish
- B. Serbian
- C. Norwegian

Right answer: move forward 1 space

A, Irish

Which term describes a person who speaks many languages?

- A. Omniglot
- B. Polyglot
- C. Cleverglot

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

B, Polyglot

On what day is the European Day of Languages celebrated every year?

- A. 1 january
- B. 26 September
- C. 25 December

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

B, 26 September

Which languages are closest to one another?

- A. Czech and Irish
- B. Estonian and Finnish
- C. Ukrainian and Danish

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

B, Estonian and Finnish. Both belong to the Finnic branch of the Uralic language family



How many living languages are estimated in the world?

- A. Around 500
- B. Around 2000
- C. Around 6000

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

C, around 6000

Which is the most widely spoken language in the world, native and non-native speakers included?

- A. Spanish
- B. French
- C. English

Right answer: move forward 1 space

C, English

Which stone helped in the deciphering of the hieroglyphs by European researchers?

- A. Napoleon's stone
- B. Egyptomania stone
- C. Rosetta stone

Right answer: move forward 1 space

C, Rosetta Stone. Jean-François Champollion deciphered the hieroglyphs in 1822 thanks to the Rosetta Stone, which contains same text written in Ancient Egyptian (using hieroglyphs and another script called Demotic) and in Ancient Greek

What is the Albanian language called in Albanian?

- A. Shqip
- B. Alba

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

A, Shqip



What is a reverse dictionary?

- A. A dictionary which starts with the letter 'Z' and ends with the letter 'A'
- B. A dictionary listing words alphabetically from their last letter

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

B, a dictionary listing words alphabetically from their last letter. This kind of dictionary can be useful for poets, for example, who look for words that rhyme with each other, or for specialists who examine a damaged text (a burnt document, a stone inscription...)

TRUE OR FALSE

Icelandic has no letter 'C' in its alphabet?

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

True. The Icelandic alphabet does not include the letter 'C'; it does feature several distinctive letters, including Þ (thorn), Ð (eth), Æ and Ö.

TRUE OR FALSE

Serbian can be written using two alphabets: the Cyrillic and the Latin alphabets?

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

True. The Cyrillic script is used in legal and administrative contexts, while the Latin script is widely used in everyday life and may also be used in many official contexts alongside Cyrillic.

Which languages are closest to one another?

- A. Albanian and Irish
- B. Norwegian and Swedish
- C. Lithuanian and Maltese

Right answer: move forward 1 space

B, Norwegian and Swedish. They are Northern Germanic languages.



Which of the following European languages belongs to the same family as Arabic?

- A. Maltese
- B. Polish
- C. Swedish

Right answer: move forward 1 space

Maltese. It is the only official language in the EU which belongs to the Semitic language family (which is a part of the Afroasiatic language family). This family includes Hebrew as well, for example. Maltese is also the only standardised Semitic language written exclusively in the Latin script

Which of these languages is most closely related to Croatian?

- A. English
- B. Slovenian
- C. Latvian

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

B, Slovenian. Both are South Slavic languages

Which of these words means "hello" in Ukrainian?

- A. Bonjour
- B. Guten Tag
- C. Привіт (Pryvit)

Right answer: move forward 1 space

C, Привіт (Pryvit)

Which languages are closest to one another?

- A. Portuguese and Spanish
- B. Norwegian and Ukrainian
- C. Croatian and German

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

A, Portuguese and Spanish. They are Romance languages, meaning that they derive from Latin



Which of the following words means 'hello' in Croatian?

- A. Halló
- B. Buenos días
- C. Bok

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

C, Bok

Which languages are closest to one another?

- A. Hungarian and Catalan
- B. Czech and Slovak
- C. Albanian and Dutch

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

B, Czech and Slovak. They are West Slavic languages

TRUE OR FALSE

There is only one sign language in the world?

Right answer: move forward 2 spaces

False. Hundreds of local sign languages and varieties are used around the world. There are estimated to be over 300 sign languages worldwide, as well as a large number of dialects

How do you call the writing system that helps blind and visually impaired people to read?

- A. Invisible alphabet
- B. Braille
- C. Writing code

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

B, Braille. It was created by a blind French educator, Louis Braille, in the 19th century. It consists of a combination of dots arranged differently to distinguish characters from one another



What is the name of the language spoken by the Roma communities?

- A. Romani
- B. Rome speech
- C. Romantic

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

A, Romani. It has many varieties and is spoken by Roma communities across Europe

Which of the following languages has its own unique alphabet with 33 letters?

- A. English
- B. Dutch
- C. Georgian

Right answer: move forward 3 spaces

C, Georgian. Its origin is poorly known. The oldest found document written in that script dates to the 5th century

