

reading

Study the Reading Strategy. Then read each sentence in the article on page 7 and choose the best restatement for each sentence. Why are the other choices incorrect? Discuss your answers with a partner.

1. **Line 21:** "India has this incredible wealth of languages, but many have not even been described at a basic level," said David Harrison, a linguistics professor at Swarthmore College in the United States.
 - ☐ It's truly incredible how rich India's linguistic tradition is.
 - ☐ There are many languages in India that we know nothing about.
 - ☐ You can study languages at a basic level and not be able to communicate well.
2. **Line 33:** "When a language dies, what is primarily lost is the expression of a unique vision of what it means to be human," said David Crystal, honorary professor of linguistics at the University of Wales in the United Kingdom, and author of the book *Language Death*.
 - ☐ Our values and how we live are different from culture to culture.
 - ☐ When a culture's language disappears, we lose a view of life that we all share.
 - ☐ The main thing that disappears with a language is that culture's distinct view on the human experience.
3. **Line 46:** "Just as people are doing so much to save the tiger or preserve ancient temples in India, it is as important to protect linguistic diversity, which is a part of India's cultural wealth and a monument to human genius," says David Harrison.
 - ☐ It costs more money to preserve India's culture than it does to protect its languages.
 - ☐ People are already preserving some parts of India's culture and they should also protect its languages.
 - ☐ In a culture that is as rich as India's, we must continue to preserve buildings and animal life.