**Language and Culture Guided Reading Questions**

Answer the questions to guide your reading.

1. About how many languages are being spoken in the world today?
2. The island of New Guinea is important linguistically because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The languages that are most likely to disappear in the near future are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. A language is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. A dialect that mostly develops as a result of differences in class, ethnicity, gender, age, and/or particular social situations is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Dialects develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. A pidgin is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. When a pidgin language becomes the mother tongue of a population, linguists refer to it as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. When people speak different forms of a language in different social situations, the phenomenon is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. Phonology is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. The smallest unit of sound that can be altered to change the meaning of a word is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. The initial sounds in the English words pill, sill, and till are different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. A major difference between European languages and the San languages of southwest Africa is that the San languages contain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. The English word "fig" is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
15. The meaning of words and phrases in the Mandarin Chinese language is mostly altered by changing:
16. Grammar consists of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
17. When young children begin to learn standard grammar, they tend to over regularize it. What does this mean?
18. The best time to learn a second language is in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
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20. Linguistic interference occurs when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
21. Edward Sapir and Benjamin Whorf believed that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
22. The spectrum of visible light is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
23. The Tiv of Nigeria \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
24. \_\_\_\_\_\_ refers to classification according to the way in which members of a society classify their own world?
25. If a scientist went to New Guinea and categorized the fish species native to that island with the universally employed Linnaean classification system, he or she would be using an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ classification.
26. Anthropologists today generally believe that the Whorf-Sapir hypothesis is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
27. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the study of body language.
28. Compared to Americans and Canadians of Northern European cultural ancestry, the comfortable interaction distance zone for Latin Americans is usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
29. Using a wink to acknowledge a shared secret is an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_