



Unit 7: Review

Vocabulary

1 Choose the best option to complete the text about languages of the world.

- speakers
- bilingual
- characters
- dialects
- extinct
- fluently
- global
- native
- population
- spoken

Languages of the world

There are over 7000 languages in the world today, but this number is decreasing. More and more languages are becoming ① _____ as the last old people who can still speak them ② _____ as their first or ③ _____ language die. This happens because young people want to learn the languages that they think will help them get jobs and succeed in life. The world's top three most ④ _____ languages are Chinese, Spanish, and English. Although there are more ⑤ _____ of the Chinese language than any other, Chinese is unlikely to become a ⑥ _____ language as there are many different local ⑦ _____. Moreover, the writing system is difficult: to write Chinese, you need to learn at least 2000 ⑧ _____. English and Spanish are easier to learn for most people and if you are ⑨ _____ in these two languages, this will help you to communicate with a large proportion of the world's ⑩ _____.

