

Travel Talk Answer Key

1. You are taking an Amazon river ride through Brazil. What language do most local people speak?
 - b. Portuguese
2. You climb the Tower of Pisa and then have lunch in a neighborhood restaurant. What language are the neighborhood people speaking?
 - c. Italian
3. You visit the ancient temple of Angkor Wat. What is the native language of your local guide?
 - a. Hmong
4. To prepare for a trip to China, you study Mandarin Chinese. You converse with people in northern China, but when you go to southern China you are surprised to find that you can read the signs, but you can't understand what people are saying. What is the spoken language in southern China?
 - a. Cantonese
5. An English-speaking exchange student from Kenya attends your school. She tells you that her country's national languages are English and another language. What is the other language?
 - c. Swahili
6. Your travels take you to the ancient city of Istanbul. What language do its inhabitants speak?
 - b. Turkish
7. You are doing research on World War II, and you learn that the American forces used secret codes based on a Native American language. What language was it?
 - c. Navajo
8. A friend visits the Netherlands on vacation. On a post card he tells you that he enjoys learning a few words of the local language. What is it?
 - a. Dutch

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9. You want to join the Peace Corps and go to Afghanistan. What languages would help you talk to people there?
 - c. Farsi and Pashto

10. You have learned that Egypt was one of the first places to develop a written language. When you visit, though, you find that modern Egyptians use a different language. What is it?
 - c. Arabic