

COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH **ONE WORD**Example (0) **AS**

Global English exists (0) **AS** a political and cultural reality. Many misguided theories attempt to explain why the English language should have succeeded internationally, whilst (1) _____ have not. Is it because there is something inherently logical or beautiful about the structure of English? Does its simple grammar make it easy to learn? Such ideas are misconceived. Latin was once a major international language, (2) _____ having a complicated grammatical structure, and English also presents learners with all manner of real difficulties, (3) _____ least its spelling system. Ease of learning, therefore, has little to do with it. (4) _____ all, children learn to speak their mother tongue in approximately the same period of time, (5) _____ of their language. English has spread not (6) _____ much for linguistic reasons, but rather because it has often found (7) _____ in the right place, at the right time. Since the 1960s, two major developments have contributed to strengthening this global status. Firstly, in a number of countries, English is now used in addition to national or regional languages. As well as this, an electronic revolution has taken place. It is estimated that (8) _____ the region of 80% of worldwide electronic communication is now in English.

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