

The Kumzari Language Community: Evaluating Language Vitality and Endangerment

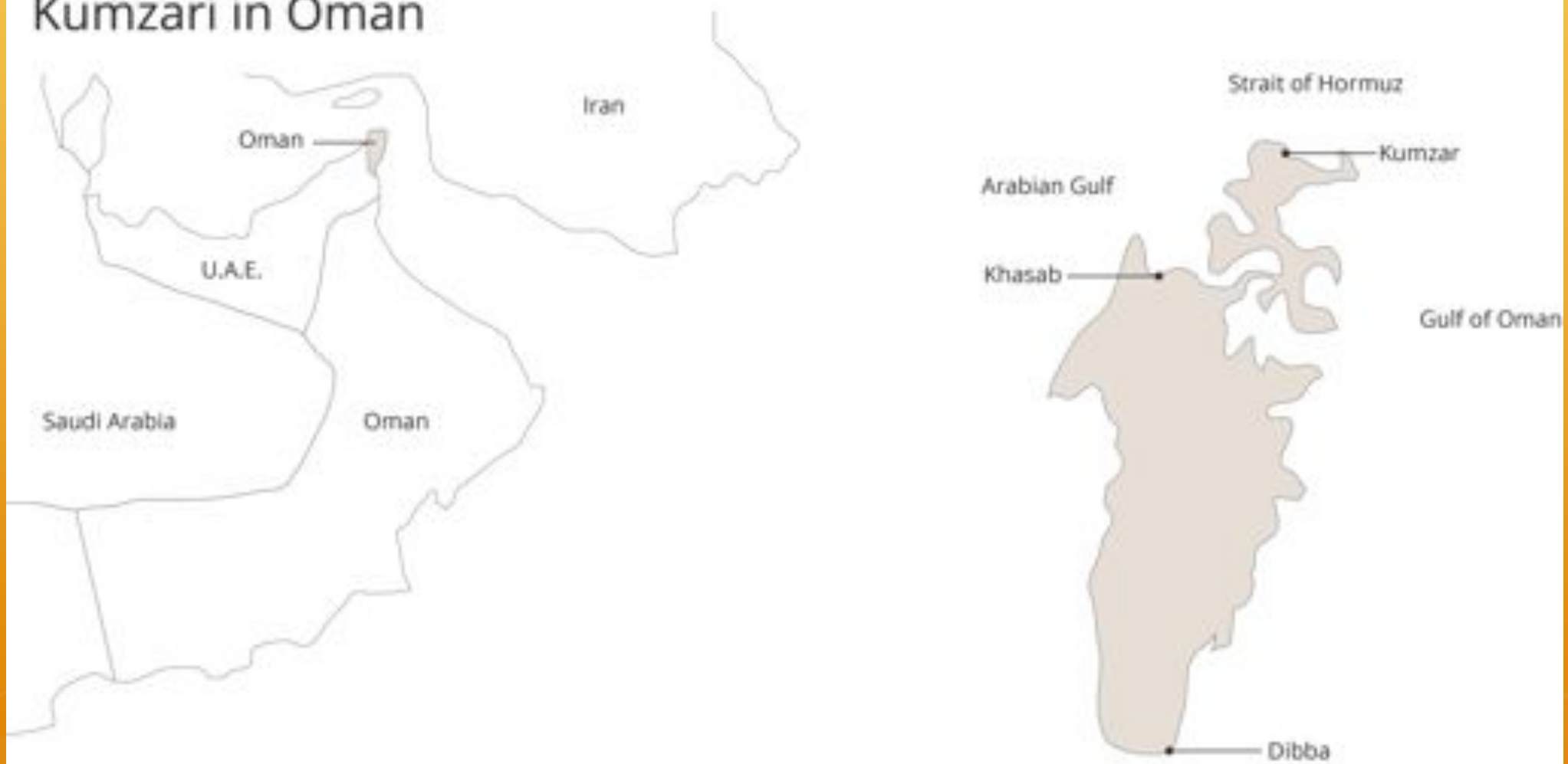
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UNESCO Criteria for Language Vitality and Endangerment (2003)

Factor 1: Intergenerational Transmission

Factor 2: Absolute Number of Speakers

Factor 3: Proportion of Speakers within Total Population

Factor 4: Trends in Existing Language Domains

Factor 5: Response to New Domains and Media

Factor 6: Materials for Language Education and Literacy

Factor 7: Governmental and Institutional Language Attitudes and Policies

Factor 8: Community Members' Attitudes towards their Language

Factor 9: Amount and Quality of Documentation

Florey's (2009) Language Vitality Test

- ❁ **Task 1** is designed to test receptive proficiency in the target language. It is a lexical recognition task consisting of 53 test items in 5 photo sets. No productive language skills are necessary at this stage.
- ❁ **Task 2** is designed to test productive proficiency in the target language by translating 75 sentences from source language to the target language.
- ❁ **Task 3** is designed to assess more creative proficiency at the discourse level in the target language.

Harmon and Loh's (2010) Index of Language Diversity

