

## TEXT

### “ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES”

English is spoken in many countries of the world. Do you know in what countries English is the national language?

First of all you will remember Great Britain, the homeland of the English language.

Great Britain is not a large country. It is much smaller than France or Norway and smaller than Finland. It has four parts: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. England is the largest part of the country and it has always been the strongest.

English is the national in all parts of Britain.

In the United States of America the national language is also English. Four hundred years ago some English people sailed to North America to live there, and they brought the English language to this new country.

Millions of people driven by poverty immigrated to the United States from different countries of Europe. They brought their own languages and cultures. That's why American English differs from British English. American people say and write some English words differently from how people do in England. So America is called a “melting pot” because it has become a complex of many Old-World cultures and languages.

Canada is to the North of the United States. It is a very large country. In Canada many people speak English because they also came from England many years ago. But in some parts of Canada they speak French. The people who live in these parts came to Canada from France.

If you look at the map of the world you will see that Australia is the fifth continent. It is the smallest continent and the largest island on the map.

Australia is also an English-speaking country.

New Zealand is not far from Australia but it is very far from Britain. The national language in New Zealand is also English. Many people from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland came to live in Australia and New Zealand many years ago.

#### **Vocabulary:**

*A melting pot –плавильный котел (переносное значение:  
мультикультурализм (место слияния всех культур)*

#### **Answer the questions**

1. Where was the English language born?
2. What are the four parts of Great Britain?
3. Which part of Britain is the largest?

4. What is the national language in Britain (the USA)?
5. Who brought the English language to America?
6. Why is America called a "melting-pot"?
7. Where is Canada?
8. What languages are spoken in Canada?

**Exercise 1. Choose the necessary word and put it in the sentence below. Use these words:**

***far from, far from, came to live, is spoken, differently, driven by poverty,***

***national language, came from England, a "melting pot", continent, island***

1. English ..... in many countries of the world.
2. In the USA the ..... is also English.
3. Millions of people ..... immigrated to the USA from different countries of Europe.
4. American people say and write some English words ..... from how people do in England.
5. America is called ..... because it has become a complex of many Old-World cultures and languages.
6. In Canada many people speak English because they also ..... many years ago.
7. If you look at the map of the world you will see that Australia is the fifth.... .
8. It is the smallest continent and the largest ..... on the map.
9. New Zealand is not ..... Australia but it is very ..... Britain.
10. Many people from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland ..... in Australia and New Zealand many years ago.

**Exercise 3. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Write T or F in the gaps**

1. Great Britain is a large country. It is much larger than France or Norway and larger than Finland.
2. Australia is also an English-speaking country.
3. So America is called a "melting pot" because it has become a complex of many Young-World cultures and languages.
4. English is the national in all parts of China.
5. English is spoken in many countries of the world.