The History of English in Ten Minutes

Video Questionnaire

Anglo-Saxon

1. What were the three tribes of peoples who began to move into Britain after the Romans left? (1 proper noun per box)

2. The Anglo-Saxon vocabulary was much more _____ as it was mainly words for simple everyday things. (1 word)

3. What four days of the week were named in honor of Anglo-Saxon gods? (1 proper noun per box – in the order that they appear on a calendar)

4. Who brought the Latin words back to Britain? (2 words, the first is a proper noun)

5. Which group of people brought in the action-man words? (article + proper noun)

The Norman Conquest

6. Who invaded Britain in 1066? (3 words)

7. What was the French language used for in Britain? (3 words)

8. Where was the Latin language used during this time? (preposition + noun)

9. To say that something has been talked about too much, to the point of making one nauseous, is the Latin expression _____. (2 words)

10. How many years did the Hundred Years War actually last? (number only)

11. What language became the language of power in Britain after the Hundred Years War? (1 proper noun)

Shakespeare

12. According to the video, about how many new words were invented by Shakespeare? (number only)

13. Shakespeare knew the power of _____. (1 word)

14. Shakespeare's poetry showed the world that English was a rich vibrant language with _____. (5 words)

The King James Bible

15. In what year was the King James Version of the Bible translated? (year only)

16. The King James Bible is the book that taught us that a leopard cannot change his _____. (1 plural word)

17. The King James Bible begat a whole glossary of _____ and _____ that still shapes the way that _____ is spoken today. (1 word in each space – keep the same order as the video)

The English of Science

18. At first, scientists in the 17th century worked in what language? (1 proper noun)

19. Scientist discovered that they could transform our understanding of the universe much quicker by talking in _____. (3 words)

English and Empire

20. By this time English was the language of _____, _____, and _____ (1 word each space).

21. From where did the words 'barbeque', 'canoe', and 'cannibal come from? (1 proper noun)

22. From where did the words 'yoga', 'cummerbund', 'crimson', and 'bungalow' come from? (1 proper noun)

23. From where did the words 'voodoo', 'zombie', 'bongo', and 'banjo' come from? (1 proper noun)

24. From where did the words 'nugget', 'boomerang', and 'walkabout' come from? (1 proper noun)

The Age of the Dictionary

25. What is the word which means "someone who writes, edits, or compiles a dictionary"? (1 word – NOT a proper noun!)

26. In what year did the first Oxford English Dictionary appear? (year only)

American English

27. From where did the words 'raccoon', 'squash', and 'moose' come from? (2 proper nouns)

28. Which language gave English the words 'coleslaw' and 'cookies'? (1 proper noun)

29. Which language gave English the words 'pretzels' and 'delicatessen'? (1 proper noun)

30. Which language gave English the words (and the food) 'pizza' and 'pasta'? (1 proper noun)

Internet English

31. In what year was the first email sent? (year only)

32. What does the acronym IMHO signify? (4 words, small letters)

33. What does the acronym BTW signify? (3 words, small letters)

34. What does the acronym LOL signify? (3 words, small letters)

35. What does the acronym UG2BK signify? (5 words, small letters)

Global English

36. What four words describe the ways that English obtains new words? (1 word for each box)

37. English has pilfered words from over _____ languages. (number only)

38. What portmanteau is used to describe Hindi-English? (1 proper noun)

39. What portmanteau is used to describe Chinese-English? (1 proper noun)

40. What portmanteau is used to describe French-English? (This is the translation of *Franglais*.)