

## Why we should care about Language Death

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### ABSTRACT

*The fortunes of languages can fall and rise and are linked familiarly to the fortunes of their speakers. Nowadays, there are a considerable number of languages becoming increasingly widely spoken. Though, it is difficult for smaller languages to survive, a significant number of languages that have been successfully revitalized. The purpose of this paper is to explore themes of language death in various respects, with focus on why we should care about languages dying. This paper also answered some questions such as what is language death? How many languages are currently in use? How many languages are endangered? Additionally, it highlighted the problems surrounding the loss of languages, and provided some constructive solutions to reclaim and revive dead and endangered languages. This paper also included a number of recommendations for linguists and endangered language speakers or communities.*

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### INTRODUCTION

The importance of a language rises and ebbs in direct proportion to the importance enjoyed by the people who speak that language. Of late, many different languages are being spoken on a mass basis by a large number of people. Therefore, it is becoming difficult for smaller languages to survive. However, the possibility of the revival of smaller languages is not entirely gloomy. There are a significant number of languages that have