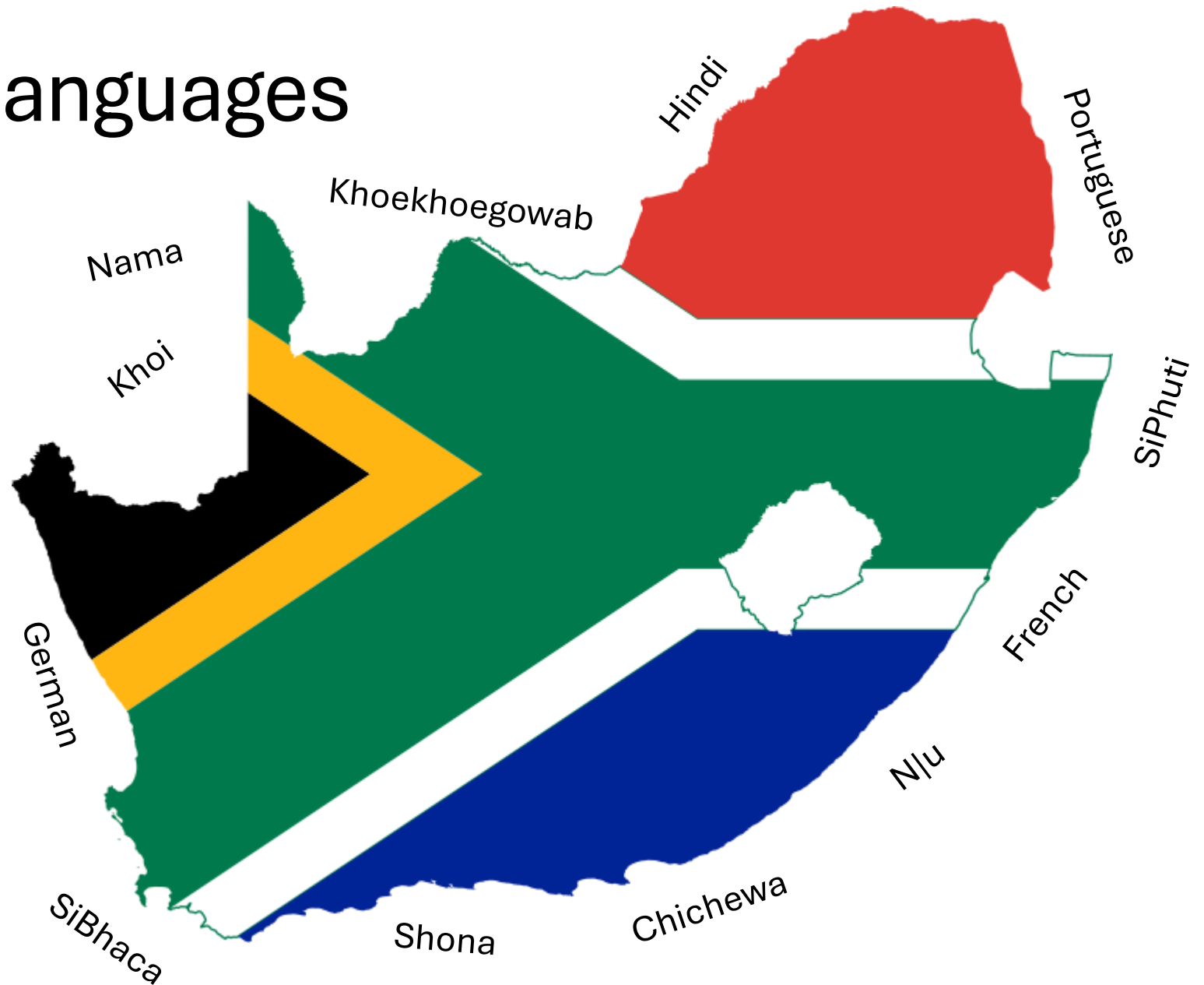


South African Languages

Official languages:

- Afrikaans
- English
- Xhosa
- Venda
- Zulu
- Southern Sotho
- Sepedi/Northern Sotho
- Tswana
- Tsonga
- Swati
- South African Sign
- Ndebele



Dying Languages

N|u is a language spoken by the San people of South Africa.

In 2017, there were only **THREE** people left who spoke N|u fluently, including Katrina Esau, who was 84 at the time.



Katrina Esau is working hard make sure that the language of her childhood outlives her

Similarities

- Very old languages
- Spoken by very few people

Differences

- From different parts of the world (India, Africa, North America)
- Extinct, some speakers, new speakers

Feelings?

- Studying old languages is a waste of time
- Sadness for the dead language
- Lost, because language connects you to people and culture

Useful words

fluent

adjective

mother tongue

noun phrase

revive

verb

tribe

noun

record

noun AND verb

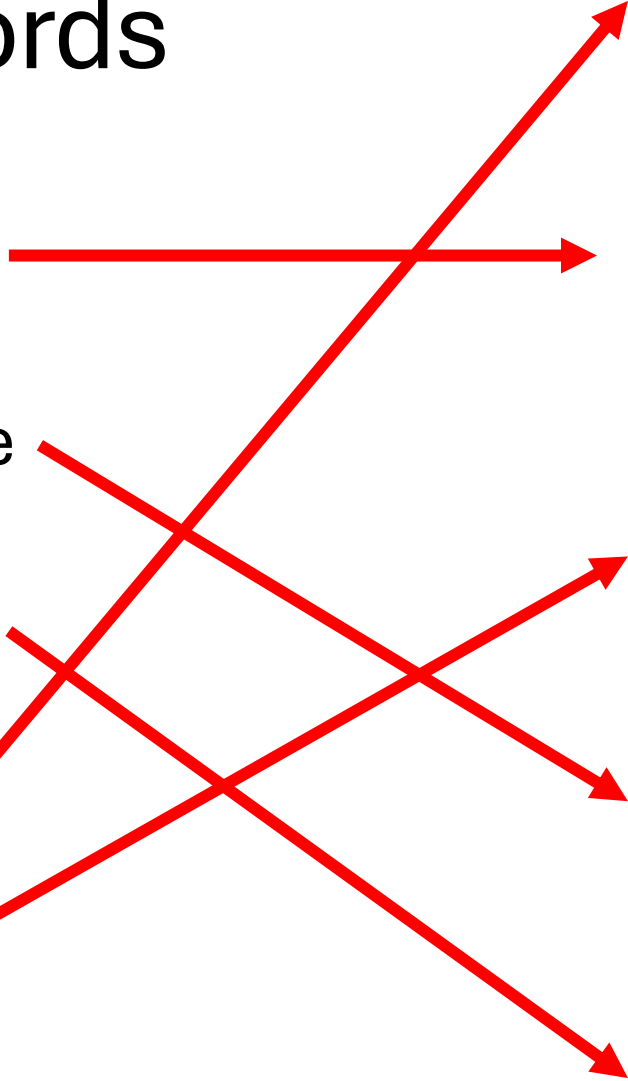
A group of people with shared culture, language and traditions

The ability to speak a language easily and well

Written or audio material that preserves information

The first/native language someone learns as a child

To bring something back to life, or make it active again



Answer the questions

- How many speakers does each language have?
 - Bo: 0
 - N\u: 8
 - Wampanoag: at least 3
- Is the number of speakers increasing or decreasing?
 - Bo: This language is dead.
 - N\u: decreasing
 - Wampanoag: increasing
- What is the name of the person associated with each language in the text?
 - Bo: Boa Sr
 - N\u: Hannah Cooper
 - Wampanoag: Jessie Little Doe

Time to Talk!

- Imagine you could ask Boa Sr, Hannah Cooper, and Jessie Little Doe **one** question each? What would you ask them? Why?

Language review

- You attend class very late. You are very determined. (which word would you use?)
- Language has a deep connection with people and culture.
- I don't know, they can do that or no.
 - I don't know whether it is possible or not.
- Hannah – US pronunciation
- Most of young people from the tribe...
 - Most of the young people from the tribe

Your language is dying! What do you do?