

# International Languages Week

18-24 AUGUST 2008

## What Do You Know About the Spanish Speaking World?

- How many countries in the world speak Spanish?
  - in groups write a list.
  - the group who gets the longest list with the names written in Spanish wins.

[www.spanishcourses.info/Mains/SpanishSpoken\\_EN.htm](http://www.spanishcourses.info/Mains/SpanishSpoken_EN.htm)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish\\_language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_language)  
are both useful websites for research)
- The following famous people speak Spanish. Can you match them with the questions below? Then do some research during the International Languages Week and try to answer all the questions.
  - Where is Shakira from?
  - Who is the youngest World Champion of Formula One Championships?
  - Can you pronounce in Spanish the name and surname of one of the famous Spanish tennis players?
  - Which Spanish restaurant was named again this year best restaurant in the world by the prestigious British magazine "Restaurant Magazine"?
  - What is the name of the Spanish actor who has won an

Oscar this year?

- Do you know the name of the famous Spanish novel that has been translated into more languages than any book other than the Bible?
- Have you heard about the Alliance of Civilizations?  
Who proposed it to the world and what is its aim?



## HELPFUL WEBSITES

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/3679336.stm>

<http://gourmetfood.about.com/od/chefbiographi2/p/ferranadriabio.htm>

<http://cte.jhu.edu/techacademy/fellows/hintz/webquest/sdhindex.html> (Webquest)

[www.spanishprograms.com/spanish-speaking-countries.htm](http://www.spanishprograms.com/spanish-speaking-countries.htm)

PHOTOCOPY FOR STUDENTS (LARGER VERSION AT [www.teachingonline.org/languagesweek.pdf](http://www.teachingonline.org/languagesweek.pdf)).

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