

## Languages in the world

### QUIZ<sup>1</sup>

<p>The majority of the world's population is plurilingual.</p>	<p>Which languages do you speak...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• always</li> <li>• often</li> <li>• sometimes</li> <li>• seldom ...?</li> </ul>	<p>Worldwide around 6,500 languages exist. As there are a huge number of dialects, it is difficult to define exactly how many languages there are. Of these, only 155 languages are spoken by more than 1 Million people.</p> <p>Into how many languages have parts of the bible been translated?</p> <p>a) 100    b) 640    c) 2,200 d) 3,100</p>
<p>What language/s can be found in your environment (at school/ at home/at work/ in your region)?</p>	<p>Which of your linguistic resources do you like using in particular?</p>	<p>German is a pluricentric language and is the official national language of 5 European countries. Which of the following countries does not have German as an official language?</p> <p>a) Germany    b) Austria    c) Liechtenstein d) Switzerland    e) Luxembourg    f) Belgium</p>
<p>Find 5 good reasons for plurilingualism.</p>	<p>Are your own mother tongue and English enough?</p>	<p>One-fifth of the world's population speaks languages from the Sino-Tibetan linguistic group between Northern China and Northern Vietnam (around 360 languages). How many Indian languages exist in Europe?</p> <p>a) 6    b) 23    c) 225 d) 450</p>

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<p>plurilingual = bilingual?</p>	<p>Plurilingualism is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an opportunity?</li> <li>• a problem?</li> <li>• a right?</li> </ul>	<p>English is an official language in 63 countries worldwide. In 122 countries, a former colonial language has the status of official language. Of the following languages, which one has the largest amount of speakers worldwide?</p> <p>a) English   b) Hindi   c) Chinese   d) Spanish</p>
<p>In what language/s would you be able to greet or thank a person?</p>	<p>How satisfied are you with your "linguistic repertoire"? What pleases you and what would you like to be different?</p>	<p>Australia has 14 linguistic groups. Australian English is spoken by 79 % of the population and is the biggest language community. Which of the following is the most multilingual continent?</p> <p>a) Africa   b) Europe   c) Asia d) Australia</p>