

Task [5] What's in the family?

It is commonly known fact that languages spoken worldwide are related to each other. Languages that are closely related to one another constitute language families. For instance, Polish, Slovak, Czech, Russian, Belorussian, Ukrainian, Slovenian, Macedonian, Bulgarian, Serbian and Croatian form the Slavic family of languages.

Below you have the numerals from 1 to 10 and the numeral 100 in contemporary English and German, which belong to the Germanic family of languages. Consider them and then look at the table below. Based on the data in this table decide which of the languages in A-H also belong to the Germanic family.

- English: one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, hundred
- German: eins, zwei, drei, vier, fünf, sechs, sieben, acht, neun, zehn, hundert

| A | B | C | D |
|-----------|---------|-------------|--------|
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| to | due | iki | dau |
| tre | tre | üç | tr |
| fire | quattro | dört | pedwar |
| fem | cinque | beş | pump |
| seks | sei | altı | chwech |
| syv | sette | yedi | saith |
| otte | otto | sekiz | wyth |
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| honderd | cento | yüz | cant |
| E | F | G | H |
| bat | een | an | edin |
| bi | twee | twegen | dva |
| hiru | drie | þry | tri |
| lau | vier | feower | četiri |
| bost | vijf | fif | pet |
| sei | zes | syx | šest |
| zazpi | zeven | seofon | sedem |
| zortzi | acht | eahta | osem |
| bederatzi | negen | nigon | devet |
| hamar | tien | tyn | deset |
| ehun | honderd | hundteontig | sto |

Languages belonging to the Germanic family of languages: _____

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Key:

Correct: A – Swedish, F- Dutch, G- Old English

Wrong: B – Italian, C- Turkish, D- Welsh, E-Basque, H-Russian

1 point for indicating all the correct languages