

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

LANGUAGE VARIETY



The fact that English language has (1) _____ spoken in England (2) _____ 1,500 years but in Australia for only 200, explains (3) _____ we have a great wealth (4) _____ regional dialects in England that is more (5) _____ less totally lacking in Australia. It is often possible to tell (6) _____ an English person comes from to (7) _____ about 15 miles or less. In Australia, where (8) _____ has not been enough time for changes (9) _____ bring about such regional variation, it is almost impossible to tell where someone comes from (10) _____ all, although very small differences (11) _____ now beginning to appear. It (12) _____ unlikely, however, that there will ever (13) _____ as much dialectal variation in Australia (14) _____ there is in England. This is because modern transport and communication conditions are very different from (15) _____ they were 1,500 or (16) _____ 100 years (17) _____. Even though English is now spoken in (18) _____ different parts of the world many thousands of miles apart, it is very unlikely that English (19) _____ ever break up into a number of different non-intelligible languages in the same (20) _____ that Indo-European and Germanic (21) _____. German and Norwegian became different languages because the ancestors of the speakers of these (22) _____ languages moved apart geographically, and were no (23) _____ in touch and communicating with one (24) _____. In the modern world, barring unforeseen catastrophes, this will not happen, (25) _____ least in the (26) _____ future. As (27) _____ as Americans and British people, for instance, are in touch with one another and want to communicate with one another, (28) _____ is most unlikely that their dialects will drift (29) _____ far apart (30) _____ to become different languages.

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