

Waltham Stamp Club

What Sprache Parlez Usted?

[Philatelic Scavenger Hunt of October 2019]

Rules

1. The competition is open to members of the Waltham Stamp Club and to those who have applied for membership.
2. The purpose of this hunt is to present postage stamps on which there is an inscription in a language which is not official for the country issuing the stamp.
3. Judging will occur at the regular club meeting on January 21, 2020.
4. The objective is to present as many distinct combinations of issuing country and language as you can.
5. Exclude from consideration the inscriptions for the name of the country and for the currency.
6. If a stamp has inscriptions in multiple languages, designate one of those languages as the one being presented.
7. Multiple examples of the *same stamp* are *not* admissible for any of the other languages on the stamp.
8. *Distinct* stamps of the same design may be presented for distinct languages on stamps of that design.
9. A language is official if it has been declared official or if it is used for internal government communication at the time that a given stamp was issued.
10. For stamps issued for occupied territories or for offices abroad, the languages of both the issuing country and of the local territory are to be considered as official languages.
11. The winner will be the individual who presents the largest number of combinations of issuing country and languages which are not official.
12. A **philatelic prize** will be presented to the winner!
13. Present the stamps organized by issuing country.
14. Identify each stamp by issuing *country* and the *language* being presented on that stamp, and point out the *inscription* in that language. (This information may be presented on a separate page, as long as each stamp is identified by row and position in the row or is otherwise uniquely associated with its identifying information.)
15. State the total number of distinct languages presented and make a list of them.
16. Any decision by the judge shall be final!