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Languages of Indonesia: A Tapestry of Voices

Short Answer Key

1. Bahasa Indonesia fosters unity by providing a common language for communication among Indonesia's diverse ethnic groups, helping to bridge linguistic barriers.
2. Possible answers include Javanese (predominantly spoken in Java), Sundanese (predominantly spoken in West Java), and Balinese (predominantly spoken in Bali).
3. It is important to teach and preserve endangered indigenous languages in Indonesia to safeguard the cultural heritage and identity of indigenous communities, ensuring that their unique languages and traditions are not lost.
4. Proficiency in English benefits Indonesians in education, business, and tourism, as it enhances their ability to communicate and engage with the global community.
5. Possible answers include the Dayak languages in Kalimantan or the Papuan languages in Papua.

