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- Match the ending to the beginning of the sentences, based on the chart below.

language	approx. no. of speakers
Chinese	1,197,000,000
Spanish	399,000,000
English	335,000,000
Hindi	260,000,000
Arabic	242,000,000
Portuguese	203,000,000
Bengali	189,000,000
Russian	166,000,000
Japanese	128,000,000
Lahnda	84,700,000

as Japanese speakers.	than that of Russian speakers.
as Russian speakers.	as Arabic speakers.
than the number of Lahnda speakers.	as Portuguese speakers.
as Hindi speakers.	than English speakers.

- There are nearly twice as many Spanish speakers
- There are over four times as many Chinese speakers
- There are half as many Lahnda speakers
- There are quite a lot more Spanish speakers
- There are almost twice as many Arabic speakers
- There are about as many Portuguese speakers
- The number of Chinese speakers is 14 times bigger
- There is a slightly bigger number of Bengali speakers