

Foreign Language Fun Facts

Foreign Language Basics · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which language is spoken by the most people worldwide as a first language?

- A) English
- B) Spanish
- C) Mandarin Chinese**
- D) Hindi

2. What is the most commonly learned second language in the world?

- A) Mandarin Chinese
- B) Spanish
- C) French
- D) English**

3. Which country has the most official languages?

- A) Switzerland
- B) India
- C) South Africa**
- D) Canada

4. The 'Romance' languages (like Spanish, French, Italian) evolved from which ancient language?

- A) Greek
- B) Latin**
- C) Germanic
- D) Sanskrit

5. How many letters are in the standard English alphabet?

- A) 24
- B) 25
- C) 26**
- D) 27

6. Which language uses characters that represent words or ideas, rather than just sounds?

- A) Japanese**
- B) Arabic
- C) Korean
- D) Russian

7. What is the smallest continent that has English as its primary language?

- A) North America
- B) Europe
- C) Africa

D) Australia

8. Which common phrase is derived from the Italian word 'ciao', meaning 'hello' or 'goodbye'?

- A) Aloha
- B) Ciao**
- C) Adios
- D) Bonjour

9. What is the primary language spoken in Brazil?

- A) Spanish
- B) Portuguese**
- C) French
- D) English

10. The writing system used in Japan, which includes Kanji, Hiragana, and Katakana, is called:

- A) Cyrillic
- B) Hangul
- C) Furigana
- D) Japanese script**