

You will hear part of an interview with a language expert called Rod Chambers, who is talking about languages which are at risk of disappearing. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

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24 How did Rod become interested in saving endangered languages?

- A He studied endangered languages during his time at university.
- B He met a group of people whose language was endangered.
- C He saw the effects of the issue on his own family.

25 When talking about why languages become extinct, Rod says that

- A parents tend not to consider the language choices they make.
- B people recognise the need to be able to communicate widely.
- C some schools refuse to continue teaching minority languages.

26 What does Rod say about the ways in which languages can be saved?

- A Some of the ideas are less helpful than others.
- B Promoting a minority language is easier than people think.
- C The methods won't be successful without public support.

27 When talking about the importance of keeping languages alive, Rod says that

- A languages can be compared to living creatures.
- B there are more important global issues to deal with.
- C the matter of culture loss isn't taken seriously enough.

28 What does Rod say about working on his current project?

- A He likes listening to people's life stories.
- B He prefers to focus on examples of natural speech.
- C He doesn't enjoy examining grammatical forms.

29 Rod says that data collected as part of language-saving projects can

- A inform youngsters about their own family history.
- B be used in teacher training courses.
- C help a language come back into use.

30 What does Rod say listeners can do to help save languages?

- A Encourage native speakers to use their language more.
- B Attend foreign language classes in their local area.
- C Approach experts for help on recording languages.