

READING ACTIVITY

1. Complete *LinguaBlog* with the superlative forms of the adjectives in the box.

difficult (x2) fast heavy big long old short
expensive good



FACTS OF THE WEEK

One Journalist Harold Williams was one of ¹_____ language learners ever. He spoke 58 different languages.

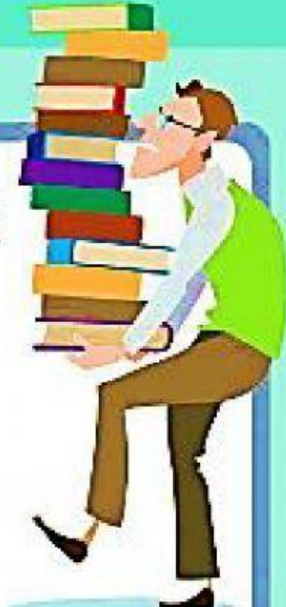
Two Fran Capo of New York is ²_____ talker in the world. She can say 603 words in 54 seconds.

Three The Tamil language, from Southern India, is probably one of ³_____ languages in the world that people still speak today.

Four With over 600,000 words, the *Oxford English Dictionary* is one of the world's ⁴_____ dictionaries. It costs about £1,000. Is this ⁵_____ dictionary in the world? It's certainly ⁶_____ – it has 20 books and weighs 62 kilogrammes!

Five Rotokas, a language in the Solomon Islands, only has 12 letters, so it has ⁷_____ alphabet in the world. Khmer, the language of Cambodia, has ⁸_____ alphabet. It has 74 letters.

Six Many people say English is ⁹_____ language for spelling. Some of ¹⁰_____ words to spell are: *neighbour, foreign* and *awkward*.



2. Read *LinguaBlog* again. Who or what are these people talking about?

- 1 'He could speak to people from many different countries.'
- 2 'It's a very old language.'
- 3 'It takes a long time to learn the alphabet.'
- 4 'I'd love to have this book, but it costs too much.'
- 5 'She speaks too quickly! I can't understand her.'
- 6 'I can say the words but I never know how to write them correctly.'