

Sco 4: How Languages Change

Key Words and Concepts:

Add: to put things or numbers together

Cause: make something happen

Contact: when two things touch each other; meeting or writing to people

Explain: show, tell, etc. what something means

Vocabulary: all the words in a language

Enter: to go or come into a place

P1. Instructional objectives:

1. Learning some new words such as add, cause, contact, explain, vocabulary, enter, etc.
2. Knowing about the ways languages change

P2: How Languages Change

[Instruction: Read the following passage as carefully and as fast as you can. You can also listen to a recording of this passage after doing the comprehension check.]

No one knows all the reasons why languages change, but they continue to do so as long as people speak them. In a few cases, the changes can be explained. For example, words are added to a vocabulary to refer to new ideas or objects. Contacts between speakers of different languages may cause words from one language to enter another language.

P3: Comprehension Check of "Numbers"

[Instruction: Complete the following statements with the alternative which best fits each blank space You are allowed to move on to the next section after answering 4 items correctly.]

1. The main idea of the passage is about.....
 - a. how languages change
 - b. words and new ideas
 - c. languages that people speak
 - d. why we have different languages
2. The pronoun *they* in the second line refers to.....

a. people	c. languages
b. reasons	d. ideas
3. According to the passage,.....
 - a. speakers do not change their language
 - b. we add new words to the vocabulary not to the language
 - c. languages change for different reasons
 - d. although languages may change a vocabulary does not
4. We understand from the passage that.....

- a. we do not know exactly why languages change
- b. everybody knows why languages change
- c. only speakers know why their language changes
- d. "contacts between different speakers" means language change

5. According to the passage,.....

- a. a language which is not spoken may not change
- b. we should not speak languages because they may change
- c. if we do not change a language, we do not speak it
- d. we speak a language in order to change it