



1 Armadillo means 'little armoured one' in Spanish.



2 The **Cambodian language** has the world's largest alphabet - it contains **74 letters**.



3 Playwright **William Shakespeare** is credited with creating over **1,700 new words**, including 'fashionable' and 'swagger.'



15 Instead of making sounds, **octopuses communicate** by **changing colour**.



16 Mother hens start **clucking** to their chicks about **24 hours** before they've hatched.



17 The **first word spoken** by **most babies** around the world is '**dadda**.'



18 A type of sloth in South America called **the ai** (pronounced like the letter **i**) is named after the **high-pitched** sound it makes to 'talk.'



4 In **Afrikaans**, a language spoken in South Africa, **chameleons** are called **verkleurmannetjies**, or 'little men who change colour.'



5 **Russian** was the **first language** spoken in **outer space**.



It takes approximately **480 hours** to learn a new language.

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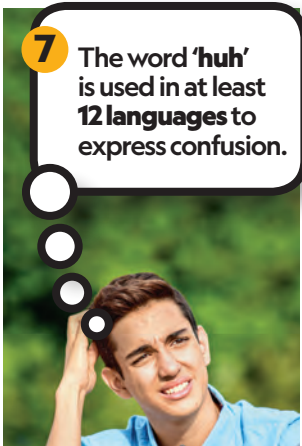
19 **Cryptophasia** is the name given to **secret languages** spoken by some **sets of twins**.

20 Babies' cries can sound different in **different languages**.



21 **Papua New Guinea** has **840 languages** - more than any other country in the world.

30 Cool THINGS ABOUT LANGUAGE



7 The word '**huh**' is used in at least **12 languages** to express confusion.



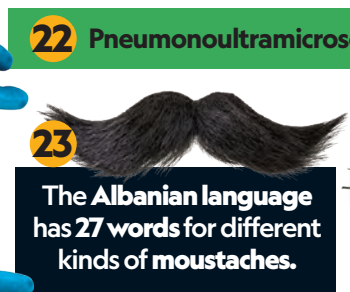
8 Elephants make a **rumbling noise** to alert others when they spot a **beehive**.



9 More people speak English in **China** than in the **USA**.



11 In the **1960s**, **W. John Weilgart** invented a language called **aUI** (pronounced 'ah-EW-ee') that he claimed he learned from **an alien**.



23 The **Albanian language** has **27 words** for different kinds of **moustaches**.



24 **Death-watch beetles** communicate with each other by using a **dicking system** similar to Morse code.



27 **Hawaiians** have over **200 words** for rain.



28 Many residents of **La Gomera**, one of **Spain's Canary Islands**, can **communicate** by **whistling**.



25 The **bobolink bird** is nicknamed the **R2-D2 bird** because it makes **beeping noises** similar to those made by the **Star Wars droid**.

26 No words rhyme with '**orange**' or '**purple**.'



30 **Puppies lick humans** when they're hungry; **older dogs** do it to **show affection**.



12 Rabbits rub their **chins** on things such as **their food** to indicate that the item **belongs** to them.



13 **Hippopotamus** means '**river horse**' in **Ancient Greek**.



14 Nearly **7,000 languages** are spoken worldwide.

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