Spanish-Speaking Countries

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. Which sovereign European country identifies Castilian Spanish as an official language of the state?
   - A. Spain
   - B. Portugal
   - C. Ireland
   - D. Greece

2. Which African country lists Spanish among its official languages?
   - A. Kenya
   - B. Ghana
   - C. Equatorial Guinea
   - D. Morocco

3. A class visits Brazil during a tour of South America. Which official language will it encounter there?
   - A. Spanish
   - B. Portuguese
   - C. Dutch
   - D. French

4. Which pair consists of independent Caribbean countries that are predominantly Spanish-speaking?
   - A. Dominican Republic and Barbados
   - B. Haiti and Jamaica
   - C. Cuba and Jamaica
   - D. Cuba and the Dominican Republic

5. Which Spanish-speaking country shares its only land borders with Nicaragua and Panama?
   - A. El Salvador
   - B. Costa Rica
   - C. Guatemala
   - D. Mexico

6. A student hears Spanish in Belize. Which official language does Belize’s embassy list for the country?

A. English
B. Spanish
C. Portuguese
D. French

7. Which Spanish-speaking country has land borders with Mexico, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador?

A. Panama
B. Nicaragua
C. Costa Rica
D. Guatemala

8. Which Spanish-speaking country in South America has mainland coasts on both the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean?

A. Peru
B. Ecuador
C. Colombia
D. Venezuela

9. Which Spanish-speaking country has the historic fortifications of Portobelo and San Lorenzo on its Caribbean coast?

A. Panama
B. Chile
C. Uruguay
D. Argentina

10. Which Spanish-speaking South American country administers Rapa Nui, also known as Easter Island?

A. Ecuador
B. Peru
C. Colombia
D. Chile

11. Which South American country names both Spanish and Guaraní as official languages in its constitution?

A. Colombia
B. Uruguay
C. Paraguay
D. Ecuador

12. A constitution identifies Spanish as official and also gives Quechua and Aymara official status in areas where they predominate. Which country’s Article 48 gives that rule?

A. Uruguay
B. Peru
C. El Salvador
D. Dominican Republic

13. A geography chart has one column for independent countries and one for territories. Which entry belongs in the territory column of a Spanish-speaking world chart?

A. Spain
B. Equatorial Guinea
C. Dominican Republic
D. Puerto Rico

14. Which group pairs one Spanish-speaking independent country with each of these locations, in order: Europe, Africa, and North America?

A. Spain, Equatorial Guinea, Mexico
B. Spain, Mexico, Equatorial Guinea
C. Equatorial Guinea, Spain, Mexico
D. Mexico, Equatorial Guinea, Spain

15. A table lists the share of residents who speak Spanish in several places. What other information would you need to determine where Spanish has official status?

A. Only the total area of each country
B. The spelling of each place’s English name
C. Each jurisdiction’s constitutional or legal language rules
D. Only each place’s elevation above sea level