

Listening Exam B2.3

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A. Listen and choose if the following sentences are True or False.

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| 1. The listening is about the benefits of learning English at schools. | T | F |
| 2. Just large companies are making English their official language. | T | F |
| 3. Workplace communication in English is as efficient as it needs to be. | T | F |
| 4. Countries are forced to look for opportunities in their national markets. | T | F |
| 5. Travel and Consulting companies consider English when hiring people. | T | F |
| 6. Technology won't enable better cooperation across borders. | T | F |

2. Complete the following summary. Use NO MORE THAN THREE words.

The speaker is delighted to see so many professionals together in the same place discussing the 1. of the English language for business.

Because of our constantly growing globalized 2., companies are looking abroad for expansion and in order to achieve this, to be able to 3. in English is a must.

4. executives who participated in a 5. in 2012 mostly agreed with the fact that business would improve if cross-border communication improved as well.

In the same survey almost 6. of respondents stated that 7. English is necessary for the corporate workforce to expand. In addition, 8.% said that English proficiency is required for more than a half of the total workforce.

Only people with high levels of English are said to be able to understand 9., engage in complex dialogues and communicate 10. However, no 11. has yet attained this goal regarding professionals.

One reason for this is the 12. of the business world that is speeding up and compels countries to compete for new opportunities internationally.

Another reason is the development of online and 13. which have put an end to physical boundaries and have made 14. around the world possible. Even in places where 15. and culture remain deep-rooted, professionals with remarkable English competence are needed to bridge these gaps.

Furthermore, English makes the workforce more 16. to foreign investors. This is why some countries such as 17. have embraced the language and given it a lot of importance especially in schools. On the other hand, millions of 18. aim to improve their fluency by taking English classes in China. In many corporations English is the official language and in others is already the 19.

Finally, there's little 20. that the significance of English will decrease or reverse its course. By contrast the current 21. in some countries is forcing companies to find better 22.

English 23. a point in which it's no longer considered an advantage but a 24.