

Foundations of Global Languages

Foreign Language Basics · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. As of 2023, approximately how many distinct living languages are recognized worldwide?

- A) About 7,000**
- B) About 1,500
- C) About 500
- D) About 10,000

2. In what year was the United Nations officially established, helping to standardize its 6 official working languages?

- A) 1939
- B) 1945**
- C) 1950
- D) 1962

3. The International Mother Language Day is observed annually by UNESCO on which date?

- A) January 1st
- B) March 15th
- C) February 21st**
- D) September 30th

4. How many official languages does the European Union currently recognize?

- A) 12
- B) 24**
- C) 36
- D) 48

5. Which language is currently ranked as having the highest number of total speakers, including non-native speakers, according to Ethnologue?

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

6. The alphabet used for the Russian language, known as the Cyrillic alphabet, is named after which 9th-century figure?

- A) Saint Cyril**
- B) Peter the Great
- C) Ivan the Terrible
- D) Catherine the Great

7. How many characters are there in the standard modern Greek alphabet?

A) 20

B) 24

C) 26

D) 30

8. In the 1990 census, approximately how many different languages were reported as being spoken in homes across the United States?

A) Under 50

B) Around 300

C) Over 1,000

D) Exactly 2,000