

The death of languages

A Vocabulary preview

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

commerce minority nation official
ruling superior urbanization widely

- 1 English is the most _____ spoken language because it is the language of business.
- 2 No language is _____ to another. All languages are equal.
- 3 _____ happens because people can get better jobs in cities.
- 4 _____ languages need to be protected in order to survive.
- 5 _____ groups and leaders should respect the rights and wishes of smaller groups.
- 6 A language gains an _____ position when it is recognized as the language of law and politics.
- 7 _____ affects many decisions. The majority of people are focused on economic success.
- 8 One _____ does not have to have a single language or culture. It can have a wide range of cultures.