

Unit 9

ENGLISH IN THE WORLD

B. EXERCISES

I. Choose a word in each line that has different stress pattern.

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| 1. A. language | B. accent | C. grammar | D. mistake |
| 2. A. bilingual | B. contribute | C. guarantee | D. admission |
| 3. A. translate | B. pronounce | C. persuade | D. borrow |
| 4. A. official | B. interview | C. adjective | D. dominant |
| 5. A. certificate | B. education | C. derivative | D. approximate |

II. Complete the sentences with the words from the box. Use each word once only.

accent	bilingual	conversation	dialect	imitate
intonation	knowledge	look up	official	vocabulary

1. The teacher has done a quick quiz to check the students' _____ of the English language.
2. English has the largest with about 500,000 words and 300,000 technical terms.
3. Paul speaks English with a strong French _____, doesn't he?
4. Rising _____ describes how the voice rises at the end of a sentence.
5. My friend is _____ because she speaks both English and Vietnamese fluently.
6. You can quickly _____ a word's definition from the online dictionary.
7. I think she is speaking a different English _____ as it has different words and grammar.

8. English is the _____ language in this country and government must do its business in English.

9. In my opinion, it's very difficult for an Englishman to _____ a real American accent.

10. I had an interesting _____ with a native English speaker at the meeting this morning.

III. Give the correct form of the word in CAPITALS to complete each of the following sentences.

1. I'm interested in the study on the _____ and differences between the two languages. **SIMILAR**

2. Nhung can speak English much more _____ than her sister can. **FLUENCY**

3. It's said that many English words have been _____ over the centuries. **SIMPLE**

4. Computers offer a much greater degree of _____ in the way work is organized. **FLEXIBLE**

5. We are going to review the eight parts of _____ in the next three lessons. **SPEAK**

6. His father has been working as a _____ of technical texts for over ten years. **TRANSLATE**

7. Ivan can write almost like a native speaker, but his _____ is terrible. **PRONOUNCE**

8. Your aunt is very _____ about English literature, isn't she? **KNOW**

9. Since its _____ in 1945, the United Nations has played a dominant role in the development of international law. **ESTABLISH**

10. Information related to _____ in English Language Teaching can be found in this book. **OPEN**

IV. Complete the following conditional sentences type 2 using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. If I (be) _____ weak in speaking English, I (practise) _____ speaking it more.
2. If you (live) _____ in Australia, you (use) _____ English every day.
3. She (not speak) _____ fluently if she (not study) _____ at an international school.
4. Mr. Quang (send) _____ his son to a school in England if he (be) _____ richer.
5. If I (not understand) _____ the lesson, I (ask) _____ my teacher to explain it again.
6. I (tell) _____ you if I (know) _____ the meaning of this word.
7. If he (not be) _____ bilingual, he (not be) _____ able to join our conversation.
8. Which country you (choose) _____ to improve your English if you (have) _____ chance, Phong?
9. I (buy) _____ an English dictionary if my parents (send) _____ me money.
10. If we (not have) _____ our English friends, we (not imitate) _____ their accent.

V. Combine the following sentences using an appropriate relative clause

1. This is the IELTS practice test book. I have told you about it.
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2. We have just moved to a new neighbourhood. There are a lot of English families there.
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3. Mrs. Nga has a friend. Her daughter is studying English in Australia.

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4. The English teacher is excellent. You met him at the meeting yesterday.

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5. I still remember the day. I first spoke to an English professor on that day.

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6. The man is a friend of my father. He helped me with my pronunciation.

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7. A student came late. I borrowed his English dictionary.

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8. The language is called Singlish. People speak it in Singapore.

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9. I recently went back to my school. I learned my first English words here thirty years ago.

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10. The lady is an interpreter. My mother has worked with her for a long time.

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VI. Choose the correct option A, B, C, or D to complete the sentences.

1. The language that you learn to speak from birth is _____ language.

A. official B. first C. second D. foreign

2. There are many _____ of English all over the world such as British English, American English and Indian English.

A. speakers B. terms C. dialogues D. varieties

3. It _____ is not easy to a foreign language without communicating with the native speakers regularly.

- A. translate B. simplify C. master D. challenge

4. If you want to improve your speaking skill, you should attend the courses that are taught in a way.

- A. traditional B. domestic C. lexical D. communicative

5. Reading helps you learn vocabulary easily as you will _____ new words without even realising it when you read.

- A. pick up B. give up C. face up D. look up

6. The picture reminds him of the time _____ he studied in New York.

- A. which B. when C. where D. why

7. Mike comes from a city _____ is located in the southern part of England.

- A. where B. who C. when D. that

8. The children _____ attend that English school receive good education.

- A. who B. whom C. which D. whose

9. If I had more time I _____ a Business English course.

- A. will take B. would take C. take D. took

10. They could understand our conversation if they _____ some English.

- A. knew B. would know C. will know D. know

VII. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question.

Over the past 600 years, English has grown from a language of few speakers to become the dominant language of international communication. English as we know it today emerged around 1350, after having incorporated many elements of French that were introduced following the Norman invasion of 1066. Until the 1600s, English was, for the

most part, spoken only in England and had not extended even as far as Wales, Scotland, or Ireland. However, during the course of the next two centuries, English began to spread around the globe as a result of exploration, trade (including slave trade), colonisation, and missionary work. Thus, small enclaves of English speakers became established and grew in various parts of the world. As these communities proliferated, English gradually became the primary language of international business, banking, and diplomacy.

Currently, about 80 percent of the information stored on computer systems worldwide is English. Two-thirds of the world's science writing is in English, and English is the main language of technology, advertising, media, international airports, and air traffic controllers. Today there are more than 700 million English users in the world, and over half of these are normative speakers, constituting the largest number of normative users than any other language in the world.

1. What is the main topic of this passage?

- A. The French influence on the English Language.
- B. The history of the English language.
- C. The expansion of English as an international language.
- D. The use of English for science and technology.

2. Approximately when did English begin to be used beyond England?

- A. In 1066
- B. Around 1350
- C. Before 1600
- D. After 1600

3. According to the passage, all of the following contributed to the spread of English around the world EXCEPT _____.

- A. the slave trade
- B. the Norman invasion
- C. missionaries
- D. colonisation

4. The underlined word "proliferated" in the passage is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. prospered
- B. organized
- C. disbanded
- D. expanded

5. It can be inferred from the passage that _____ .

- A. English first appeared more than a thousand years ago.
- B. England colonised different parts of the world in early 2nd millennium.
- C. English is taught in primary schools all over the world.
- D. English is not the language with the largest native speakers in the world.

VIII. Each sentence below contains an error. Underline it and write the correct answer in the space provided.

Example:

0. My brother buys some English books and CDs last week. Buys - bought

1. I don't know the reason when she went to Australia instead of Britain to study English.

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2. If I were a native speaker of English, I will help you practise speaking English every day. ➔

3. I'd like you to meet my friend who you will be studying with him next year.

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4. We couldn't speak fluent English if we don't use it in everyday conversations.

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5. My sister is studying at a university that many American and Australian professors are working. ➔

IX. Complete the second sentence in each pair so that it has similar meaning to the first sentence.

1. Mr. Binh uses English every day because he works with some Australians.

If Mr. Binh

2. I received a letter this morning and it had good news.

The letter that

3. You don't have an English certificate, so you cannot enroll in this course.

You could

4. My mother is talking with an Englishwoman.

The woman with

5. I think you should read English papers to improve your reading skill.

If I

X. Use the ideas below to write a paragraph of around 100 words about why English is important in your daily life.

* A means to have access to worldwide information

* Recreation: read English books, listen to English songs, watch English movies, TV shows

* A useful instrument for traveling