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Researchers estimated that two of the numerous languages of the world disappear every month. Extinct (or dead) languages are languages, which are on the verge of extinction [1, p .33-37]. A prominent scientist K. Ushinsky said: “People can create even a new Motherland, but they will never make a new language. When it dies in the mouths of the people, the whole nation dies too.”

Scientists have identified languages, that are vulnerable to extinction. One of them is the Nivkh language. It has a very difficult pronunciation and numerals reading. For example, this language has 26 ways of counting, that depends on what we count – skis, boats or bunches of fish. That is why the Nivkhs speak Russian, and this fact has led to the Nivkh language being on the list of endangered languages. According to the census in 2010 only 198 people speak the Nivkh language nowadays.

Representatives of national minorities who speak their own language, often believe that they have less chances both in education and labor market. To avoid discrimination, they stop speaking their native language in favor of the one spoken by the majority. In addition, there are historical or political reasons for the disappearance of languages. The colonization of vast territories — be it Latin America, North America, Siberia, as a rule, was accompanied by brutal suppression and partial annihilation of the local population and its language.

To protect languages that are under threat scientists investigate them thoroughly. They create audio and video recordings, write booklets. Knowledge of the language will be materialized even if it dies.

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