

# European Day of Languages - Fun Facts Quiz

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Read the questions carefully and circle or check the correct option. Use the hints if you need help!

**1. On which day do we celebrate the European Day of Languages every year?**

- A) January 1st
- B) September 26th
- C) July 14th
- D) December 25th

*Hint: Think about the month when autumn starts!*

**2. Spanish, Italian, and French belong to which big language family?**

- A) Romance languages
- B) Germanic languages
- C) Slavic languages
- D) Celtic languages

*Hint: They come from the old language Latin spoken by the ancient Romans.*

**3. English is a Germanic language. Which other language is also in the Germanic family?**

- A) Japanese
- B) Greek
- C) German
- D) Spanish

*Hint: Think about the country that shares a name with this language, located right next to the Netherlands!*

**4. The Russian language uses a special alphabet. What is its name?**

- A) Cyrillic alphabet
- B) Latin alphabet
- C) Greek alphabet
- D) Arabic alphabet

*Hint: It is named after Saint Cyril, who helped create this writing system long ago.*

**5. About how many different languages are spoken in Europe today?**

- A) Only 5 languages
- B) About 20 languages
- C) 500 languages
- D) Over 200 languages

*Hint: There are many countries and regional cultures, so the number is quite large, more than 200!*

**6. What is a 'cognate'? For example, 'music' in English and 'música' in Spanish.**

- A) A word that means the opposite in another language
- B) A word that looks similar and means the same in two languages
- C) A word that is very difficult to pronounce
- D) A word that has no meaning

*Hint: Think of words like 'family' (familia) or 'actor' that sound almost the same in different languages.*

**7. Switzerland is famous for having how many official languages?**

- A) Only one
- B) Two
- C) Four

D) Ten

*Hint: It is a number between three and five.*

**8. Basque is a unique language spoken in Spain and France. What makes it special?**

A) It is not related to any other language family on Earth!

B) It is the oldest language that uses numbers only

C) It is spoken by everyone in Europe

D) It has only 5 words in total

*Hint: It is a mystery language because scientists cannot link it to any other language family.*

**9. Which of these European languages has its own ancient and unique alphabet used since 800 BC?**

A) English

B) Italian

C) Polish

D) Greek

*Hint: Think of words like 'alpha' and 'beta', which are the first two letters of this alphabet!*

**10. Why do we celebrate the European Day of Languages on September 26?**

A) To show that everyone should only speak English

B) To celebrate language learning and cultural diversity in Europe

C) To stop people from learning new words

D) To celebrate how fast computers can translate text

*Hint: It is about loving all kinds of languages and sharing different cultures together.*