

# Grammar

## A. Read the following texts.



An endangered language is a **language** that has very **few speakers**. Nowadays, **many languages** are losing their native speakers. When a language dies, the knowledge and culture disappear with it. **A lot of endangered languages** are in Australia and South America. Some of them are in Asia and Africa. The number of live languages of the world is around 7000, and many of them may not exist in the future. **Many researchers** are now trying to protect endangered languages. This can save **lots of information** and cultural values of people all around the world.



There are many uncountable words for food in English. Native speakers often use words such as 'a bag of', 'two slices of', or 'a piece of' with uncountable nouns. This usually happens when they go shopping. They may ask for **two bottles of water**, **a bag of sugar**, **a loaf of bread**, or **two kilos of meat**. In a coffee shop, they may order **a cup of tea**, **a piece of cake**, or **a glass of juice**. If a foreign learner uses uncountable words wrongly, English speakers may not understand them well. So when you learn English, be very careful about this important point.