

Global Linguistics: A Geographical Exploration

Linguistics · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which of the following languages is spoken by the largest number of native speakers globally?

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

2. Papua New Guinea is renowned for having the highest linguistic diversity on Earth. Which continent is it located on?

- A) Africa
- B) South America
- C) Asia
- D) Oceania**

3. The Indo-Aryan language family, which includes Hindi and Bengali, is predominantly spoken in which geographic region?

- A) North Africa
- B) The Indian Subcontinent**
- C) Scandinavia
- D) The Balkans

4. Which European country has multiple official languages, reflecting its diverse historical and cultural makeup?

- A) Portugal
- B) Greece
- C) Switzerland**
- D) Norway

5. The Khoisan language family, known for its click consonants, is primarily found in which part of Africa?

- A) West Africa
- B) East Africa
- C) Southern Africa**
- D) North Africa

6. Which of these languages is an isolate, meaning it is not known to be related to any other living language family?

- A) Basque**
- B) Finnish
- C) Hungarian
- D) Catalan

7. The indigenous languages of Australia, such as Warlpiri and Arrernte, belong to which language family or phylum?

- A) Austronesian
- B) Pama-Nyungan**
- C) Afro-Asiatic
- D) Dravidian

8. Which continent has the fewest number of indigenous languages still spoken today, largely due to colonization and assimilation?

- A) North America
- B) South America
- C) Europe**
- D) Australia