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## Quiz

How many languages do you speak?

LANGUAGE FACTS

### Do you know that ...



.... 'Braambezie' is the Dutch word from the Middle Ages for 'blackberries and raspberries'. It looks like they didn't need to have different words for blackberries and raspberries.

.... Chinese, Japanese and Finnish are the most **difficult languages** to learn for people who speak Dutch?

.... the Chinese alphabet has **ten thousand characters** in total? You can write each Chinese word using just one or two characters.

.... a new English word is created every **98 minutes**?

.... English is one of the **happiest languages** in the world? Scientists have found out that people use more positive words than negative words when they speak English.

.... Papua New Guinea (near Indonesia) has **820 living languages**? That is more than any other country in the world.

820

Good day

**1.** Which is the most spoken language in the world?

- ☐ a. English
- ☐ b. Spanish
- ☐ c. Chinese

**2.** *Hebban olla vogala nestas hagunnan hinase hic anda tu wat unbidan we nu?* This means: 'All the birds are making their nests, except you and me; what are we waiting for?' What is so special about this sentence?

- ☐ a. It is one of the oldest sentences ever written in Dutch. It was written almost a thousand years ago by a monk.
- ☐ b. It is the first line of the national anthem of Friesland.
- ☐ c. It is the first line of a song that comes from Norway. Children sing it to celebrate spring.

**3.** Let's pretend that your mother is French and your father is Dutch. You live in the Netherlands and you speak Dutch at home. What is your mother tongue?

- ☐ a. That's easy, it's the language your mum speaks. So the answer is French!
- ☐ b. Dutch
- ☐ c. The language which you like the best.

**4.** Switzerland has four official languages. German, French, Romansch and ...

- ☐ a. Spanish
- ☐ b. English
- ☐ c. Italian

**5.** You're on holiday and you really need to go to the toilet. You grab your dictionary and look up the words you need. At last, you find the translation and you say, 'ik moat mige'. Where are you on holiday?

- ☐ a. Friesland
- ☐ b. Sweden
- ☐ c. Denmark

**6.** In London, most people speak English, of course. Do you know that many different languages are spoken in this city? How many do you think?

- ☐ a. More than ten
- ☐ b. More than a hundred
- ☐ c. More than three hundred

**7.** Het woordenboek der Nederlandse Taal is the biggest dictionary in the world. How many pages does it have?

- ☐ a. 30.000 pages
- ☐ b. 50.000 pages
- ☐ c. 60.000 pages



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# Hello!

What's your most sustainable toy?

## Sustainable toys

are ones that will last for a very long time and the people who make them are paid fairly. The toys are made in a safe way so that they don't damage the world around us and are made from things that aren't toxic.



## Elanur

(10 years old)

**'My favourite thing** to play with is plasticine. You can make all sorts of things with it, cars for example. I love all of the different colours of the plasticine. I have five different pots of plasticine at the moment. I can play with it for two months. Then I'll buy some more. I also love to play with Lego. It lasts for a long, long time and is really strong. You can't break it very easily. If a bit does break, I keep it in a special drawer. Maybe I can use it for something else later.

**If I have toys I don't use anymore,** I give them to other children. That way, I never throw anything away! I'm really sad that some toys are made by children in factories in poor countries. They work really hard but don't get paid much money. I think that the factory owners should give those children toys too so that they can also have some time to play. All children need time to play! •



## Sofie

(11 years old)

**'What is my favourite toy?** My football! I play for the hockey team but in my spare time, I play football. I play anywhere I can; in the playground at school with my class, on the field or just outside on the street. We think of all sorts of games to play with the ball, such as 'football tag' or 'football table tennis'.

**Boys and girls all play together** and there's no difference between us, I think. Sometimes the boys play more with their Pokemon cards and their Spiderman action dolls.

**My pink and yellow football** is sustainable because it's hard to break it. I think it's fine to play with toys that aren't sustainable every now and then. As long as you enjoy the toy, it's okay. I always put handy things on my wish list for presents, like a water bottle or new sports clothes. I love felt-tipped pens for drawing too! •



## Art

(11 years old)

**'Lego is my favourite toy.** I love the way you can make whatever you want. I have the normal bricks but I also have special sets, such as a Lego police and a fire station. I think my toys are the same as children's toys in other countries. Last summer, I went to Spain. The children there had the same toys as I have at home. The weather is warmer than in the Netherlands so they play more outside. I think children in poorer countries are more creative. They have less money so they think of their own games using all the things they have. If you ask me to write my wish list for presents, I would put Lego on it and I would like a comic book too.' •

Awesome!







## Most popular

**Do you know** that Monopoly is the most popular board game in the world?



## Spinners

**If a game** or a toy is popular for a period of time, we call it a hype. For example, think about fidget spinners or slime.



## How many do you have?

**In Africa**, a child between one and twelve years old has 2,5 toys. In the Netherlands, children have 250 toys.



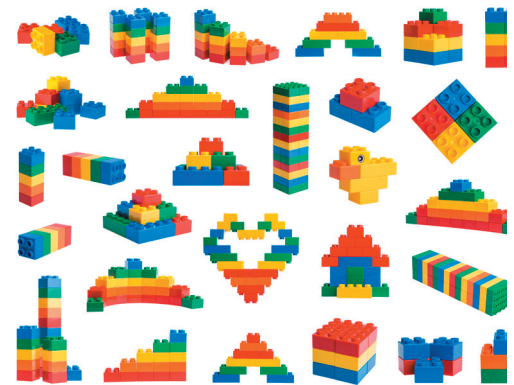
## Marbles

**Marbles have existed** for centuries. In Roman times, children played with marbles. The little balls were made from wood, marble, stone or clay. They were a bit difficult to roll... Most of the marbles we play with in the Netherlands today are made in Mexico.



## Boomerang

**Do you know** that boomerangs were first used to hunt animals by indigenous Australians? Now we use boomerangs to play with and there is even an official world championship!



## Play well

**Lego comes from** Denmark and the name means 'play well'. The first Danish word *leg* means *play*, the second word *godt* means *well*. Play well!



## Dice

**If you count** the dots on one side of the dice and add it to the number of dots on the opposite side, you will always have seven. So, 1 is opposite to 6, 2 is opposite to 5, and 3 is opposite to 4.



## Fast, faster, fastest

**The world record** for solving the Rubik's Cube is 4.22 seconds. The puzzle is a cube which twists and turns in all directions. Each face of the cube is made of nine smaller squares, which have different colours. The cube was invented in 1974 by Erno Rubik, who comes from Hungary. He used the cube in maths lessons.



## Nintendo

**Do you know** that the company Nintendo dates from 1889? At first, they made playing cards. In 1969 Nintendo started to make its famous video games.



# WIN

## Rap challenge

**Wil je samen met je klas tickets winnen** voor het Museum Volkenkunde in Leiden? Schrijf dan samen een rap in het Engels, Duits of Frans over het thema Spelen! Maak een vlog van de rap en stuur deze uiterlijk 5 december naar ons toe via [www.nuffic.nl/winactie](http://www.nuffic.nl/winactie). Doe je best en wellicht bezoek je binnenkort het Museum Volkenkunde! Let op: de vlog mag niet langer dan 90 seconden zijn.

### Franse woordzoeker

**Ken jij deze Franse woorden al?** Streep ze weg in de woordzoeker, van links naar rechts of van rechts naar links. Van boven naar beneden of van beneden naar boven of schuin. Vul de letters die overblijven in op de stippellijntjes. De oplossing is ook in het Frans!

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AMIS (vrienden)	JARDIN (tuin)	PAPIER (papier)
BONHEUR (geluk)	JEU VIDÉO (videospel)	PAPILLON (vlinder)
BRICOLER (knutselen)	JOUER (spelen)	PISCINE (het zwembad)
CACHER (verstoppen)	LAPIN (konijn)	PLAISIR (plezier)
CHAISE (stoel)	LIBRE (vrij)	POMME (de appel)
CHAMBRE (kamer)	LIVRE (boek)	POUPÉE (de pop)
CHEVAL (paard)	MADAME (mevrouw)	RIRE (lachen)
CHIEN (hond)	MAIN (hand)	RUE (de straat)
COURIR (rennen)	MAISON (huis)	SOLEIL (de zon)
CRAYON (potlood)	MER (zee)	TEMPS (de tijd)
DANSER (dansen)	MONSIEUR (meneer)	TÉLÉPHONE (de telefoon)
DRÔLE (grappig)	NON (nee)	VOITURE (de auto)
ENSEMBLE (samen)	OUI (ja)	VÉLO (de fiets)
FILM (film)	PAIN (brood)	

Vul de overgebleven letters hier in:

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Weet jij wat dit betekent?

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### Nieuwsgierig naar andere culturen?

In Museum Volkenkunde ontdek je door toffe objecten hoe mensen in andere delen van de wereld leven.



### Duitse Rebus

Kun jij deze rebus oplossen?

De woorden van de afbeeldingen zijn in het Nederlands. De oplossing is in het Duits.

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Vul hier de oplossing in:

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Weet je wat het betekent? Schrijf het hier op.

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### Oplossingen

Oplossing quiz: 1c; 2a; 3b; 4c; 5a; 6c; 7b  
Oplossing woordzoeker: Le magasin de jouets = de speelgoedwinkel  
Oplossing rebus: Spielt du mit? = Speel je mee?

Mais,  
oui!



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