

How Threatened is Your Native Language?

- 8 Language used by socially isolated elders. The language must be reassembled from them.
- 7 Most language users are socially integrated and a ethnolinguistically active community, but they are too old to have children.
- 6 Parents are teaching their children informal spoken language. The language is these children's first language.
- 5 The language is used in writing and speaking at home, in the school, and in the community.
- 4 Language must be used in the lower levels of school.
- 3 The language is used in the lower levels of work with speakers of other languages.
- 2 The language is used in lower governmental services and mass media, but the language is not used at all in higher levels.
- 1 The languages is sometimes used in high levels of school, work, government, and mass media.

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