Zeke here, from the planet Zilizag, with my pet, Rhombus! We’re on a mission to see if other planets live in peace, like we do on Zilizag. Today, we’re visiting Earth for a language festival.

On Earth, like on Zilizag, people go all over the planet, sharing their languages and ways of life. It’s cool to see the amazing diversity. I speak nine languages! Still, sometimes it can be hard to communicate. On Zilizag, we all learn the Zilizag Code, along with our native language. No matter where we travel, we can connect with each other and make friends. The code is used on the planet Narfblatt, too.

If everyone on Earth spoke a common language, do you think it would help bring peace to your planet?

There are almost 7,000 ______________________
on Earth. Over 800 are from Papua New Guinea.

The five most widely-spoken __________________
languages are Chinese, Spanish, English, Arabic, and Hindi. Chinese has over a billion speakers.

The earliest ___________________ appeared about 5,000 years ago in Egypt and the Middle East.

The ______________________________________ uses six official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

During the ______________________ Games,
announcements are usually made in French, English, and the language of the host country.

English is the main language used on the __________________ , closely followed by Chinese.

Some scientists say people who speak more than one language are better at handling ____________________ .

Different countries have their own versions of ___________ language used by people who are deaf.

I discovered these fun facts about Earth languages. Use my decoder to check them out.

Zeke’s Zilizag Decoder

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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