

Questions 1–4

Complete the summary below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 1–4 on your answer sheet.

There are currently approximately 6,800 languages in the world. This great variety of languages came about largely as a result of geographical 1..... . But in today's world, factors such as government initiatives and 2..... are contributing to a huge decrease in the number of languages. One factor which may help to ensure that some endangered languages do not die out completely is people's increasing appreciation of their 3..... . This has been encouraged through programmes of language classes for children and through 'apprentice' schemes, in which the endangered language is used as the medium of instruction to teach people a 4..... . Some speakers of endangered languages have even produced writing systems in order to help secure the survival of their mother tongue.

Questions 5–9

Look at the following statements (Questions 5–9) and the list of people in the box below.

Match each statement with the correct person A–E.

Write the appropriate letter A–E in boxes 5–9 on your answer sheet.

NB You may use any letter more than once.

- 5 Endangered languages cannot be saved unless people learn to speak more than one language.
- 6 Saving languages from extinction is not in itself a satisfactory goal.
- 7 The way we think may be determined by our language.
- 8 Young people often reject the established way of life in their community.
- 9 A change of language may mean a loss of traditional culture.

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| A | Michael Krauss |
| B | Salikoko Mufwene |
| C | Nicholas Ostler |
| D | Mark Pagel |
| E | Doug Whalen |

Questions 10–13

Do the following statements agree with the views of the writer in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 10–13 on your answer sheet write

YES *if the statement agrees with the views of the writer*
NO *if the statement contradicts the views of the writer*
NOT GIVEN *if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this*

- 10 The Navajo language will die out because it currently has too few speakers.
- 11 A large number of native speakers fails to guarantee the survival of a language.
- 12 National governments could do more to protect endangered languages.
- 13 The loss of linguistic diversity is inevitable.