YOUR NAME: _____ ENGLISH 9 UNIT 9

YOUR CLASS: _____ READING 2

I. Read the passage, then answer the following questions.

Five Ways To Improve Your Spoken English At Home

First, you should improve your English pronunciation because good pronunciation will help people understand your spoken English clearly, even if you don't know many words. Second, most English learners read too much and listen to little. If you want to improve your English speaking, spend more time listening! Listen to the audio while you read the text, then read the text out loud, trying to imitate the pronunciation you hear in the audio.

Then, reading English texts out loud will train your mouth and lips to pronounce English words more naturally. I suggest reading every text out loud twice. The first time, read slowly and focus on pronouncing each word correctly. Circle the words that are difficult to pronounce and repeat each one ten times. The second time, read faster and focus on making your English flow, speaking each sentence with a natural rhythm.

In addition, whenever you learn a new word, try saying it in a complete sentence. If you do this with every new English word you learn, it will help you speak English in complete sentences more naturally.

Finally, if you don't have contact with native English speakers, watch TV shows and films in English with English subtitles to learn English conversation patterns.

1. Why should we improve our pronunciation?

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2. What should we do while listening to English?

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3. What are the functions of reading the text out loud twice?

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4. What is the best way to learn a new word?

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5. Which films should we watch to develop speaking skills?

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IV. Read the following passage, then answer the questions by choosing the best option A, B, C or D.

Today English is one of the most important languages and it is spoken and understood in all parts of the world.

English has become an international language for a variety of reasons. One of the most important of those is that the English people have been well- known for their knowledge of science, medicine, engineering, government and all other matters that useful for the progress of human race. It is thanks to the scientists of England that the motor-engine has become the most important machine in the world today.

The thirst for knowledge of the English scholars has contributed to the progress of man in almost all fields of his activity. Thousands of books have been written by such scholars on almost every subject that one can think of. Thus, people whose mother tongue is not English have learnt English with great interest as a means of acquiring knowledge of all human affairs.

As a result of this interest, English is used almost everywhere in the world. It is used in all the important meetings and conferences in the United Nations. It is also used in all leading

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universities in the world and in international trade and commerce. As it is used so widely, English has indeed become a very rich language. People of all the countries of the world have contributed new ideas and thoughts to this language. Thus, more and more new words are being created to make this language more and more useful for the communication of ideas and information among the peoples of the world.

*1. English is the most important language in the world because*_____.

A. it is spoken and understood in all parts of the world.
B. it is my favourite subject.
C. it is used in meetings.
D. it is used in all leading universities.

*2. The motor-engine has become the most important machine in the world today thanks to*_____.

A. the people all over the world.
B. the scientists of England.
C. the United Nations.
D. the Americans.

*3. Thousands of books*_____.

A. have been sold by English scholars on almost every subject
B. were written in English.
C. were read by English scholars.
D. have been written by English scholars on almost every subject that one can think of.

4. Because English is used so widely, _____.

A. it has become a very rich language.
B. it has become a very interesting language.
C. it has indeed become a very poor language.
D. it has become a very useless language.

5. Why do people whose mother tongue is not English have learnt English with great interest?

A. Because it is a means of doing everything for all human affairs.
B. Because it is an interesting language.
C. Because it is a means of acquiring knowledge of all human affairs.
D. Because it is a means of practising what people have achieved in their jobs.

V. Read the passage. Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

because	**similar**	**refers**	**words**
who	**French**	**from**	**is**

The abstract noun "borrowing" (1)..... to the process of speakers adopting (2) ..... from a source language into their native language. The actual process of borrowing (3) ..... complex and involves many usage events (i.e. instances of use of the new word). Generally, some speakers of the borrowing language know the source language too, or at least enough of it to utilize the relevant word. They (often consciously) adopt the new word when speaking the borrowing language (4)..... it most exactly fits the idea they are trying to express. If they are bilingual in the source language, which is often the case, they might pronounce the words the same or (5)..... to the way they are pronounced in the source language. For example, English speakers adopted the word garage (6)..... French, at first with a pronunciation nearer to the French pronunciation than is now usually found. Presumably the very first speakers (7) ..... used the word in English knew at least some French and heard the word used by (8) ..... speakers, in a French-speaking context.

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