

Indo-European Languages Exercise

The words in the two tables below are from a basic vocabulary for various languages.

Table 1 identifies a selection of words in languages from different Indo-European families, each of which is identified.

Table 2 presents the same words in several unidentified languages, only some of which are Indo-European.

Review Table 1 carefully, and by comparing it to Table 2, try to answer the questions below.

Write out your answers and take them to section.

1. For the unlabelled *A* through *G*, identify those that are Indo-European, and for each one list a few of the forms that seem to be unambiguously IE.
2. Pick out other forms that seem problematic – such as words that do not seem IE in a language that is otherwise IE.
3. Which of the identified languages (in Table 1) does each IE language in Table 2 most closely resemble? Make an educated guess about the branch of IE each one belongs to. Draw the branch, showing the place you think the language fits.
4. Which ones belong to the *centum* group? The *satem* group?
5. See how many of the unidentified language you can guess.

EVIDENCE OF GENETIC RELATIONS AMONG LANGUAGES

English	Old Eng.	Gothic	Old Norse	An. Greek	Latin	Old Irish	Russian	Lithuan.	Sanskrit	Persian	IndoEur
1. one	ān	ains	einn	heis	ūnum	óen	odin	vienas	ekam	yak	*oinos
2. two	twā	twai	tveir	duo	duo	da	dva	du	duvā	do	*dwo
3. three	þrē	þrija	þrír	treis	trēs	trí	tri	trys	trayas	se	*treyes
4. four	fēower	fidwōr	fjórer	tettares	quattuor	cethir	chetyre	keturi	catvāras	chahār	*k ^w etwōr
5. five	fīf	fimf	fimm	pente	quīnque	cóic	pyat´	penki	pañča	panj	*penk ^w e
6. hundred	hund	hund	hundrað	hekaton	centum	cét	sto	šimtas	sátam	sad	*kṃtom
7. I	ic	ic	ek	egō	ego	mé	ya	aš	aham	man	*eg
8. me	mē, mec	mik, miz	mik, mér	me	mē	mé	menja		mām	man	*me
9. thou	þū	þu	þú	su	tū	tú	ty	tu	tuvam	to	*tū
10. thee	þē, þec	þuk	þik, þér	se	tē	tú	tebja		tvām	torā	*twe
11. who	hwā	hwas	hverr	tis	quis	cía	kto	kas	kas	ke	*k ^w is
12. hand	hand	handus	hōnd		manum	lám	ruka		hastam	dast	*man-
13. foot	fōt	fōtus	fótr	poda	pedem	cos	noga	pédo	pādam	pā	*ped-, pod-
14. head	hēafod	haubiþ	hōfuð		caput	cenn	golova		kapālam	sar	*kaput-
15. heart	heorte	hairtō	hjarta	kardiā	cordis	cride	serdtse	širdis		del	*kerd-
16. father	fæder	fader	faðir	patēr	patrem	athair	otets		pītaram	pedar	*pāter-
17. mother	mōdor		móðir	mētēr	mātre	máthair	mat´	moté "wife"	mātaram	māder	*māter-
18. brother	brōðor	brōþar	bróðir	phrātēr	frātrem	bráthair	brat	brolis	bhrātaram	barādar	*bhrāter-
19. sister	sweostor	swistar	systir		sorōrem	siur	sestra	sesuo	svasāram	shāhar	*swesor-
20. mead	meodu		mjoðr	methu		mid	mjod	medus	madhu		*medhu-
21. corn	corn	kaurn	korn	gerōn "old man"	grānum	grán	zerno	žirnis	jīrnam "worn down"		*gṛno-

Table 2: INDO-EUROPEAN LANGUAGE EXERCISE

<i>English</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B.</i>	<i>C.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>E.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>G.</i>
1. one	'akāhi	një	ett	yksi	ek	wiehed	jeden
2. two	lua	dy	två	kaksi	do	tnejn	dwa
3. three	kolu	tre	tre	kolme	tīn	tlieta	trzy
4. four	'ehā	katër	fyra	neljä	cār	erbgħa	cztery
5. five	lima	pesë	fem	viisi	pāñć	ħamsa	pięć
6. hundred	hanele	qind	hundra	sata	so	mija	sto
7. I	au	unë	jag	minä	maiñ	jien	ja
8. me	a'u	mua	mig	minut	maiñ		mnie
9. thou	'oe	ti	Du	sinä	āp	int, inti	ty
10. thee	nāu	ty	dig	sinut	āp		ciebie
11. who	wai	kush	vem	kuka	kaun	min	kto
12. hand	lima	dorë	hand	käsi	hāth	id	dłoń
13. foot	wāwae	shputë	fot	jalka	pā	sieq	stopa
14. head	po'o	kokë	huvud	pää	sar	ras	głowa
15. heart	pu'uwai	krahëror	hjärta	sydän	qalb	qalb	serce
16. father	makua	atë	fader	isä	abbā	missier	ojciec
17. mother	makuahine	mëmë	moder	äiti	māñ	omm	matka
18. brother	kaikua'ana	vëlla	broder	veli	bhā'ī	ħu	brat
19. sister	kaikua'ana	motër	syster	sisar	behen	oħt	siostra
20. mead			mjød	sima			miód
21. corn	kūlima	kokërr	korn	vilja	dāna		kukurydza