

El día del idioma español



SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY - April 23rd



Every year on April 23rd, Spanish Language Day celebrates the second most spoken language in the world. It's also a day to honour the most revered writer in the Spanish language, Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra.

The Spanish language originated in Spain. Currently, there are more than 450 million native Spanish speakers in the world.

The United States ranks second for the number of Spanish speakers. About 43 million people in the U.S. speak Spanish as a first language. This number continues to grow every year. Spanish is the most studied foreign language in the United States. Up to 70 percent of students from kindergarten through grade 12 learn this widely-spoken language.

Spanish is also one of six official languages of the United Nations. Other official languages of the UN include Arabic, Chinese, English, French, and Russian.

SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY HISTORY

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) founded Spanish Language Day in 2010. Their goal was to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity. They also sought to promote equal use of the organization's six official working languages. They chose April 23rd to commemorate the death of Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra who died in 1616.

The six days recognized include French Language Day on March 20, Chinese Language Day on April 20, English Language Day on April 23, Spanish Language Day on April 23 Russian Language Day on June 6, and Arabic Language Day on December 18. The U.N. also celebrates International Mother Language Day on February 21 and International Translation Day on September 30.

After reading the text above, answer the following questions:

1. When is the Spanish language day?
2. Why the Spanish language day is celebrated that day?
3. When was the Spanish Language day founded?
4. In honour of whom is the Spanish language day celebrated?
5. Who founded the Spanish language day?
6. Who was Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra?
7. What was UNESCO's goal in celebrating Spanish Language Day?

Provide your answers here: