

## Languages of the wider world

### Answers

**A** How many people around the world have the following languages as their mother tongue? Tick the correct answer.

German (example)	a) 95,390,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) 44,360,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) 61,420,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	a) 64,860,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) 640,850,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) 10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arabic (all varieties)	a) 150,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) 206,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) 1,156,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese	a) 1,052,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) 874,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) 174,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
English	a) 309,350,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) 55,590,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) 187,400,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish	a) 102,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) 1,753,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) 322,300,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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**B** Where are the following languages NOT spoken by a resident community?

Russian (example)	a) USA	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Portugal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Finland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Japanese	a) Philippines	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Thailand	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Turkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spanish	a) Brazil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) France	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Cuba	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese	a) Korea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Taiwan	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	a) Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Gabon	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Liberia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
German	a) Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Sweden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Estonia	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Languages of the European Union

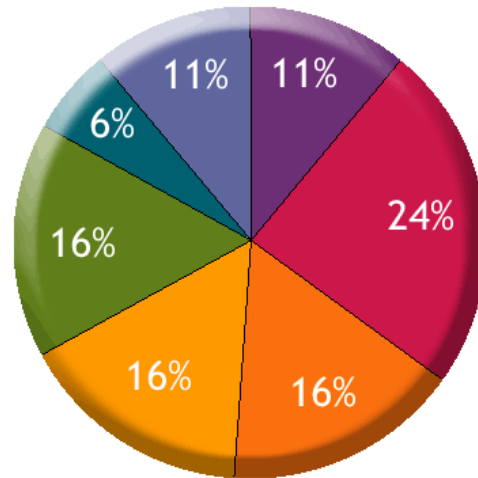
**C** These are the official languages of the European Union - what are they? Write the name in English.

1.	<b>Español</b>	<i>Spanish</i>
2.	<b>Dansk</b>	<i>Danish</i>
3.	<b>Deutsch</b>	<i>German</i>
4.	<b>Elinika</b>	<i>Greek</i>
5.	<b>English</b>	<i>English</i>
6.	<b>Français</b>	<i>French</i>
7.	<b>Italiano</b>	<i>Italian</i>
8.	<b>Nederlands</b>	<i>Dutch</i>
9.	<b>Português</b>	<i>Portuguese</i>
10.	<b>Suomi</b>	<i>Finnish</i>
11.	<b>Svenska</b>	<i>Swedish</i>
12.	<b>Čeština</b>	<i>Czech</i>
13.	<b>Eesti</b>	<i>Estonian</i>
14.	<b>Latviesu valoda</b>	<i>Latvian</i>
15.	<b>Lietuviu kalba</b>	<i>Lithuanian</i>
16.	<b>Magyar</b>	<i>Hungarian</i>
17.	<b>Malti</b>	<i>Maltese</i>
18.	<b>Polski</b>	<i>Polish</i>
19.	<b>Slovenčina</b>	<i>Slovak</i>
20.	<b>Slovenščina</b>	<i>Slovene</i>

Source: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/policies/lang/languages/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/policies/lang/languages/index_en.html)

**D** The following languages are spoken as mother tongue by what percentage of the population of the European Union? Match up languages and statistics

1.	Español	11%
2.	Deutsch	24%
3.	English	16%
4.	Français	16%
5.	Italiano	16%
6.	Nederlands	6%
7.	All others	11%



## Languages in the UK

**E** Over 300 different languages are spoken by London schoolchildren. How many different languages are spoken in your school and local community? Write down as many as you can.