

1. What language is this?

Tous les êtres humains naissent libres et égaux en dignité et en droits. Ils sont doués de raison et de conscience et doivent agir les uns envers les autres dans un esprit de fraternité

2. What language is this?

כָּל בְּנֵי הָאָדָם נוֹלְדוּ בְּנֵי חֹרֵין וְשׁוּיִם בְּעָרְכָם
וּבְזִכְיוֹתֵיהֶם. כָּלֵם חוֹנְנוּ בְּתַבּוּנָה וּבְכַמְצָפוֹן, לְפִיכָךְ
חוֹבָה עֲלֵיהֶם לְנַהוֹג אִישׁ בְּרַעְיָהוּ בְּרוּחַ שְׁל אַחֲוָה.

3. What language is this?

すべての人間は、生まれながらにして自由であり、かつ、尊厳と権利とについて平等である。人間は、理性と良心を授けられてあり、互いに同胞の精神をもって行動しなければならない。

4. What language is this?

Bütün insanlar hür, haysiyet ve haklar bakımından eşit doğarlar. Akıl ve vicdana sahiptirler ve birbirlerine karşı kardeşlik zihniyeti ile hareket etmelidirler.

5. What language is this?

Tất cả mọi người sinh ra đều được tự do và bình đẳng về nhân phẩm và quyền lợi. Mọi con người đều được tạo hóa ban cho lý trí và lương tâm và cần phải đối xử với nhau trong tình anh em.

6. What language is this?

Все люди рождаются свободными и равными в своем достоинстве и правах. Они наделены разумом и совестью и должны поступать в отношении друг друга в духе братства.

7. What language is this?

Todos los seres humanos nacen libres e iguales en dignidad y derechos y, dotados como están de razón y conciencia, deben comportarse fraternalmente los unos con los otros.

8. What language is this?

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Teachers: I pass out this handout to groups and ask them to look at each language together. I ask them what language they think it is. I ask each group and/or I have each group write their answer on the board. This is a fun first day activity.

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Answers:

1. **French**
2. **Hebrew**
3. **Japanese (formal)**
4. **Turkish**
5. **Vietnamese**
6. **Russian**
7. **Spanish**
8. ...