

**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.

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|---|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 0 | a foreign     | ⓑ 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.