

Exploring the English-speaking World Quiz



- 1 How many countries are there in the world today?
 - A. 83
 - B. 115
 - C. 195
 - D. 356
- 2 About how many different languages are there in the world today?
 - A. 70
 - B. 700
 - C. 7000
 - D. 70,000
- 3 Which language has the most native speakers?
 - A. Chinese
 - B. Spanish
 - C. English
 - D. Hindi
- 4 Which language is the most widely spoken in the world?
 - A. Chinese
 - B. Spanish
 - C. English
 - D. Hindi
- 5 Where is the birthplace of the English language?
 - A. Germany
 - B. Netherlands
 - C. Denmark
 - D. Britain
- 6 How many countries have English as an official language?
 - A. 10
 - B. 15
 - C. 35
 - D. 55
- 7 About how many people speak English as their mother tongue?
 - A. 150 million
 - B. 400 million
 - C. 520 million
 - D. 700 million
- 8 About how many people speak English as a second language?
 - A. 1 billion
 - B. 1.5 billion
 - C. 2 billion
 - D. 2.5 billion
- 9 What are Norway's official languages?
 - A. Norwegian bokmål
 - B. Norwegian nynorsk
 - C. Sami
 - D. All of the above
- 10 About how many people speak Norwegian (bokmål or nynorsk) as their first language?
 - A. 3 million
 - B. 4 million
 - C. 5 million
 - D. 6 million
- 11 Which country has the largest number of native English speakers?
 - A. UK
 - B. USA
 - C. India
 - D. Australia
- 12 Which country has the largest percentage of native English speakers?
 - A. Ireland
 - B. UK
 - C. New Zealand
 - D. USA

13 Which country has the largest number of English as a second language speakers?

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Nigeria
- D. South Africa

14 Which two European countries have the highest percentages of speakers of English as a second language?

- A. Sweden and Denmark
- B. Austria and Finland
- C. Switzerland and Belgium
- D. The Netherlands and Norway

15 What is the most common language used on the internet?

- A. Chinese
- B. Arabic
- C. English
- D. Spanish

16 What is the international language of aviation?

- A. Chinese
- B. Arabic
- C. English
- D. Spanish

17 How did the English language become so widespread?

- A. British Empire
- B. Global business, technology and science
- C. Pop culture
- D. All of the above

18 Which English-speaking country has a large Spanish-speaking population?

- A. South Africa
- B. USA
- C. Australia
- D. India

19 Which English-speaking country has a large French-speaking population?

- A. Canada
- B. Nigeria
- C. South Africa
- D. New Zealand

20 Which of these English-speaking countries lies in the Caribbean?

- A. Ireland
- B. Jamaica
- C. Nigeria
- D. New Zealand

21 Which of these English-speaking countries lies in Africa?

- A. Ireland
- B. Jamaica
- C. Nigeria
- D. New Zealand

22 Which of these best-selling English books has sold the most copies worldwide?

- A. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
- B. The Hobbit
- C. And Then There Were None
- D. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

23 Who wrote Romeo and Juliet?

- A. Jane Austen
- B. Charles Dickens
- C. William Shakespeare
- D. J.K. Rowling

24 Where was William Shakespeare born in 1564?

- A. Wales
- B. Scotland
- C. England
- D. Ireland

25 What was King Olav V of Norway's mother tongue?

- A. Danish
- B. Swedish
- C. Norwegian
- D. English