

Cultural Linguistic Services Game!

* Answer enough questions to get 16 points and you win!

Points:	Language Identification:	Language Myths:	Talking to people from other backgrounds:	Language Facts:
1	<p>What language is this?</p> <p>Camarón que se duerme, se lo lleva la corriente.</p>	<p>True or False:</p> <p>Native English speakers raised in Iowa have no accent.</p>	<p>True or False:</p> <p>I should speak more slowly and use simple sentences when talking to someone who is still learning my language.</p>	<p>At what age is it easiest to start learning a new language?</p> <p>a. 0-12 years b. 13-19 years c. 20-29 years d. 30 and over</p>
2	<p>What language is this?</p> <p>向雷锋同志学习</p>	<p>True or False:</p> <p>You can tell how smart someone is by listening to their accent or grammar.</p>	<p>True or False:</p> <p>When people speak softly and do not look me directly in the eyes, I know that they are shy or timid.</p>	<p>Which major language is projected to have the most native speakers in the world in the year 2050?</p> <p>a. Arabic b. Spanish c. English d. Chinese e. Hindi</p>
3	<p>What language is this?</p> <p>За да изкопаеш кладенец, копай на едно място.</p>	<p>Imagine a 30-year-old GENIUS who right now works as a surgeon and speaks only English. This person starts learning Spanish today in a class that meets 2 hours every day. How long will this person most likely have to study Spanish before she or he is able to work in Spain as a secretary?</p> <p>a. 6 weeks b. 1 year c. 5 years d. 10 years e. There is no way to tell.</p>	<p>You are working on a big business project that will make a lot of money. You need some supplies from a foreign country before you can finish your work and get paid. You ask your supplier, "Will the supplies be shipped on time?" Your supplier answers, "Well, yes. We are working very, very hard on the arrangements." Are you going to get your supplies on time?</p> <p>a. yes, definitely b. no way c. probably d. probably not</p>	<p>Look at the list of languages below. One of them might be harder for an English speaker to learn. This is because it didn't develop from the same ancient language that English did. Which language is not part of English's language family?</p> <p>a. Persian b. Finnish c. Russian d. Hindi e. French</p>

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1	Spanish: Sleeping shrimp get carried away by the current. (You snooze, you lose.)	False. Native speakers in Iowa are said to have a Mid-Central American Accent. Everyone has an accent—some are seen as more desirable than others, though, and some are more widely used than others.	True. It takes language learners longer to process speech and writing than native speakers. Speaking slowly gives language learners more time, and everyone can process the meaning of simple sentences more quickly.	0-12 years. Most people have seen this happen with children they know.
2	Chinese: Learn from Lei Feng. (Be a good Samaritan)	Adults learning a foreign language may be extremely smart, and yet they will make mistakes in grammar and pronunciation.	False. In many cultures, looking one directly in the eyes or speaking loudly is a sign of disrespect. Looking away and speaking softly may just be seen as polite, and not indicate other personality traits.	Chinese. The United States may have a large Spanish-speaking population, but world-wide Chinese and Hindi are far more common.
3	Bulgarian: If you want to dig a well, dig in the same place. (Concentrate your efforts where you want results.)	There is no way to tell! Adults are much less likely to be successful learning a new language than children due to changes in the brain that take place as we mature. Adult language learning is affected by many things, including a natural aptitude for language learning, and adult progress is unpredictable.	Probably not. Sometimes “yes” does not mean “yes” for people from cultures preferring indirect communication. Saying that they are working very hard could be an indirect way of saying that the supplies will not be sent on time. But who knows? In this case, both sides will have to adjust their speaking styles and expectations in order to communicate and understand what is going on.	Finnish. Finnish is related to Hungarian, but not other European languages. Russian, Hindi, French, Persian and English all developed from the same language long ago, and maintain some traces of that today. Basque, spoken in Spain, has no known related languages. It is easier to learn languages that are more closely related to your native language. If you speak French, learning Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese is much easier than learning Japanese. The sounds and grammar are more similar.