

# Language - How Much Do You Know?

1. How many languages are there?  
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2. How many vowels are there in English? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many consonants are there in English? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Cross-linguistically, languages:
  - a) have approx. the same number of sounds
  - b) have approx. the same number of vowels; varied number of consonants
  - c) have approx. the same number of consonants; varied number of vowels
  - d) have a varied number of sounds
5. Cross-linguistically, languages:
  - a) are equal in grammatical complexity
  - b) vary greatly in grammatical complexity
  - c) vary in complexity dependant on cultural complexity (primitive tribes in the jungle have primitive languages)
  - d) vary in complexity dependant on evolution (cavemen had more primitive language)
6. All languages are equally easy to learn as:
  - a) a first language - true false
  - b) a second language - true false
7. Animal communication is a primitive form of human language.  
true false
8. Learning a language is a life-long process.  
true false
9. Language quality degrades without proper education.  
true false
10. Written language and spoken language are essentially the same phenomena.  
true false
11. Reading and writing are essentially the same phenomena.  
true false
12. Language is learned - there is no genetic basis for language.  
true false
13. The 10 most common first languages include:  
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14. The most common second language is: \_\_\_\_\_