

☐ COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1 What happened to the students in Bangladesh who campaigned for their mother tongue?
- 2 What effect does globalisation have on language?
- 3 How many languages risk disappearing?
- 4 Why did people stop speaking Welsh in 1536?
- 5 Where do people speak Scottish nowadays?
- 6 Are there any native languages in your country or just one official one?

☐ WHAT DO YOU THINK?

2. Discuss. Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

Write 1 -5 (1= Don't agree at all – 5 = Completely agree)

- It's a waste of time learning a native language that nobody else in the world speaks. It's much more useful to learn a language like English.
- Native languages are the only way we can maintain a real contact with our past.
- I think it's really nice to hear old people still speaking their native language.
- The future of communication is digital. In the future we won't need 'language'.
- Students should have the chance to learn their native language at school if they want to.