6B ABOUT HALF THE WORLD'S LANGUAGES WILL DISAPPEAR

1 GRAMMAR The passive

a Underline the correct words to complete the text.

Speak any language in 30 days! That's right, with our new online course, any language can [1] *be learnt / have been learnt* effortlessly and perfectly. This is made possible [2] *with / by* an amazing piece of software which today [3] *has been used / is being used* by thousands of people studying 25 different languages in the comfort of their own homes.

It's so simple. All the work [4] *is done / is being done* online, and the course is complete. No expensive extras have [5] *to be bought / been bought*. But don't listen to us, listen to our customers:

'I [6] *am promoted / was promoted* back in January, but I needed to improve my English. This course [7] *has been recommended / had been recommended* to me by a colleague, so I bought it and the results were amazing! Now I [8] *am considered / am being considered* for an overseas post, and I'm hoping my salary [9] *will be increased / was increased*.' (Jackie Lee, 32)

'I [10] *have been given / am given* a completely new direction in life by this course. Now I can communicate with people all over the world. I'm so glad I [11] *was persuaded / am persuaded* to sign up.' (Mabel Smith, 89)

What are you waiting for? Send us an email and you [12] *are contacted / will be contacted* by our customer care team in 24 hours.

Goodbye! ¡Adios! Poka! Ciao!



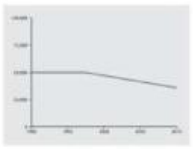
b 06.05 Listen and check.

c Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1 English *is spoken* (speak) all round the world nowadays.
2 The ancient manuscript _____ (write) thousands of years ago in an unknown dialect.
3 Many foreign words _____ (add) to English over the centuries.
4 And that was the last word to _____ (speak) in the language of Bo.
5 All the smaller languages _____ (lose) one day, which is very sad.
6 There are free online courses, but _____ people _____ (encourage) to take them?
7 A new online dictionary of medical terms _____ (made) for doctors at the moment.
8 The language _____ (not / hear) on the island for years before its revival began.
9 The pronunciation of any language _____ (make) out of a fixed number of possible sounds.
10 There is no doubt that grammar should _____ (teach) to children in schools today.

2 VOCABULARY Describing changes

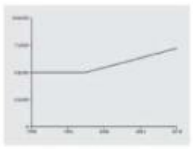
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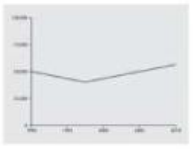
1 Membership numbers began to *decline / disappear* later in the period.



2 The dodo *deteriorated / died out* due to human interference.



3 As you can see, eventually viewing figures *decreased / increased*.



4 Happily, sales are starting to *decline / revive* after a disappointing start.



5 My relationship with my boss began to *deteriorate / preserve*.



6 The ship *died out / disappeared* at sea and was never seen again.

b Complete the conversation with the noun form of the words in brackets.

A Professor, why is it important to keep languages alive?
B Because the [1] *survival* (survive) of languages means the [2] _____ (preserve) of cultures, too.
A Are there many languages being lost?
B You can see the [3] _____ (disappear) of smaller languages all the time.
A Can you give any examples?
B Belorussian, the language in Belarus, hasn't died out, but it is in decline and future [4] _____ (generate) might not speak it at all.
A What about the opposite?
B There has been a [5] _____ (revive) in the Celtic language of Cornish.
A But what causes language [6] _____ (lose)?
B Basically, [7] _____ (compete) with bigger languages. The increase in English as a major international language is a massive factor. The effect goes beyond just language.
A What do you mean?
B Well, globalisation can also mean a [8] _____ (deteriorate) in local customs.
A That sounds depressingly true.

c 06.06 Listen and check.

LIVEWORKSHEETS