

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

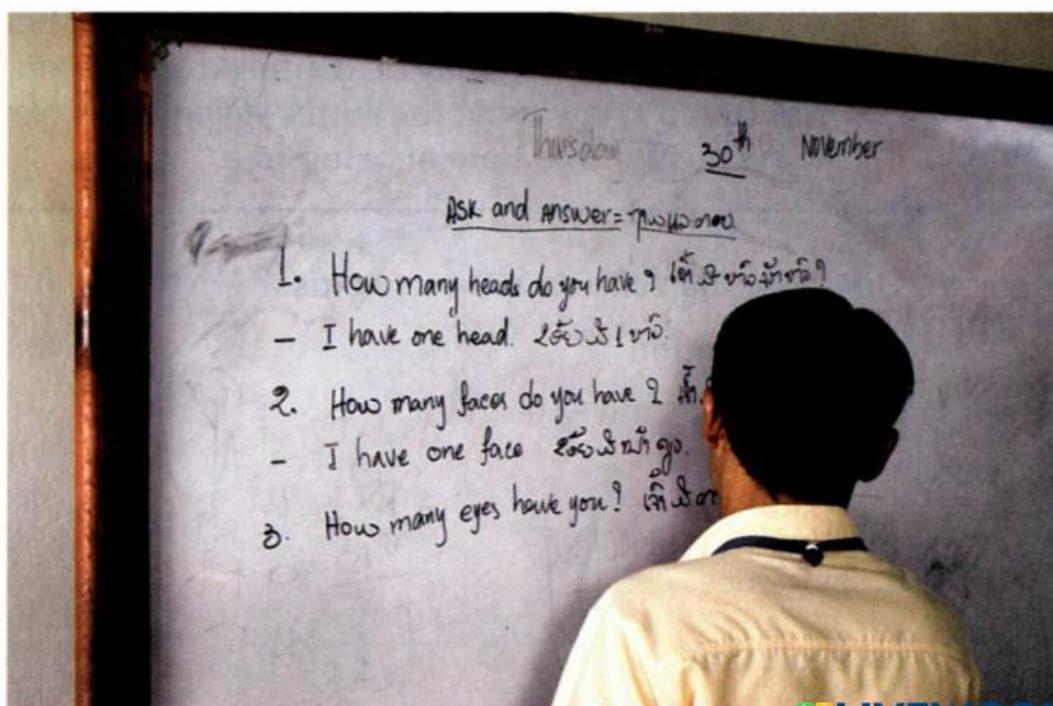
a. Chinese is becoming a language.

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 disappearing. that so many languages are
2. Researchers languages will disappear in less than a century. that 50% of the world's 6,000
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.