

Indonesians Fear for their Language

Checking Understanding:

1. Why can't the Sugiarto children speak Bahasa Indonesian?

2. Why are some Indonesians learning English instead of Bahasa Indonesian?

3. Why did nationalists promote Bahasa Indonesian in 1928?

4. How was English viewed during Suharto's military rule?

5. What is the connection between democratic reforms and English in Indonesia?

6. What is "negative pride"?

Discussion:

1. Why do you think more Indonesian parents want their children to speak English more than Indonesian?
2. What effects will this shift in language preference have on Indonesia?
3. What can be done to promote local languages in Indonesia?
4. How do these groups view English in Japan?
 - government officials
 - parents
 - teachers
 - students

