

Complete the notes below.

Write **ONE WORD ONLY** for each answer.

Bislama - The Pidgin English Language of Vanuatu

Languages in Vanuatu

Local languages:

Actively spoken languages:	81
Declining languages:	17
31 _____ languages:	8
Total:	106

Foreign languages: English is used in the **32** _____ system

Bislama

- It is spoken by 90% of the population today.
- In the past this language was described as **33** _____.

History of Bislama

- Around 1800 it was used as a common language on many ships.
- After 1860 Vanuatu people worked in Australian **34** _____.
- After 1950 people moved to the **35** _____.

Description of Bislama

- General

- + Bislama should be called a '**36** _____' pidgin.

- Vocabulary

- + Most words come from English.
- + Words such as 'from' may have more **37** _____ in Bislama.
- + Less than 10% of words are of **38** _____ origin.
- + Pacific words describe the natural world and also local **39** _____.

- Grammar

- + It is based on Vanuatu languages.
- + The word 'long' acts as an important **40** _____ in Bislama.