

Listening

- 4 Look at the table listing the five most spoken languages in the world. With a partner, complete it with the words and numbers in the box. Compare with another pair.

Arabic English 182 Spain 112 Saudi Arabia 1,213 Spanish 57 United Kingdom

The Five Most Spoken Languages in the World				
	Language	Primary country	Number of countries where the language is spoken	Number of speakers in millions
1	Chinese	China	31	_____
2	_____	_____	44	329
3	_____	_____	_____	328
4	_____	_____	_____	221
5	Hindi	India	_____	_____

- 5  Listen to Hanif telling Daniel about the five most spoken languages in the world and check your answers.



- 6 Choose the correct answer. Listen again to check.

- Your native language is:
 - your first language.
 - your second language.
 - the language you study in.
- Daniel thinks that so many people speak Chinese because:
 - it's an easy language.
 - China is a big country.
 - it's a very old language.
- Hanif says that he thinks English is a global language because people speak it in:
 - America.
 - the developed world.
 - many different countries.
- Dialects are ...
 - different spoken forms of a language.
 - writing systems.
 - people who speak several languages.
- Hanif says that both the Chinese and Arabic languages have
 - difficult writing systems.
 - lots of different dialects.
 - difficult grammar.

