Foreign Language Basics for Teens

Foreign Languages · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which of these scripts is primarily used to write the Japanese language?

A) Cyrillic
B) Kanji
C) Devanagari
D) Arabic

2. What is the most spoken native language in the world by number of speakers?

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

3. The term 'lingua franca' refers to:

A) A language used for communication between people who do not share a native language
B) A language spoken by only one small tribe
C) A language that has no written form
D) A language used exclusively for religious ceremonies

4. Which language family does English belong to?

A) Romance
B) Semitic
C) Germanic
D) Slavic

5. What is the official language of Brazil?

A) Spanish
B) Portuguese
C) French
D) Italian

6. Which continent is home to the largest number of distinct languages?

A) Europe
B) Africa
C) Antarctica
D) North America

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7. How many official languages does the United Nations recognize?

A) 3
B) 6
C) 10
D) 12

8. The word 'alphabet' is derived from the first two letters of which ancient language's script?

A) Latin
B) Greek
C) Hebrew
D) Phoenician

9. Which language is written using the Cyrillic script?

A) German
B) Russian
C) Thai
D) Korean

10. What does the study of 'etymology' focus on?

A) The origin and history of words
B) The rules of sentence structure
C) The way sounds are produced
D) The translation of poetry

11. Which of these countries has French as one of its official languages?

A) Japan
B) Canada
C) Australia
D) Mexico

12. In linguistics, what is a 'cognate'?

A) A word that is spelled the same in two languages
B) A word that has a common etymological origin with a word in another language
C) A language that has died out
D) A person who speaks three languages

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