1. Vocabulary. Here is the information about some of the most spoken languages in the world.

Вставь букву a, b, c

— As for (0) b speakers, Chinese is recognised as the world's largest language. The next four (1) _____ languages are English, Spanish, Hindi and Arabic. In the future, German will (2) _____, and the influence of Chinese and Arabic will grow (3) _____.

— Less and less people are learning (4) _____ languages in the UK and the USA. because they believe that everybody speaks or will speak English, which is one of the most (5) _____ languages.

— Though English is spoken in many different ways in different parts of the world, Standard English (6) _____ the language for internationa. (7) _____.

— Every language (8) _____ new words from other languages. Without new words languages can't grow and change. That's why many old, small languages are (9) _____ out now.

0	a foreign	(b) native	c overseas
1	a major	b official	c spoken
2	a become	b die	c expand
3	a wide	b enormously	c highly
4	a foreign	b international	c official
5	a widespread	b major	c global
6	a remains	b ranks	c belongs
7	a recognition	b communication	c reputation
8	a expands	b exports	c borrows
9	a dying	b changing	c expanding

2. What is the role of the Russian language in the world?

Fill in the gaps with the words from the box in the correct form.

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borrow • expand • foreign • major • native • official (2)
publish • remain • widespread

Russian is one of the most _____ languages in the world spoken by over 280 million people. It ranks with English, Chinese, Hindi and Spanish as a _____ world language. Russian is the _____ language of Russia. It is the _____ language of about 170 million people. What is more, Russian _____ the unofficial lingua franca of the former Soviet republics. It is one of the six _____ languages of the UN.* Over a quarter of the world's scientific literature _____ in Russian. Russian easily _____ words from other languages. Words from more than 100 languages _____ its vocabulary. Russian is taught as a _____ language in many countries.

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