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There are a lot of similarities among the sounds of the world’s languages. This arise from the fact that after all we all have ----------------------------------------------------- and we have to use that apparatus to create the sounds. [Peter Ladefoged. UCLA]

Constructing language is a language that is not descended from any other language. For example, -------------------------------------------- together with Dutch, German and Scandinavian languages. [Thomas Eccardt. Independent Scholar]

Right now there are five or six thousand languages, but it is estimated that in this century ---------------------------------------------. [Merritt Ruhlen. Stanford University]

Many whole language families have gone extinct: Etruscan has gone extinct, Sumerian has gone extinct, Ancient Egyptian has gone extinct, and so forth. That ------------------------------------------------------ in whole lines, so we can’t even be sure that we are getting the whole picture. [Johanna Nichols. UC Berkeley]

What we can now observe as -------------------------------------------------------------- is part of adaptations that populations are making. [Salikoko S. Mufwene. University of Chicago]

Maybe their child goes to school and learns a different language and ----------------------------------------------------of the household [Peter Ladefoged. UCLA]

We talk about six thousand languages now. It’s been said that we are going to be down to --------------------- in as little as a century.

It is because of -------------------------------------------------- that have become urban vernacular [Salikoko S. Mufwene. University of Chicago]

Life is cool and Mombasa is a nice place to be.

I’ve met people to whom I’ve turned to have said: “And your sons, do they speak your language?” And they said: “Oh, no, no, they speak Swahili; they --------------------------------------------------- in the schools”. [Peter Ladefoged. UCLA]

It’s perfectly true and always tragic that languages are disappearing first, but we always should remember that they are always being created. -----------------------------------------------------------------, slightly different from the one that existed over time, and they become quite different [Noam Chomsky. MIT]

So, it may be that ------------------------------------------------------------------- years, I don’t think there’ll be three thousand new languages that will take their place as it were.