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Match the subtitles with the paragraphs. There is one subtitle that has 2 answers.

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| 1. Eight Ancient Languages
Still Spoken Today -----> _____ | a) You probably won't encounter someone speaking Coptic. |
| 2. Hebrew -----> _____ | b) It has been called "the language of the Gods," not only because it's the language of the Vedas (the scriptures of Hinduism), but because of its beauty and intricacy. |
| 3. Tamil -----> _____ | c) It is used mostly in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Singapore, though there are populations in Guyana, Fiji, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago as well. |
| 4. Sanskrit -----> _____ | d) It is spoken by 12 million people today. |
| 5. Greek -----> _____ | e) The language died out as a spoken language during the first few centuries of the Common Era but was revived in the 19th century with the rise of Zionism. |
| 6. Chinese -----> _____ | f) It's the oldest European language. |
| 7. Arabic -----> _____ | g) Between the eighth and twelfth centuries, it was the lingua franca of philosophy and science. |
| 8. Euskara (also known as
Basque) -----> _____ | h) This language is one of the most common indigenous languages in North America. |
| 9. Nahuatl -----> _____ | i) Because the dialects share the same orthography (the prominent characters you may be familiar with), however, speakers of different dialects can communicate easily through writing even if they can't understand one another when speaking. |
| | j) Still, some languages are survivors; many of those spoken today have been around a very long time. |

Read the following sentences and complete them - check the answers in the article. Use the words given. There is an extra option that you will not use.

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1. Because Sanskrit is the _____ of many Indian languages, such as Hindi and Bengali, knowing Sanskrit can help one understand these languages as well.
2. More than 7,000 languages are spoken in the world today. Papua New Guinea holds the record for _____ languages in one country, with an estimated 840.
3. _____ this, the language is endangered because it's no longer taught to younger generations.
4. Today, Hebrew is the official language of Israel and the mother _____ of more than five million people — with nine million speakers around the world.
5. There are many different variations of Chinese, though Mandarin is the most _____.