

1. Vocabulary. Here is the information about some of the most spoken languages in the world.

Вставь букву a, b, c

— As for (0) b speakers, Chinese is recognised as the world's largest language. The next four (1) _____ languages are English, Spanish, Hindi and Arabic. In the future, German will (2) _____, and the influence of Chinese and Arabic will grow (3) _____.

— Less and less people are learning (4) _____ languages in the UK and the USA, because they believe that everybody speaks or will speak English, which is one of the most (5) _____ languages.

— Though English is spoken in many different ways in different parts of the world, Standard English (6) _____ the language for international (7) _____.

— Every language (8) _____ new words from other languages. Without new words languages can't grow and change. That's why many old, small languages are (9) _____ out now.

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| 0 | a foreign | b native | c overseas |
| 1 | a major | b official | c spoken |
| 2 | a become | b die | c expand |
| 3 | a wide | b enormously | c highly |
| 4 | a foreign | b international | c official |
| 5 | a widespread | b major | c global |
| 6 | a remains | b ranks | c belongs |
| 7 | a recognition | b communication | c reputation |
| 8 | a expands | b exports | c borrows |
| 9 | a dying | b changing | c expanding |

2. What is the role of the Russian language in the world?

Fill in the gaps with the words from the box in the correct form.

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borrow • expand • foreign • major • native • official (2)
publish • remain • widespread

Russian is one of the most _____ languages in the world spoken by over 280 million people. It ranks with English, Chinese, Hindi and Spanish as a _____ world language. Russian is the _____ language of Russia. It is the _____ language of about 170 million people. What is more, Russian _____ the unofficial lingua franca of the former Soviet republics. It is one of the six _____ languages of the UN.* Over a quarter of the world's scientific literature _____ in Russian. Russian easily _____ words from other languages. Words from more than 100 languages _____ its vocabulary. Russian is taught as a _____ language in many countries.