

LANGUAGES - KEY

1. What kinds of communication does language consist of? **speaking, writing, waving your hands, body movements**
2. What do we call the rules of a language? **grammar**
3. Which alphabet is the most popular? **the Latin alphabet**
4. What kind of writing systems do languages like Chinese and Arabic use? **sign language**
5. How many languages exist today? **about 7000**
6. What are the most common languages in the world? **Mandarin (Chinese) English, Spanish**
7. Name a few countries that have more than one official language? **Switzerland, India, Canada, Belgium**
8. Name examples for language dialects: **Standard English , Scottish**
9. Which languages belong to the family of Romance languages? **French, Italian, Spanish**
10. Which language family does English belong to? **Germanic**
11. Why and where are translators needed? **at the United Nations, European Union and other international organizations**
12. What are pidgin languages? Where were they spoken? **during the Age of exploration, navigators used a simple form of their language to communicate with the native population**
13. Why has English become the most important language in the world? Give examples! **the British Empire, the rise of the US as a global superpower**
14. Why will Chinese play an important role in the future? **China is becoming a new economic superpower; many international companies are already in China**
15. Who created Esperanto? **Ludwik Zamenhof**
16. Why do many languages become extinct? **they are not actively spoken or only spoken by a small number of people**
17. Where is Latin and ancient Greek still needed? **medicine, biology, history, archaeology**