



FAR AHEAD T^{1e} (UNIT7)

LISTENING

UNIT 7: INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Session 3: Listening

Learning context:

During their English class, the student of T^{1eA1} of 'Lycée Moderne de Tiassalé' are listening to a BBC Radio Service report on world languages in order to know more about the dominant ones.

A/ VOCABULARY: some international languages

- **English:** *The* language spoken in England which is now spoken in many countries.
- **German:** *The* language spoken Germany
- **French:** the language spoken France spoken in other countries.
- **Mandarin (Chinese language):** the official language of China
- **Spanish:** the language spoken in Spain and most countries in central and south America
- **Arabic:** the language of Arabs.

Activity 1: Fill in the gaps choosing from one of the languages in the box. Number 1 is an example.

Example: 1- English

Catalan – Arabic – English – Afrikaan – Mandarin –
German – French – Spanish – Dutch -

- 1) is spoken in Nigeria.
- 2) The official language of Austria is
- 3) Is the only language in China?
- 4) In Egypt is the most spoken language.
- 5) French,, and German are spoken in Belgium
- 6) The four national languages of Switzerland are German,, Italian and Romansh.
- 7) is one of the languages spoken in South Africa.
- 8) The official language in Spain is, but they also speak
and many other languages.

B/ LANGUAGE FUNCTION: Reporting requests and orders.

Examples:

- 1) **direct speech:** 'speak louder.' the teacher told me.
Reported speech: The teacher told me to speak louder.
- 2) **direct speech:** 'please help me to learn Mandarin.' The girl begged us.
Reported speech: The girl begged us to help her to learn Mandarin.

Activity 2: Turn the sentences below into reported speech.

- 1) 'Please stay in Germany.' the children asked their parents.
- 2) 'Learn your Spanish lessons quickly.' He ordered the children.

Activity 3: Listen carefully to the report on world languages, then choose the best options for each questions. (Listening text on page 155/ FAR AHEAD T^{le} , www.edicef.com)

- 1) Approximately how many languages are now spoken in the world?
a) Between 6,000 and 7,000 b) between 3,000 and 4,000 c) around 1,000 d) around 300
- 2) Which continent has more languages than any other?
a) The Americas b) Africa c) Asia d) Europe
- 3) What proportion of the world's languages has fewer than 10,000 speakers?
a) 10% b) 30% c) 50% d) 70%
- 4) How many languages are endangered and in danger of vanishing during the 21st century?
a) 150 b) 1,500 c) 2,500 d) 3,000
- 5) Which language is spoken by most people in the world as a mother tongue?
a) Mandarin b) English c) Spanish d) Arabic
- 6) How many people speak English as a first, second or foreign language in the world today?
a) 10 million b) 150 million c) 1 billion d) 1.5 billion

Activity 4 : COMMUNICATION

Listen again to the report and summarise the main ideas developed by the speaker.