

LANGUAGES – WORD LIST

- **advise** = suggest
- **ancient Greek** = language that was spoken in Greece over two thousand years ago
- **attempt** = try
- **authority** = organization or government department that has the power to do things and make decisions
- **borrow** = here: take from another language
- **century** = a hundred years
- **certain** = special, only one
- **civilization** = culture, people, society
- **claim** = to say that something is true
- **colony** = faraway country or area that a larger country controls
- **common** = popular, widespread
- **connect** = link
- **corporation** = very large company
- **create** = make, invent
- **develop** = grow
- **dialect** = form of a language spoken only in one area; the words and grammar are a bit different than the normal language
- **die out** = here: are not spoken any more
- **dominant** = number one, main
- **economic** = about trade, industry, as well as buying and selling products
- **emerge** = come up, appear for the first time
- **especially** = above all
- **express** = say and tell others what you are thinking
- **extinct** = die out
- **few** = not many
- **field** = area
- **global** = worldwide
- **goal** = aim
- **humans** = people
- **immigration** = going to another country to work and live there
- **influence** = affect, shape, change
- **invent** = to create something for the first time
- **linguist** = someone who studies or teaches the structure of languages
- **local** = only in a small area
- **minority** = small group of people within a larger group
- **mother tongue** = main language that you learnt when you were a child
- **natives** = people who are born in a place and have always lived there
- **navigator** = person on a ship who decides which route to take
- **official** = here: the main language
- **point** = time, phase
- **popular** = common, widespread
- **recognise** = accept
- **related to** = belong together
- **Romansch** = language spoken in southern Switzerland
- **rule** = something that you are allowed to say in a language because it is correct
- **simplify** = to make easier
- **society** = people in general, who live together in a country
- **Standard English** = the official English language, spoken by most people
- **through the ages** = over history
- **translate** = change written and spoken words from one language into another
- **verge** = edge, close to
- **wave** = move an object back and forth
- **widely** = generally, mostly