

Read the text below and provide the missing words. A dotted line means there is a whole word missing, while a continuous line indicates that only the front part of a word is missing. For example,

A dotted means there is a whole word missing.

A _____nuous line means you need to provide the front part of the word.

THE LANGUAGES OF EXTINCTION

For the Nivkh people of eastern Siberia, counting is not a simple (1) _____ter of ‘one, two, three’. Depending on (2)..... they are talking about skis, boats or batches of dried fish, there are different ways of counting. Twenty-six different ways in fact. (3)..... wonder, then, that 90 per cent of Nivkhs prefer the option of communicating in Russian. While this (4) doubt makes (5) _____action simpler, what it doesn’t do is to save Nivkh from the list of (6) _____dangered languages. And it is not alone. Linguists believe half the languages in the world will be extinct by the end of the century. The 80 major languages are spoken by about 80 per cent of the global (7) _____ation, while the 3500 least spoken languages have just 0.2 per cent of the world keeping them alive. ‘The (8) _____ce of language extinction we’re seeing is (9) _____cedented,’ said Dr David Harrison, author of the book *When Language Die*. ‘And it’s happening faster than the extinction of flora and fauna.’ However, when dolphin or eagle (10) _____cies become extinct, it’s an event that the public are made well aware (11), and which tends to (12)_____oke sentimentality and mourning.

Globalization and migration are the main (13) _____prits. Economic pressures lead (14) the disappearance of (15) _____ral communities as people move to the cities, where first and local languages are coming (16) threat from the lingua (17) of the workplace. Today’s children are also (18) _____wittingly affecting the potential survival of a language, such as a child growing up speaking Mayan and Spanish soon figuring (19) that Spanish is better because it’s spoken in school and on television, meaning that the Mayan language is likely to die (20)