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Well, this is our last ezine this year. We've won the prize to write for the international ezine, so today we're going to tell you about some of the other countries in the competition.

In India they speak more than 24 languages, but Hindi and English are the two most important languages. Indians love the cinema and in Bollywood they make more films a year than in Hollywood in the USA.



Mexico is in North America, but the Mexicans have spoken Spanish there for hundreds of years. More people speak Spanish in Mexico than in Spain. Did you know that modern chewing gum first came from trees in Mexico in the 19th century?



More tourists visit France than any other country: about 83 million every year. The French also have the most famous bike race in the world, which is called the **Tour de France**.



Brazil is the fifth biggest country in the world. The people from Brazil are Brazilian, but they speak Portuguese. Apart from in Portugal and Brazil, people speak Portuguese in five other countries.



Germany has the biggest population in Europe. About 81 million people live there. The Germans make more cars than any other European country. The famous composers Bach, Beethoven and Wagner were all German too.



Greece is not an island, but there are about 2,000 Greek islands. A lot of the words we use today, like 'mathematics' and 'telephone', come from Greek.



- 1 Where did chewing gum come from?
- 2 Which country gets the most visitors?
- 3 Name the world's fifth biggest country.
- 4 Where was Bach from?
- 5 What happens in Bollywood?
- 6 Which old language gives us modern words?

Brazil

Mexico

Germany

France

They make films.

Greek

Choose the correct option.

1. Indian people speak only 24 languages. Yes No
2. Chewing gum is popular in Mexico nowadays. Yes No
3. About 83 million people watch the Tour de France. Yes No
4. Portuguese is spoken in seven countries. Yes No
5. Famous composers are German. Yes No
6. Greece is a beautiful island. Yes No

Read and choose the right words.

Hi Sarah,
How are you? I've been in Australia (1) just / for / already a week now, but I (2) since / yet / still haven't seen a koala!
We've (3) ever / just / for left Sydney and we're driving to the beach. Have you (4) since / already / ever seen a photo of Sydney Harbour Bridge or The Opera House? They're amazing. I've (5) already / yet / never taken a hundred photos and we haven't been to the famous coral reef (6) ever / yet / for. We'll visit it tomorrow. I can't wait!
I haven't heard from you (7) never / just / since we arrived.
You must tell me your news!
Love
Emma.

