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Episode #5: Africa's Languages

Tonight in "A Wonderful World...Know More About It", the question is, "Which language is spoken most in Africa?"

At least 2,000 languages are spoken in Africa; that's more than on any other continent.

Of Africa's 900 million people, almost 200 million speak Arabic, primarily in the North and in the Horn of Africa. After Arabic, English and French are the most common, but those languages are generally a second language where they are spoken.

Of the African languages, as many as 90 million people speak Kiswahili, mostly in Tanzania, Kenya and parts of Uganda.

The next most commonly spoken language is Hausa with around 40 million speakers, primarily in Nigeria and Niger, but also in Ghana and other parts of West and Central Africa.

