

DIRECION: Read the following passage and answer questions based on the given information in the passage.

English as a World Language

1. Nobody know for sure how many languages there are in the world but, there certainly more than 4,000 of these about 1,300 are African language spoken by about 600 million people. In Ethiopia, which has a population 120 million, there are 83 language and over 200 dialects. Papa new Guinea, for example, which has a population of 3-5 million, there are 700 languages some of which are spoken by only by a few hundred people.

2. The language that has used by the biggest number of people as their mother tongue is Chinese, which is spoken by a million people; however, it is confined to China and Thailand, some languages are spoken in other country as well in their country of origin

3. These include, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese of these so-called international language, by far the most widely used is English. English at present the only language which can claim to be a world language. There are now over 160 countries in the world which use English as official language. It also has an important role a future twenty centuries: Australia, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Canada, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, UK, USA and Zimbabwe. They are top English speakers.

Source: The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language. Cambridge University Press.

1. There are _____ languages in the world.

A. 4000

B. less than 4000

C. more than 4000

D. nearly

A. 4000

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B. less than 4000

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. more than 4000

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is C. The passage states, "Nobody knows for sure how many languages there are in the world, but there certainly are more than 4,000....."

D. nearly

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

2. How many languages are spoken in Ethiopia?

- A. [4000](#)
- B. [1300](#)
- C. [600](#)
- D. [83](#)

A. 4000

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. 1300

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. 600

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. 83

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The correct answer is D. The passage states, "In Ethiopia, which has a population of 120 million, there are 83 languages and over 200 dialects."

3. _____ countries are top English speaker.

A. 20

B. 200

C. 30

D. All

A. 20

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Explanation: The answer is A. The passage states, "There are now over 160 countries in the world which use English as an official language." It then lists 20 countries as "top English speakers."

B. 200

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. 30

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. All

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

4. The word 'these' (paragraph 1, line 2) refers _____

- A. [Ethiopia](#)
- B. [language](#)
- C. [USA](#)
- D. [All](#)

A. Ethiopia

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. language

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The correct answer is B. The context of the sentence indicates that "these" refers to "languages."

C. USA

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. All

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

5. The word “dialect” (paragraph 1, line 3) has similar meaning to-

- A. Talking
- B. speaking system
- C. telling
- D. speaking

A. Talking

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. speaking system

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The correct answer is B. A dialect is a variation of a language spoken in a particular region or by a particular group of people.

C. telling

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. speaking

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

6. The word “tongue” (para. 2, line 2) has similar meaning to _____

- A. [Language](#)
- B. [dialect](#)
- C. [speaking](#)
- D. [talking](#)

A. Language

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The correct answer is A. "Mother tongue" is another term for native language or first language.

B. dialect

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. speaking

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. talking

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

7. The word 'confined' (para. 2, line 2) has similar meaning to -

- A. Limited
- B. defined
- C. depend
- D. told

A. Limited

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Explanation: The correct answer is A. The context suggests that Chinese is primarily spoken within China and Thailand, indicating a limited geographical distribution.

B. defined

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. depend

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. told

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

8. The word 'widely' (para. 3, line 2) has similar meaning to _____

- A. [narrow](#)
- B. [broadly](#)
- C. [slowly](#)
- D. [early](#)

A. narrow

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. broadly

Correct

Explanation: The correct answer is B. "Widely used" implies that English is used in many different places and by many different people.

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C. slowly

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. early

Incorrect [Try Again](#)