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BrE VS AmE

Activity 1: Vocabulary

Look at the tables below. Then match the words in **BrE** (*British English*) with the words in **AmE** (*American English*). **Follow the example**:

British English	American English
√ **autumn**	candies
film	**mailman**
biscuits	cookies
sweets	**soccer**
holiday	vacation
taxi	**bar**
postman	movie
pub	cab
football	√ **fall**
shop	**apartment**
flat	**store**

British English	American English
a) autumn	1 - fall
b) film	2 - _____
c) _____	3 - soccer
d) _____	4 - store
e) biscuits	5 - _____
f) _____	6 - bar
g) _____	7 - apartment
h) holiday	8 - _____
i) sweets	9 - _____
j) _____	10 - mailman
k) taxi	11 - _____

Activity 2: Spelling - Watch the following video carefully:

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Activity 3: After watching the video, decide if the following words are written in **BrE** or **AmE**:

1 – favour _____

2 – center _____

3 – recognise _____

4 – catalogue _____

5 – neighbor _____

6 – yoghurt _____

7 – license _____

8 – traveller _____

Activity 4: English worldwide

English is the official language in a large number of countries. A great number of people in the world use English to communicate. English is also the dominant business language and it has become almost a necessity for people to speak English if they want to work abroad. On the other hand, 50% of the content on the Internet is in English. So knowing English allows you to access to an incredible amount of information.

4.1 – Read what these Portuguese teenagers think about it and complete their opinions with **one of the following words**:

English	friends	world	school	opportunity	films	communication	future

Daniel, 18

I started learning English at _____ when I was 10 years old, but I've never been to any English-speaking country. However, I have a lot of English-speaking cyberfriends and I read a lot of English stuff. I also watch lots of _____ and TV series without subtitles and I believe that's a good way to learn new vocabulary and get used to the sounds of English. My English is not perfect, but it's fluent. I also learned French some years ago but I didn't use it and so I forgot most of it… I prefer English because it is spoken by millions of people around the _____ and learning this language may be useful for me in the _____.

Sofia, 17 (Portugal)

Yes, I think that _____ should be the official world language. We need a language in common for _____, business and travelling. Through the Internet I have made _____ from many different countries and I use English to communicate with them. On the other hand, the world has changed so quickly that I am worried that I may be left behind…As a consequence, I am improving my English so that I can study abroad and I hope that I can eventually work for a multinational company. Twenty years ago I would have never had an _____ like this!

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Activity 5 – Read the following text carefully:

The English language has been the common language of the world for decades. It is now impossible to find a country where learning English has not become a norm. While there are some people who would like to stick to their native language and who would prefer not to learn English, the **benefits** of learning and mastering English go beyond the frontiers of one's own country.

Whenever you wish to travel to some place, you have to communicate. If you don't know the language of the country where you **intend** to go, just try to speak English and you will probably be understood **right away**. Now imagine yourself travelling to a foreign country and you don't know to speak English. The **encounter** with a foreigner will be a disaster if you don't know how to explain things or ask questions in English. On the other hand, if you have already learned English, talking to a foreigner will probably be quite easy.

The majority of media publications including newspapers and magazines, as well as radio and TV reports, are in English. If you want to get informed about what is happening around the world, you can always buy a newspaper or read the news online. If you have learned English continuously and have become familiar with most English words, you can read and get the information that you want.

If you want to work **abroad**, you also need to learn English, especially if you are working in firms or other organisations where English is the medium of communication. Instructions will be clearly understood and the room for error minimized. Likewise, an immigrant who tries to explain himself to his boss will be clearly understood if he can express his ideas in coherent sentences. This can only be achieved by learning English seriously.

The English language is very important in all aspects of society, and therefore learning it will bring you great benefits.

1 – In which paragraph (**1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th**) does the author say that the English language…

1 – … is necessary for the world of work? [ ]
2 – … is currently learned all over the world? [ ]
3 – … is an advantage to anyone? [ ]
4 – … makes it easier for you to talk to a foreign person? [ ]
5 – … allows you to get informed about world events? [ ]

2 – Match the words taken from the texts with their **meanings in the context of the article**:

1 – "benefits" **(l.5)**	**a)** meeting
2 – "intend" **(l.8)**	**b)** advantages
3 – "right away" **(l.8 / 9)**	**c)** in a foreign country
4 – "encounter" **(l.10)**	**d)** immediately
5 – "abroad" **(l.17)**	**e)** plan

3 – Answer the following questions about the text.

1 – Why is English important when you travel?

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2 – Explain why English is important if you want to work in a foreign country?

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