

Languages of Europe – Quiz

1. About how many different languages are spoken in Europe?
a) Around 50 b) Around 100 c) More than 200 d) More than 500

2. Which language is the most commonly learned in Europe?
a) French b) German c) Spanish d) English

3. Which three European languages have the most native speakers (apart from Russian)?
a) German, French, Spanish b) English, Italian, Greek c) Polish, Portuguese, Hungarian d) Dutch, Danish, Finnish

4. Which language family is the largest in Europe?
a) Romance b) Slavic c) Germanic d) Celtic

5. About how many native speakers of Slavic languages live in Europe?
a) About 20 million b) About 200 million c) About 900 million d) About 600 million

6. Which of the following languages belong to the Slavic family?
a) Russian, Polish, Ukrainian b) French, Italian, Spanish c) English, German, Dutch d) Finnish, Estonian, Hungarian

7. All Romance languages come from which ancient language?
a) Ancient Greek b) Latin c) Old English d) Gothic

8. How many people worldwide speak Romance languages?
a) About 200 million b) About 600 million c) About 900 million d) About 1.5 billion

9. Which of these is NOT a Germanic language?
a) Swedish b) Norwegian c) Danish d) Romanian

10. Speakers of which Scandinavian languages can often understand each other without a translator?
a) Swedish, Norwegian, Danish b) English, German, Dutch c) Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh d) Polish, Czech, Slovak

11. Which languages belong to the Ugro-Finnic group?
a) Hungarian, Finnish, Estonian b) Russian, Bulgarian, Slovak c) French, Portuguese, Romanian d) English, Dutch, German
12. A special feature of Ugro-Finnic languages is...
a) A very large number of cases (grammatical forms) b) Use of only one tense c) Lack of consonants d) Writing without vowels
13. Today, about how many people speak Celtic languages?
a) Around 100 million b) Around 10 million c) Around 1–1.5 million d) Less than 100,000
14. In Welsh, "Cymru" means...
a) Scotland b) Ireland c) Wales d) England
15. True or False: Celtic languages were once spoken in much larger parts of Europe than today.
16. What does the English word "gift" mean in German?
a) Present b) Poison c) Money d) Food
17. Which is the correct pair of "false friends"?
a) English "chef" = cook / French "chef" = boss
b) English "embarrassed" = Spanish "embarazada" = pregnant
c) Portuguese "pasta" = folder / Italian "pasta" = pasta
d) All of the above
18. Which language has the largest vocabulary in the world, with over 1 million words?
a) German b) English c) French d) Russian
19. On average, how many words does a person actually use in English?
a) About 5,000 b) About 10,000 c) About 20,000 d) About 50,000
20. Which of these English words are borrowed from other languages?
a) piano (Italian) b) kindergarten (German) c) déjà vu (French) d) All of the above

