

**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 international (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.**

**Вставьте в пропуски слово из рамочки в правильной форме**

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.