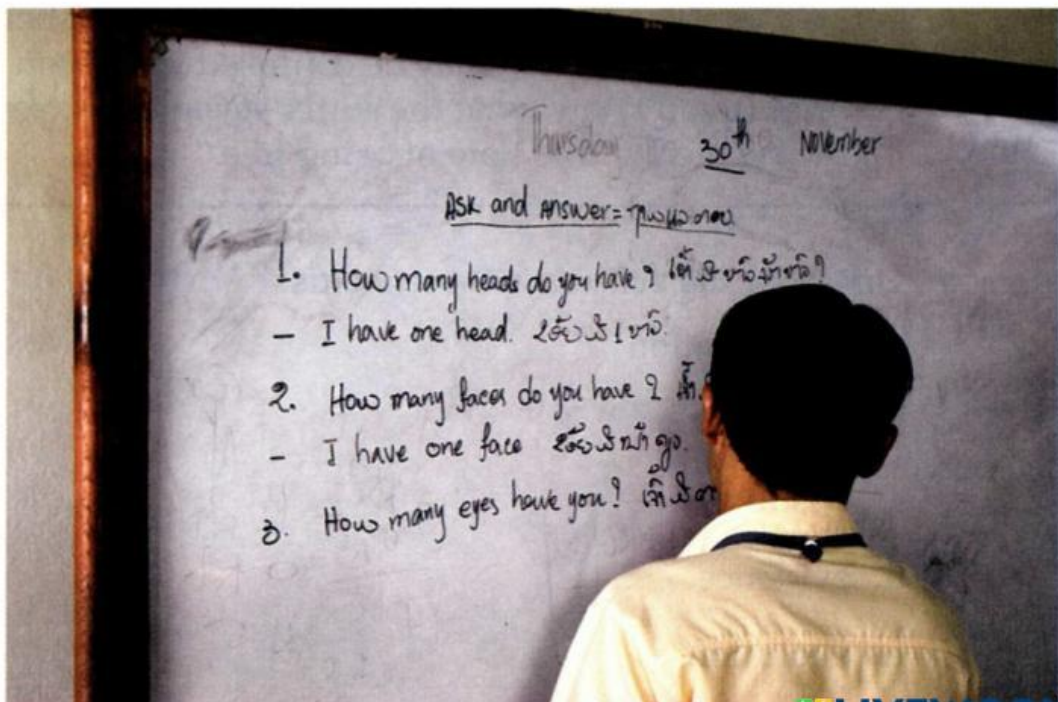


**3** Decide if the sentence needs a noun, an adjective, or a verb. Circle the correct word form to complete the sentences.

- a. Chinese is becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ language.
- b. Some linguists feel the \_\_\_\_\_ of languages is extremely important.
- c. The linguists who are working hard to save dying languages feel that there is \_\_\_\_\_ in each language and this will be lost if the languages are not saved.
- d. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that English is becoming more and more of a shared language around the world.
- e. Languages \_\_\_\_\_ over time. That means, the way a language was spoken in the past is not exactly the same as the way it is spoken today.



**B Synonyms**

Complete the sentences with appropriate words. Each sentence can be completed with two out of three words given

1. Some linguists are \_\_\_\_\_ that so many languages are disappearing.
2. Researchers \_\_\_\_\_ that 50% of the world's 6,000 languages will disappear in less than a century.
3. Many English words \_\_\_\_\_ from other languages.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ comprehension of a language makes it possible for people around the world to communicate more easily.

**C Using the Dictionary**

For some words, there is more than one meaning in the dictionary. You must choose the correct meaning for the context. For example, the words *massive* and *value* have the following meanings:

**massive** *adjective* 1 very large, solid, and heavy 2 unusually large, powerful, or damaging

**value** *noun* 1 the amount of money that something is worth 2 the importance or usefulness of something 3 your beliefs about what is right or wrong

Now read each sentence. Decide which meaning is being used. Write the number of the appropriate meaning.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. He is closely involved in the preservation of many Mayan and Native American Indian languages, but documenting a language is a **massive** undertaking.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A speaker of 52 different languages, David Stewart said once a language is lost, the culture behind it is also lost. Stewart said every language contains a **value** system and a way of thinking.