

## 2022 届高三暑假英语学科体验

(满分:150 分 时间:120 分钟)

### 第一部分 听力 (共两节, 满分 30 分)

#### 第一节 (共 5 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 7.5 分)

听下面 5 段对话。每段对话后有一个小题, 从试题所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项。听完每段对话后, 你都有 10 秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话仅读一遍。

1. What can a person do to get more things done when busy?  
A. Try to work faster.  
B. Plan and work smarter.  
C. Get more workers.
2. What will the speakers probably eat for dinner?  
A. Hot dogs.      B. Hamburgers.      C. French food.
3. How will the woman go to the airport?  
A. By taxi.      B. By bus.      C. By car.
4. Who are the speakers talking about?  
A. Their parents.      B. Their teachers.      C. Their mothers.
5. Why can't the woman go to see the film today?  
A. She has another plan.  
B. She doesn't like the film.  
C. She is not feeling well.

#### 第二节 (共 15 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 22.5 分)

听下面 5 段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几个小题, 从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项, 并标在试卷的相应位置。听每段对话或独白前, 你将有时间阅读各个小题, 每小题 5 秒钟; 听完后, 各小题将给出 5 秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白读两遍。

听下面一段对话, 回答第 6 和第 7 两个小题。

6. How often does the woman go skiing?  
A. Twice a year.      B. Twice a month.      C. Every other week.
7. What makes the man excited?  
A. Going skiing.      B. Anything fun.      C. Going to Las Vegas.

听下面一段对话, 回答第 8 和第 9 两个小题。

8. Where was the woman when the accident happened?  
A. Near a bank.      B. In Union Street.      C. Under the traffic lights.
9. What color were the traffic lights when the truck went over them?  
A. Yellow.      B. Red.      C. Green.

听下面一段对话, 回答第 10 至第 12 三个小题。

10. What is the woman going to do tomorrow?  
A. Go for a hike.      B. Have a picnic.      C. Go climbing.
11. Who will be on the farm tomorrow?  
A. The man and Nicolas.  
B. The man and his father.  
C. The man and his uncle.
12. What does the man think of the farm work?  
A. Enjoyable.      B. Tiring.      C. Demanding.

听下面一段对话, 回答第 13 至第 16 四个小题。

13. What's the topic of the dialogue?  
A. The language learning.      B. The language loss.      C. The language skills.

14. What is the probable relationship between the speakers?  
A. Host and guest.                    B. Teacher and student.    C. Boss and employee.
15. How many languages will probably disappear soon?  
A. About 6,000.                    B. About 3,000.            C. About 1,000.
16. Why does Allan refer to the article in Nature?  
A. To reach a final agreement.  
B. To ask people to learn the language.  
C. To give a more specific example.
- 听下面一段独白，回答第 17 至第 20 四个小题。
17. How many people are damaging their hearing by listening to loud music?  
A. 1.1 billion.                    B. 2 billion.                C. 3 billion.
18. How long should people listen to music?  
A. More than two hours a day.  
B. Less than one hour a day.  
C. About three hours a day.
19. How do loud sounds damage your hearing?  
A. By listening to them unsafely.  
B. By confusing your hearing system.  
C. By killing off little hair cells in the inner ear.
20. What's the characteristic of the cells?  
A. They don't grow back.  
B. They can grow back soon.  
C. They can never be destroyed.

## 第二部分 阅读理解 (共两节，满分 50 分)

### 第一节 (共 15 小题；每小题 2.5 分，满分 37.5 分)

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的 A、B、C 和 D 四个选项中，选出最佳选项，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

#### A

Have you ever experienced any inconvenience caused by language barriers while travelling? Have you ever thought how awesome those language courses would be if they didn't cost so much money and require so much time?

Translaty is created to serve this purpose---without wasting your money and time on language courses, you can instantly become “fluent” in more than 40 languages with this genius device!

#### What is Translaty?

Translaty is a simple yet life-changing invention that helps you to overcome any obstacles caused by foreign languages, whether you're in a business meeting with an international client or sunbathing somewhere on a Spanish beach. This small but ingenious device is able to instantly recognize and translate over 40 different languages, making intercultural communication completely effortless!

#### What languages can I actually communicate in?

Translaty has more than 40 languages pre-installed, so you're able to use it the minute you get it! It provides fast and accurate two-way communication and allows you to install some other languages that you might be missing.

#### What makes Translaty so special?

- \* Makes travelling easier---forget language barriers and become “fluent” in 40+ languages.
- \* Helps in business---strengthening your international business relationships. It's easy when you speak the same language.
- \* Assists in daily life---allowing you to overcome language differences with your foreign friends.
- \* Convenient and easy to use---lightweight and simple design ensures it's there when you need it the most.
- \* Offers 100% accurate, two-way translations.
- \* High sound and recording quality ensure there are no misunderstandings.

To sum up---get it while you can!

21. Translaty can help users \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. better understand foreigners  
B. learn foreign languages well  
C. spend less in learning a language  
D. build relationships with colleagues
22. What is special about Translaty?  
A. It's reliable.            B. It's enormous.  
C. It's secure.            D. It's influential.
23. What's the purpose of the text?  
A. To declare.            B. To advertise.  
C. To demonstrate.        D. To criticize.

**B**

**For or Against?—That Is the Question**

Andy is the most unreasonable and he makes me so angry that I could even scream sometimes! Of course, I sort of have to love him because he is my twin brother. Andy and Amy (that is me) have the same curly hair and dark eyes and are equally stubborn. Yet, on most issues we usually take opposite positions.

Just this week in our school, there was a heated discussion on whether to adopt a school dress code. Every student would be required to wear a uniform. The teachers are divided: Some are in favor of the uniforms while others are opposed. The principal has asked the students to express their opinions by voting on the issue before decisions are made. But she will have the final word on the dress code.

I think a dress code is a good idea. The reason is simple. The less I have to decide first thing in the morning, the better. I can't tell you how many mornings I look into my closet and just stare, unable to decide what to wear.

Andy is shocked at my opinion. Last night, he even dragged out my parents' high school photo albums to show me how brilliant they looked without uniforms! He also declared, "Bruce Springsteen never wore a school uniform. Bob Dylan wouldn't have been caught dead in a school uniform! Besides, when I am feeling political, I want to be able to wear clothes made of natural, undyed fibers, sewn or assembled in countries that do not pollute the environment or exploit child labor. If I have to wear a uniform, I won't feel like me!"

To that I replied, "So your personal heroes didn't wear school uniforms. But they went to high school about a million years ago! I feel sorry for you since I had no idea that your ego(自我)is so fragile that it would be completely destroyed by a uniform." That really made him angry and he shouted, "You're just copying what you hear that new music teacher saying because you are crazy about him!"

Fortunately, the bell rang before we could do each other physical harm, and we went to our separate classes. The vote for or against uniforms took place later that day. The results of the vote and the principal's decision will be announced next week. I wonder what it will be. I know how I voted, and I'm pretty sure I know how Andy voted. How would you vote---for or against?

24. Amy and Andy often get angry with each other because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. they're both stubborn  
B. they like different teachers  
C. they always hold different views  
D. they don't like each other very much
25. Amy holds the idea that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. school clothing should reflect parents' values  
B. teenagers should never follow the latest clothing fashion  
C. the way one dresses should be an expression of one's personality  
D. wearing school uniforms means one makes less decision every morning
26. Who will decide whether the students should wear uniforms?  
A. The principal.            B. Their parents.  
C. Their teachers.            D. Students themselves.
27. In Paragraph 5, Amy aims to say that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Andy shouldn't look up to his heroes so much  
B. our clothes should decide people's attitudes towards us  
C. Andy's lack of self-confidence is reflected in his clothing  
D. our clothes shouldn't determine how we feel about ourselves

**C**

In 1926, US automaker Henry Ford shortened its employees' workweek from six eight-hour days to five, with no

pay cuts. It's something workers and labor unions had been calling for. Ford wasn't responding to worker demands; he was being a businessman. He expected increased productivity and knew workers with more time and money would buy and use the products they were making. It was a way of encouraging consumerism and productivity to increase profits, and it succeeded.

Since standardization of the 40-hour workweek in the mid-20th century, everything has changed but the hours. If anything, many people are working even longer hours, especially in North America. This has a severe influence on human health and well-being, as well as the environment. Until the Second World War, it was common for one person in a family, usually the oldest male, to work full-time. Now, women make up 42 percent of the world's full-time workforce. Technology has made a lot of work unnecessary, with computers and robots doing many tasks previously performed by humans.

Well into the 21st century, we continue to work the same long hours as 20th century laborers, using up ever more of Earth's supply to produce more goods that we must keep working to buy, use and replace in a seemingly endless cycle of hard work and consumption. It's time to pause and consider better ways to live like shifting from fossil-fueled lifestyles with which our consumer-based workweeks are connected.

The UK think tank, New Economics (经济学)Foundation, argues that a standard 21-hour workweek would address a number of interconnected problems: "overwork, unemployment, over-consumption, high carbon emissions, low well-being, and the lack of time to live sustainably, to care for each other, and simply to enjoy life".

Economic systems that require constant growth on a finite (有限的)planet don't make sense. It's time for a change in our economic thinking.

28. Why did Ford decide to shorten the workweek?

- A. To cut workers' pay.
- B. To make more profits.
- C. To respond to worker demands.
- D. To meet labor unions' requirements.

29. What change in the workforce happened after World War II ?

- A. More women worked full-time.
- B. The number of laborers decreased.
- C. Technology enabled people to work shorter hours.
- D. It was unnecessary for a family's oldest male to work.

30. What can we infer from the third paragraph?

- A. Longer working hours means better consumption ability.
- B. The 21st century sees the longest working hours in history.
- C. The cycle of hard work and consumption should be changed.
- D. Pausing our way of living can change the present workweek.

31. New Economics Foundation thinks a 21-hour workweek will \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. increase unemployment
- B. cause various problems
- C. encourage people to enjoy life
- D. challenge the economic growth

#### D

The cancer death rate in the U.S. fell by the most on record as advances in treatments for lung tumors (肿瘤) like video-assisted surgery helped prolong the lives of patients.

The death rate from cancer has been gradually declining for 26 years, thanks in large part to fewer people smoking cigarettes. But from 2016 to 2017, the most recent period available, it dropped by 2.2%, the most ever in a single year, according to a report released Wednesday by the American Cancer Society. That compares with an average 1.5% yearly decline over the decade. The drop translates to roughly 2.9 million fewer cancer deaths than would have occurred had death rates remained at their peak. For lung cancer specifically, the death rate declined 4.3% annually from 2013 to 2017.

"It is really lung cancer that is driving this," said Rebecca Siegel, scientific director of surveillance research at the American Cancer Society, and lead author on the new study. "We found increases in survival for lung cancer at every stage in diagnosis." She attributed the lower deaths to improvements in treatments, including video-assisted surgery that enables more patients with early lung tumors to become eligible for operations; more precise ~~radiation treatment~~ ~~radiotherapy~~ ~~radiation treatment~~ better scanning technology that allows doctors to better assess the stage of tumor, so the patient gets the best treatment

right away. At later stages of illness, new, targeted drugs that aim at specific disease-causing genes are helping patients whose tumors have those genetic flaws (缺陷). Overall, lung cancer death rates have dropped by 51% for men since their peak in 1990, and by 26% for women since their peak in 2002.

There's the potential for more progress in future reports. That's because the latest death-rate statistics go only through 2017 and likely don't include the potential impact in lung cancer death from immune-therapy drugs. They became widely used in lung cancer only in the past few years.

The report, based on U.S. government data, isn't all good news. Prostate (前列腺)cancer death rates have leveled off recently after a period of decline. That may be because many doctors pulled back on using the controversial prostate-specific antigen test, or PSA, which can spot the disease but can lead to over-treatment of men who may never have died from their tumors.

"Though it was definitely causing harm, it was also contributing to declines in death," Siegel said. What's needed now is better screening tests to detect only the prostate cancers that will go on to cause harm.

Population death rates are considered one of the most reliable ways of measuring progress in cancer treatment and prevention. By contrast, cancer survival rates can sometimes be influenced by improvements in diagnosing tiny, early stage tumors that wouldn't necessarily be deadly.

32. According to paragraph 2, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cancer death rate reached its peak in 2017
- B. death rate decreases over the past 2 decades
- C. 2.9 million people die of cancer in America every year
- D. most of the cancer patients in America suffer from lung cancer

33. We can learn from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. female death rate of lung cancer drops more than that of male
- B. targeted drugs have led to rapid increase in cancer death rates
- C. better scanning technology will lead to improvement in treating genetic flaws
- D. improper use of prostate-specific antigen test can lead to over-treatment of men

34. The underlined expression "level off" in paragraph 5 means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. remain unchanged
- B. show up
- C. take off
- D. become sharp

35. What might be the best title of the passage?

- A. Medical Progress Prolonging Patients' Lives
- B. Cancer Death Rates Dropping at the Fastest Pace
- C. Significant Improvement in Treating Lung Cancer
- D. Advanced Technologies Applied in Cancer Treatment

## 第二节 (共 5 小题; 每小题 2.5 分, 满分 12.5 分)

阅读下面短文, 从短文后的选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

It can be very easy to stick with what you know, instead of trying to meet people who are different from you.

36 \_\_\_ Here's what you can do:

Become self-aware. \_\_\_ 37 \_\_\_ This includes biases(偏见) about your own cultural background. It can be confronting, but by doing this you'll be able to think about how these traits might impact on your approach to and understanding of differences. You could try: Think about what assumptions you make about your friends, peers, and people you work with.

Talk to someone from a different cultural background. Try and get to know someone from a different cultural background better. \_\_\_ 38 \_\_\_ You'll automatically find out more about their life and experiences. Just being curious and open-minded can be helpful.

Be more accepting. Sometimes, for one reason or another, it's not all that easy to understand some cultural differences. \_\_\_ 39 \_\_\_ In other words, you don't have to understand, or even agree with, someone in order to accept them.

\_\_\_ 40 \_\_\_ One of the biggest difficulties to overcome in understanding cultural differences is making judgments based on one opinion. You should do some research to actually learn about people, instead of making broad-brush

assessments. Stereotyping(模式化) people from different cultural backgrounds can impact their quality of life and opportunities.

- A. Do your own research.
- B. Think beyond stereotypes.
- C. Practice being sympathetic towards people.
- D. Work out your own beliefs, values and personal biases.
- E. Instead of asking them questions directly, treat them as friends.
- F. And the best approach is to acknowledge people are different and to accept that's okay.
- G. However, trying to understand people from other countries can help you experience more.

### 第三部分 语言运用(共两节, 满分 30 分)

#### 第一节 (共 15 小题; 每小题 1 分, 满分 15 分)

阅读下面短文, 从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

Lots of kids set up lemonade stands in the summer. For many, it's a first step toward learning what it means to \_\_\_41\_\_\_ your own money. For 11-year-old Cartier Carey, it was a \_\_\_42\_\_\_ to do a lot more. That's because Carey isn't using his \_\_\_43\_\_\_ to open a first savings account. Instead, he's \_\_\_44\_\_\_ it back into his community. His goal is to help single mothers in need. With all the stress and \_\_\_45\_\_\_ uncertainty brought on by the pandemic, Carey decided to focus on the basics: diapers and wipes.

The idea for the project \_\_\_46\_\_\_ while Carey was visiting his grandmother who lives in one of the area's more economically depressed neighborhoods. Carey, who is keenly observant for his age, was \_\_\_47\_\_\_ by how many women he observed raising children on their own. By the end of July, Carey had raised close to \$5,000 via the lemonade stand and from donations, and \_\_\_48\_\_\_ about 6,500 diapers. As of September, at 22,000 diapers, he's \_\_\_49\_\_\_ to achieving his total goal of 25,000.

But the generous 11-year-old is no \_\_\_50\_\_\_ to worthy causes. Before becoming a "lemonade mogul", Carey launched another community \_\_\_51\_\_\_ titled "Carti packs"—care packages for the homeless that \_\_\_52\_\_\_ such essentials as deodorant, soap, tissue, and even hand-warmers for when the weather got \_\_\_53\_\_\_.

Carey says his greatest \_\_\_54\_\_\_ comes from knowing he's made a difference and seeing how much his efforts have meant to the people he tries to \_\_\_55\_\_\_.

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| 41. A. earn        | B. save         | C. spend      | D. control       |
| 42. A. risk        | B. chance       | C. course     | D. mission       |
| 43. A. stand       | B. profit       | C. fortune    | D. wisdom        |
| 44. A. investing   | B. holding      | C. lending    | D. drawing       |
| 45. A. political   | B. mental       | C. financial  | D. commercial    |
| 46. A. took effect | B. took root    | C. made room  | D. made sense    |
| 47. A. delighted   | B. disappointed | C. relaxed    | D. shocked       |
| 48. A. distributed | B. sold         | C. selected   | D. produced      |
| 49. A. loyal       | B. used         | C. equal      | D. close         |
| 50. A. relief      | B. stranger     | C. truth      | D. use           |
| 51. A. career      | B. research     | C. initiative | D. investigation |
| 52. A. returned    | B. employed     | C. boosted    | D. contained     |
| 53. A. fine        | B. stormy       | C. cold       | D. favorable     |
| 54. A. joy         | B. hope         | C. effort     | D. contribution  |
| 55. A. please      | B. ignore       | C. identify   | D. serve         |

#### 第二节 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 15 分)

阅读下面短文, 在空白处填入 1 个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

Drunk driving is a very serious issue in China. It is illegal to drive after drinking alcohol, but there is still drunk driving, \_\_\_56\_\_\_ (cause) deaths and injuries. The deadly result \_\_\_57\_\_\_ (raise) heated debates on whether offenders deserve more severe punishment these years.



but disappointingly, nobody came.

Then one day, when my parents sent me to the bus station and said good bye to me, I didn't get on the bus to school as usual. Instead, I walked and walked on the street, looking at the beautiful window displays and forgetting everything, with no worry about the new school, new teachers and new classmates. Then my empty stomach stopped me and I used my pocket money to have a bowl of noodles in a small restaurant. It was noon at the time, but still I didn't want to go to school or go home. So I went to a park and sat on the bench, staring at the sky. And then I had a nap. When I woke up, I decided to go back to my hometown, where my former teachers and friends lived. So I went to the railway station. There I was stopped by a policeman, who asked for my ID card, which I didn't have at the time. Then the policeman called someone and I was asked to stay with him.

注意:

1. 所续写短文的词数应为 150 左右;
2. 续写部分分为两段, 每段的开头语已为你写好。

*An hour later, I found my parents running towards me.* \_\_\_\_\_

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*The next day, when I was sent to school by my parents, I was afraid I would be punished.* \_\_\_\_\_

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听力 1-5: BCBAC 6-10: ACABB 11-15: CABAB 16-20: CABCA  
阅读理解 21-23 AAB 24-27 CDAD 28-31 BACC 32-35 BDAB  
七选五 36-40 GDEFB  
完形填空 41-45 ABBAC 46-50 BDADB 51-55 CDCAD  
第二节 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 15 分)  
56.causing 57.has raised 58.for 59.highly 60.be mentioned  
61.pressure 62.the 63.Whoever 64.importance 65.best

### 第四部分: 写作 (共两节, 满分 40 分)

#### 第一节 书面表达 (满分 15 分)

#### New Members Wanted

The traditional Chinese painting club founded two weeks ago is looking for new members.

By participating in our well-organized activities, you will benefit a great deal from them. Not only can you cultivate your patience and imagination, but also you can reach a higher level of artistic thinking. Learning traditional Chinese painting, you will get easier access to our excellent history and culture, which can nurture your mind.

Students of all grades are welcome. If you are interested, please fill in the application form and send it to the email address at Traditional Chinese Painting@163.com before May 7, 2021. Please join us now.

Traditional Chinese Painting Club

#### 书面表达 (满分 25 分)

*An hour later, I found my parents running towards me. They looked worried and exhausted. "Where have you been all day?" demanded my father angrily. "You are playing truant now, aren't you!" His eyes were fuming with rage. I felt aggrieved, tears in my eyes. I muttered, "There's nobody I can talk to in this city." My mother hugged me, kissing my cheeks, and said "I am sorry, my dear. It's our fault not to have noticed this and given you our timely help. But next time you meet any problems, turn to us first." Hearing this, though a little bit upset, I felt better with my parents' comfort.*

*The next day, when I was sent to school by my parents, I was afraid that I would be punished. Instead when the class began, the teacher told the whole class that I was permitted a day off to hang around the city the day before and asked me to share what I'd seen. Surprised, I was glad to talk about those window displays and beautiful scenes in the park. When I finished, the applause shook the classroom. Later, I made friends with quite a few classmates, which made me really happy. I learned from my teacher later that it was my dad who asked her to do that. The white lie started a new life for me.*

### 听力录音原文

#### Text 1

W: What should I do when there are too many things to do?

M: When someone is busy, it is important to spend some time organizing the work. Many people just try to work faster, but that doesn't really help. Planning and working smarter is the best answer when you are busy.

#### Text 2

M: How about hamburgers for dinner?

W: Oh, I'm sick of junk food. Let's do something really special. Why don't we try that new French restaurant?

#### Text 3

M: How are you getting to the airport?

W: Well, I haven't really got any choice — I have to take the bus. My car is at the garage getting repaired and taking a taxi is just too expensive.

Text 4

M: It's your turn, Mary. How do you like your parents?

W: I'd like to talk about my father. He is very kind, hardworking and humorous. In a word, I can't speak too highly of him.

Text 5

M: Aren't you going to see the film? They say it's well worth seeing.

W: I'm afraid I can't make it today. I am not feeling myself today.

Text 6

W: I can't wait to go skiing tomorrow.

M: I know. It's going to be so much fun.

W: I always get excited the day before skiing.

M: I used to be like that. But I go skiing so often that I don't get excited any more.

W: I only go skiing twice a year, so it's a real treat for me.

M: That makes sense.

W: What things make you excited?

M: Whenever I go to Las Vegas, I get really excited.

W: Oh... that makes me excited too!

M: Looks like anything fun makes you excited.

Text 7

M: Now, Wendy, did you get a good view of the accident?

W: Oh, yes. I was riding home on my bike and going past the bank building and I saw it all quite clearly.

M: Do you know what time it was?

W: Yes. I checked my watch. It was 2:45 p.m. exactly.

M: Good. Now, how fast was the truck moving?

W: Well, quite slowly — about 10 miles an hour. It was coming up York Road. I suppose the truck driver knew the lights were going to change. But they were still red when he went over them.

M: I see. What about the car? Was it also driving slowly?

W: It was coming along Union Street about 50 miles per hour. It was a blue Toyota. The driver stopped his car when he saw the truck crossing the street.

M: Did you see what color his traffic lights were?

W: Yes, they changed to yellow just before he crossed it.

Text 8

M: It'll be Saturday tomorrow. What are you going to do?

W: Nicholas and I are going to have a picnic on the hill. Would you like to go there with us?

M: I'm sorry, but I'm going to help my uncle do the farming on his farm. There is always too much work.

W: But you can't do it all. I never heard you mentioned farm work before.

M: Perhaps it's easy to learn to do the work. And my uncle can teach me, too. Besides, I enjoy working on the farm. The air is fresh, and the flowers are sweet there. Everything is beautiful.

W: It sounds wonderful. I hope to have a chance to do that. How will you go there?

M: By bus. It will take me only an hour to get to the farm. I used to go there by bike with my father. But I will go there by bus by myself tomorrow.

W: Take care while you're on the farm, or you'll hurt yourself.

M: Thanks. I'll be careful.

Text 9

W: Our topic today is on language loss in the world. First we'll talk about what the situation is, and then we'll give some examples. Allan, do you want to begin?

M: OK. First, some background on the situation. There are actually different views on how many languages exist in the world today. Most experts say that there are somewhere between 6,000 and 6,800 languages still in use. Unfortunately many of these languages are in danger of disappearing. Now, it's hard to find an exact number, but some people believe that as many as half of the languages still in use could be lost before long. Here is a more specific example of how

languages are being lost. An article in the magazine Nature in 2003 states that there are 46 different people around the world who are the last remaining speakers of their languages.

W: Wow. Imagine if you were the only speaker of your language left.

M: Yes. Now, one of the problems is that it's very difficult to get complete agreement on actual language numbers and then it's also hard to find agreement on the number of languages that are at risk of disappearing.

Text 10

M: The World Health Organization is worried that 1.1 billion teenagers and people in their twenties and early thirties are damaging their hearing by listening to loud music. It says nearly half the young people risk hearing loss because of the "unsafe use" of personal music players, including smart phones. Loud music in nightclubs, bars and at sporting events also increase the risk. The WHO recommends a safe limit of listening to music for just one hour a day. The WHO director for injury prevention, Dr. Etienne Krug, told the BBC that hearing loss is easily preventable. Dr. Krug said keeping the volume down and limiting the use of personal audio devices to less than one hour a day would save a lot of people's hearing.

However, he also said, "Even an hour can be too much if the volume is too loud." Ralph Holme, a researcher, explained how loud noise can damage ears. He said: "Loud sounds damage your hearing by killing off thousands of little hair cells in the inner ear. The cells are very fragile and they get damaged and die due to loud sounds for too long." He warned: "The problem is that they don't grow back and the ear can no longer hear sounds."



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