The challenges of learning a language

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- Languages that are currently spoken today - 6809
- Only 250 are spoken by 1 million or more people
- A language requires at least 100,000 speakers for to survive
- Only 600 of the languages spoken today will survive
- 260 million speak Hindi as their first language
- 335 million speak English as their first language
- 414 million speak Spanish as their first language
- 1.2 billion speak Chinese as their first language
ENGLISH IS DIFFICULT!

- A farm can produce produce.
- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- The present is a good time to present the present.
- At the Army base, a bass was painted on the head of a bass drum.
- The dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- They were too close to the door to close it.
Using your knowledge of English phonemes please pronounce the following:

Ghoti
Gh = phoneme “gh” in laugh
O  = phoneme “o” in women
    = phoneme “ti” in nation
How to pronounce GHOTI
Try to figure out the following conversation

- CDEMDEB ducks
- MR not ducks?
- SMR!
- CDEMDB wengs
- LIB
- MR ducks!
CDEMDEB ducks
MR not ducks
SMR!
CDEMDBD wengs
LIB
MR ducks!

See dem, dey be ducks
Em are not ducks
Yes, em are!
See dem de be da wings
I’ll be
Em’ are ducks
- CDEMDEB ducks
- MR not ducks
- SMR!
- CDEMDBD wengs
- LIB
- MR ducks!

- See those ducks
- Those are not ducks
- Yes they are
- See, there are their wings
- Wow, I guess they are ducks!