



# quiz

Education is the key to development and reducing poverty. While many countries have made progress, we are still a long way from achieving worldwide literacy.

**1. How many children of primary school age around the world are not in school?**

- a. 70 million
- b. 90 million
- c. 115 million

**2. How many countries collect fees for primary school?**

- a. 50
- b. 89
- c. 100

**3. Which of the following poses the greatest challenge to education in regions with high illiteracy?**

- a. High fertility rates
- b. HIV/AIDS
- c. Both of the above

**4. Compared to boys, girls have less access to primary education in how many countries?**

- a. 49
- b. 56
- c. 76

**5. Three-quarters of the world's illiterates live in how many countries?**

- a. 12
- b. 20
- c. 25



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## Answers

**1. c. 115 million**

Globally, around 115 million children of primary-school age are not in school.

**2. b. 89**

As of 2006, 89 countries still collect primary-school fees, which are a major barrier to access.

**3. c. Both high fertility rates and HIV/AIDS**

High fertility rates, HIV/AIDS, and armed conflict all threaten the education system in regions with high illiteracy levels.

**4. c. 76**

Girls have less access to primary education in 76 countries. It is estimated that a complete primary school education for every girl and boy could prevent at least 7 million new cases of HIV in a decade.

**5. 12**

The twelve countries are (in descending order of illiteracy rates): India, China, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Egypt, Brazil, Iran, Morocco, and D.R. Congo.