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# **LISTENING MODULE - LANGUAGE KEEPERS**

# Introduction

- How would you feel if you were the last speaker of a language that holds your history?
- The words of your language contain the tastes of the foods, the shapes of the customs, the feelings and textures of the relationships that bind you to nature and your community.
- As the earth loses her essence like plants, animals. In the same way, we humans are also losing many different languages that contain them.

# Threatened diversity

*Language Keepers* is a six-part podcast series produced by *Emergence Magazine* about the indigenous languages of California.



In India, Prof. Ganesh Devy has been a part of recording the extent of the country's linguistic landscape with the People's Linguistic Survey of India. He has archived nearly 800 languages and 68 scripts, many of these languages are rapidly disappearing.



**Listen to the audio:**

<https://emergencemagazine.org/story/language-keepers-colonizing-california/#:~:text=Adapted%20from%20our%20award%2Dwinning,half%20of%20these%20languages%20remain.>

# Activity 1

## Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks.

1. *Language Keepers* is a six-part podcast series produced by \_\_\_\_\_ about the indigenous languages of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the editor of *Emergence Magazine* and the host of the podcast series.
3. 200 years ago, as many as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were spoken in California.
4. The series follows efforts to revitalise four of these languages: (one is given)
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) Wukchumni
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_

# Answers

1. Emergence Magazine, California
2. Emmanuel Vaughn-Lee
3. 90 languages, 300 dialects
4. Tolowa Dee-ni', Karuk, Wukchumni and Kawaiisu.



# Activity 2

**Give attention to the pronunciation of the following words/phrases:**

1. Fluent speaker
2. Culture
3. Indigenous
4. Communities
5. Film making
6. Traditional
7. 90 languages (give attention to the pronunciation of numbers)
8. Survival
9. Potential
10. Moment
11. Language