

The French-speaking countries

1 New words for this article

Nouveaux mots pour cet article

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|---|-------------------|---|
| 1 | native speaker | person who speaks a language as a mother language |
| 2 | official language | language of the government |
| 3 | Francophone | French-speaking |
| 4 | Creole | language which is a mixture of 2 languages |

2 Comprehension Questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- 1 What is a Francophone country?
- 2 What is a native speaker?
- 3 In what province is Montreal?
- 4 Where is Wallonia?
- 5 Which Francophone country is bigger than France itself?

3 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- 1 How many languages are there in the world?
- 2 How many independent countries speak French?
- 3 In what part of Switzerland do people speak French?
- 4 What is the local language of Monaco?

4 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

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|---|----------------------------|
| A | People speak French |
| B | all Canadians learn French |
| C | it is an official language |
| D | Most Canadians are proud |
| E | to be multilingual |
| F | of the whole country |
| G | in the province of Quebec |
| H | in school |

5 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 There are about 450 – 500 million French speakers
- 2 Belgians only learn French in Wallonia
- 3 Nobody speaks French in Geneva
- 4 Everybody in Monaco can speak French

6 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

Some Francophone countries like French Guyana, Martinique and Guadeloupe are not ...1... countries, they are part of France. They are departments or ...2... of France, and here French is also the ...3... language.

In Africa, 21 countries are called '...4... countries. In these countries French is the official language or it is one of many official languages. Most of the people speak French, and there are strong ...5... to France.

Answers –

2 Comprehension questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- 1 The countries where people speak French
- 2 Someone who was born with a language, they learned it from their parents
- 3 It is in the province of Quebec
- 4 It is in Belgium
- 5 Democratic Republic of Congo is bigger than France

3 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- 1 About 7000
- 2 a total of 29 independent countries speak French.
- 3 People speak French in the west of the country
- 4 The local language is Monegasque

4 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

A=G
B=H
C=F
D=E

5 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 3 False
- 4 True

6 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 independent
- 2 regions
- 3 official
- 4 Francophone
- 5 connections