

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.

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

