



**EUROPEAN DAY OF
LANGUAGES**

GOALS

- The European Day of Languages has been celebrated every year since 2001 on 26 September - together with the European Commission
- It is an opportunity to raise awareness about language learning, cultural and linguistic diversity

QUESTIONS

- How many languages do you speak, and which one do you find the most challenging?
- Have you ever traveled to a country where you didn't speak the language? How did you manage?
- Which European language would you like to learn, and what interests you about it?
- Do you think knowing more than one language is important? Why or why not?
- What are some interesting cultural traditions related to language in your country?
- How do you think learning a new language can help people connect across cultures?

ROUND 1:
MULTIPLE CHOICE

European Languages
Quiz

QUESTION 1

Which language has the most native speakers in Europe?

A. French

C. Russian

B. German

D. English

QUESTION 2

Which of these languages is NOT a Romance language?

A. Spanish

B. Romanian

C. Polish

D. Portuguese

QUESTION 3

Which language uses a non-Latin alphabet?

A. Greek

C. Swedish

B. Dutch

D. Latvian

QUESTION 4

Which of the following is NOT an official language of the European Union?

A. Maltese

B. Gaelic (Irish)

C. Basque

D. Bulgarian

QUESTION 5

Which of these countries has more than one official language?

A. Italy

B. Norway

C. Belgium

D. Poland

QUESTION 6

What is the official language of Luxembourg?

A. Luxembourgish

C. German

B. French

D. All of the above

QUESTION 7

Which of these languages has the fewest native speakers in Europe?

A. Croatian

B. Icelandic

C. Lithuanian

D. Portuguese

QUESTION 8

What language is closest to English?

A. Dutch

B. French

C. Italian

D. Spanish

QUESTION 9

Which country has four official languages?

A. Switzerland

C. Finland

B. Belgium

D. Spain

ROUND 2:

TRUE OR FALSE

European Languages
Quiz

QUESTION 1

Finnish and Hungarian belong to the same language family.

True

False

QUESTION 2

Portuguese is spoken as an official language in only one European country.

True

False

QUESTION 3

There are 24 official languages in the European Union.

True

False

QUESTION 4

French is the official language of Monaco.

True

False

QUESTION 5

English is the only official language of Ireland.

True

False

QUESTION 6

Greek is the oldest written language in Europe that is still in use today.

True

False

A pink sticky note is pinned to a dark, textured background. The word "ANSWERS" is written in bold, black, uppercase letters on the note. The note is held in place by two red, triangular-shaped fasteners at the top corners. The background has a fine, pebbled texture, resembling asphalt or a similar material.

ANSWERS

1 c) Russian

Russian has the highest number of native speakers in Europe, with over 100 million people speaking it as their first language. This is due to Russia's large population, part of which is geographically in Europe. German is the second most spoken native language in Europe.

2 c) Polish

Polish is a Slavic language, part of the Indo-European language family, but not a Romance language. Romance languages (like Spanish, Romanian, and Portuguese) evolved from Latin, the language of the Roman Empire, while Slavic languages have a different historical origin.

3 a) Greek

Greek uses the Greek alphabet, which is different from the Latin alphabet used by most European languages like French, Dutch, and Swedish. Other languages that use non-Latin alphabets include Russian (Cyrillic) and Bulgarian.

4 c) Basque

Basque is a regional language spoken in parts of Spain and France, but it is not an official EU language. Maltese, Gaelic (Irish), and Bulgarian are all official languages of the EU.

5 c) Belgium

Belgium has three official languages: Dutch, French, and German. The country is linguistically divided into regions that primarily use one of these languages.

6 d) All of the above

Luxembourg has three official languages: Luxembourgish, French, and German. Luxembourgish is the national language, but French and German are also used in administration and law.

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b) Icelandic

Icelandic has a small number of native speakers, around 350,000, as it is spoken primarily in Iceland. Croatian, Lithuanian and Portuguese have significantly larger populations of native speakers.

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a) Dutch

Dutch is the closest language to English, both being part of the Germanic language family. They share many similarities in vocabulary and grammar, making Dutch relatively easy to learn for English speakers compared to other European languages.

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a) Switzerland

Switzerland has four official languages: German, French, Italian, and Romansh. This reflects the country's rich linguistic diversity, with different regions (called cantons) using different languages in everyday life.

1

True

Finnish and Hungarian are both part of the Finno-Ugric language family, which is different from the Indo-European family that includes most European languages. Despite being geographically far apart, Finnish and Hungarian share a distant linguistic connection.

2

True

Portuguese is the official language of Portugal in Europe, it is also spoken as an official language in other countries, especially in Brazil and several African nations like Mozambique and Angola. However, in Europe, it is primarily confined to Portugal.

3

True

As of now, the European Union has 24 official languages, reflecting the linguistic diversity of its member states.

4

True

French is the official language of Monaco, a small sovereign city-state on the French Riviera. While French is used in administration and official settings, other languages, such as Italian and English, are also spoken due to Monaco's international community.

5

False

Ireland has two official languages: English and Irish (Gaelic). Irish is the first official language, and English is the second. While Irish is not as widely spoken as English, it holds official status and is used in some government and legal contexts.

6

True

Greek is considered the oldest written language in Europe still in continuous use. Its written form dates back over 3,000 years, with texts like Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey" being famous examples of early Greek literature.

TIME TO SING!

Multilingual
Karaoke

LINKS

- Bailando - Enrique Iglesias
<https://youtu.be/UyvOHwQIcso?si=r0Z3vZGnoMwV24ul>
- Despacito - Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEPsFwAj0IQ>
- Bella Ciao
<https://youtu.be/zxaqDcGkT68?si=djfKsR6fNbVXCV8a>
- La noia - Angelina Mango
<https://youtu.be/kUCf24IKB-Q?si=xXw9U4p2dAlkjl8c>

LINKS

- 99 Luftballons - Nena
<https://youtu.be/WtOVV4Wk74E?si=CT2mhIDC1VDGcYzi>
- Je veux - Zaz
https://youtu.be/KichC3P5GE0?si=LIOMQxoiV3_rKYnJ
- Perfect - Ed Sheeran
<https://youtu.be/N56nBWBllvk?si=XE-jq2vsnsFbWZIP>
- 14 palmi - Daleka obala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZyOg0sJJjY>



WELL DONE!

Thank you for participating.