Unit 8

English Speaking Countries



C. READING

IX Read the passage. Fill in the gap with a suitable word.

Though I have experienced great success and enjoyment from languages other (1) ..... English, whether we like it or not, English is the (2) ..... useful language in the world. We may wish that Russian, French or Chinese were the international language, but the real situation is that wherever you go in the world, the (3) ..... language is English. This is true even if you (4) ..... in a country where (5) ..... is not an English- speaking person for many thousands of kilometres in any direction. Today we live in a very connected world, so that even if you live in an isolated (6) ....., it is very easy for you to (7) ..... with people, movies, music, culture, or whatever you want (8) ..... the Internet. You can of course do this in whatever language you are interested (9) ....., but English is the most useful (10) ..... more people speak it.

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