1. Read aloud in class:

English is a **Lingua Franca** – a common language for people from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds that helps them understand each other. World Englishes takes a step further and embraces the diversity of English by creating an inclusive community where all speakers of English feel a sense of belonging, regardless of their nationalities or the variety of English they speak. It is a myth that any variety of English is **superior** or **inferior** .Historical lingua francas are Greek in the ancient Near East, Latin in Europe (until 1600) and French in Europe (after 1600). New Englishes are "new varieties of the language that have become localized not only through the influence of the other languages of the regions where they are used, but also through being adapted to the life and culture of their speakers. They are considered varieties of English in their own right, just like the 'older' Englishes, such as British and American English. These new Englishes have their origin in the colonial era. Well-known examples include Indian English, Philippine English, Singapore English, and African Englishes of such nations as Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria".

2. Match the words to their varieties!

Work in groups of two. Then, compare your results in class.

1.) Lingua Franca	**a.)** refers to pronunciation only
2.) Borrowing	**b.)** American variety
3.) Accent	**c.)** British variety
4.) Superior	**d.)** a language used between groups of people who speak different languages
5.) inferior	**e.)** better, higher in quality
6.) received pronunciation	**f.)** worse, lower in quality
7.) pidgin	**g.)** words taken from another language
8.) dialect	**h.)** refers not to pronunciation only
9.) general American	**i.)** simplified speech that becomes a group's native tongue

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