



European languages quiz

To celebrate this year's European Day of Languages on 26th September, we present the latest in our series of ever-popular (or should that be 'never popular?') quizzes. From Portuguese to Polish, from Irish to Italian, find out how much you know about European languages...

1) How many official languages does the European Union have?

- a) 6
- b) 23
- c) 37

2) When did Irish become an official European language?

- a) 1973
- b) 1992
- c) 2007

3) Romanian is most similar to which of the following languages?

- a) Italian
- b) Russian
- c) Bulgarian

4) Which of the following languages is not officially recognised in the UK?

- a) Manx
- b) Cornish
- c) Scottish Gaelic

5) Which of the following languages has the greatest number of speakers?

- a) Slovak
- b) Estonian
- c) Hungarian

6) "Dzien dobry" (pronounced 'jayn doh-bray') means "Hello" in which language?

- a) Russian
- b) Polish
- c) Danish

7) How much of the world's population speak a European language as their mother tongue?

- a) 9%
- b) 26%
- c) 55%

8) Which language does the word "yoghurt" come from?

- a) Greek
- b) Swedish
- c) Turkish

9) Which of the following European languages is not an official language of the African Union?

- a) Spanish
- b) English
- c) Portuguese

10) Which is the only language in the world where all the nouns begin with a capital letter?

- a) Czech
- b) German
- c) Lithuanian