

Do you think that English is the only language you'll ever need? Or, do you think that you've got a bit of a flair for languages? Whatever your viewpoint, try this quick quiz to see just how language-smart you really are.

1 How many languages are there in the world?

- a 40-60
- b 400-600
- c 4000-6000
- d 40,000-60,000

2 How many languages are spoken in the UK?

- a 1
- b 3
- c 100
- d more than 300

3 Which language is spoken by the most people as their first language?

- a English
- b Russian
- c Spanish
- d Chinese

4 Which language is spoken by the most people as their second language?

- a English
- b Spanish
- c French
- d Russian

5 So why learn another language when every speaks English?

- a Not everyone does speak English
- b Learning another language can help you with your English
- c If you want to persuade someone, or influence them, it's best to speak their language
- d It is personally rewarding and broadens your mind

6 So which is the most useful language to learn?

- a French
- b Chinese
- c Spanish
- d Any language



How did you score?

0-1 Oh dear, you really ought to find out more about languages by visiting www.cilt.org.uk



2-4 Not bad, but you could do with going along to a European Day of Languages event to find out more. Find out what's going on in your area by logging on to www.ecml.at/edl.



5-6 Congratulations! Tell everyone about your success by sending them a European Day of Languages postcard.



Answers: 1c, 2d, 3d, 4a, 5(all correct) 6d. For further information, go to www.cilt.org.uk/edl/quiz