

World Trivia quiz

1 26 languages are spoken in New York.	10 Until the 19th century, coffee beans were used as money in Siberia.
2 In May 1877, in Texas, thousands of sheep were killed by lumps of ice falling from the sky.	11 Around 75.5 million pumpkin pies are baked in November in the USA.
3 The Great Pyramid is made out of 4,300,000 separate blocks of stone.	12 1,500 sqkm of the world's forest is destroyed every week.
4 In Muslim countries, white clothing is worn at funerals.	13 In the Middle Ages, guards of the Great Wall of China were born on it, grew up on it, married on it and were buried in it.
5 13,000 tonnes of fish are eaten in Japan every day.	14 More people in the world are named John than any other name.
6 The game of Scrabble is found in one out of every three American homes.	15 80% of the world's almonds are used by chocolate manufacturers.
7 Mona Lisa's eyebrows were shaved off.	16 Popeye's nephews are called Pipeye, Peepeye, Pupeye and Poopeye.
8 150 babies are born in the world every minute.	17 Between 1793 and 1794, 17,000 French people were executed at the guillotine.
9 The flag of the United Kingdom is called the Union John.	18 25% of Americans don't know that white bread is made from wheat.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target grammar • Type of activity • Aims or task • Classroom time • Preparation | <p>Present passive and Past passive</p> <p>Reading and speaking – group work</p> <p>To discuss whether some statements are true or false</p> <p>15–20 minutes</p> <p>One copy of the worksheet for each group of three or four students, cut up</p> |
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- Procedure
 - 1** Tell the students they are going to read some statements. They should decide together whether they think the statements are true or false. Ask them to make two separate piles.
 - 2** Put the students into groups of three or four. One student picks up the first card and reads it to the others in the group. The whole group then discusses whether they think the information is true or false. If they think the information is false, they should guess the true answer. When they have decided, the next student picks up the next card, reads it to the others, and so on until all the cards have been discussed.
 - 3** When all the groups have finished their discussions, check the answers with the class.

- Alternative

The teacher can copy the answers and give them to one student in each group. This student tells the others the answer once they have discussed the statement thoroughly.

- Answers
 - 1 False – more than 80 languages are spoken in New York. English is the most widely spoken and Spanish is the second most spoken language.
 - 2 True.
 - 3 False – only 2,300,000 were used.
 - 4, 5, 6, 7 True.
 - 8 False – 300 babies are born every minute.
 - 9 False – it is called the Union Jack.
 - 10 False – tea was used as money.
 - 11 True.
 - 12 False – 3,500 sqkm is destroyed every week.
 - 13 True.
 - 14 False – more people are named Muhammed.
 - 15 False – only 40% are used by chocolate manufacturers.
 - 16, 17 True.
 - 18 False – According to a Gallop poll, 49% of Americans don't know that white bread is made from wheat.