

Answer key: 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**