

Foundations of Global Languages

Foreign Language Basics · Practice Test · 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