

Unit 9

Name: _____

Reading Comprehension

Talking About Language

- A** Read the section *Codes and Sign Language* on page 93. Complete the chart.

Main Idea		
Detail 1	Detail 2	Detail 3
_____	_____	_____
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- B** Make connections with your life and the article. Answer the questions.

- 1 What gestures do people in your country use?

- 2 Do you know anyone who speaks a foreign language? Who? What language do they speak?

- 3 Apart from English, what language do you want to learn? Why?

- C** Complete the sentences.

Talking About Language is a _____ article.

An article is a piece of _____ that appears in a _____.

What might this type of article contain?



D Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Shaking one's head is a gesture that shows _____.
a beckoning **b** happiness **c** refusal
- 2 When a language is no longer used, we say it's _____.
a secret **b** dead **c** code
- 3 Sign language allows people to communicate by making signs _____.
a with their hands **b** through a special code **c** using electricity
- 4 Communication lets us tell people what we know, what we feel, and how we _____.
a understand **b** evolve **c** think

E Answer the questions.

- 1 What is language?

- 2 What kind of communication came before speech?

- 3 How many languages do experts estimate there are in the world?

- 4 How are languages grouped?

- 5 What are two types of codes?

- 6 Who uses sign language to communicate?

Extra Read the words. Write the definitions.

- 1 estimate

- 2 ancestor

- 3 brand-new
