



## Learning a Foreign Language

### Task 1: Navajo

#### Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 6.

You are going to hear a talk about **Navajo**. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. I will ask you six questions on some facts about **Navajo**. Are you ready?

#### Audio Script

Navajo is a Native American language. It is related to languages spoken across the western areas of North America. It has struggled to maintain enough people speaking the language, but as of today it is one of the most spoken Native American languages. In 2011, it had approximately 170,000 Americans that spoke Navajo at home. Extensive education programs have been used in order to keep Navajo an active language in the Navajo Nation. In World War 2, Navajo was used to pass secret communication since it was not able to be broken, earning an important spot in not only the history of a culture but in the world as well. Today you can find immersion programs for Navajo in schools from kindergarten to eighth grade in the border of Arizona and New Mexico, on the Navajo reservation. In these schools there are 13 teachers that speak Navajo and 5 teachers that speak English, at third grade English is introduced during 10% of the classes.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Now let's look at the questions again, but with the possible answers.

This is the end of the listening task.

#### Questions & Answers:

1	What kind of language is Navajo?	Native American (Language)
2	What has Navajo had problems with?	Maintain (enough) people speaking (the language)
3	How many people spoke Navajo at home?	170,000 / one hundred seventy thousand (people)
4	What is used to keep Navajo an active language?	(Extensive) education programs
5	How was Navajo used in World War II?	To pass secret code / communication



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6	Where can you find immersion programs for Navajo?	(In the border of) Arizona / New Mexico
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