

UNIT 8: ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES

A. PHONETICS

I. Write the missing letters -ese or -ee, then put the words into the correct columns.

interview	Canton	Japan	adopt
employ	Portugu	Chin	Congol
guarant	address	Taiwan	degr
assign	consign	refug	Sudan
Leban	Nenal	commit	train

-ese	-ee

II. Mark the stress for the following words, then complete the sentences.

Japanese	addressee	Vietnamese	adoptee
Portuguese	trainee	referee	employee
Refugees	escapees	Cantonese	examinee

1. The _____ name was spelled incorrectly on the letter.
2. Her boss thinks she is a hard-working _____.
3. The _____ are the people of the Guangdong region in the South of China.
4. The _____ whistled and the game was over.
5. Thousands of _____ have entered the camps along the borders in recent days.
6. The _____ kimono is one of the world's recognizable traditional garments.
7. A Vietnamese male _____ has found his biological parents.
8. The _____ had only just finished the test when the bell rang.
9. Susan has lived in Hanoi for a year and she is studying _____.
10. A _____ teacher showed the children what to do.
11. _____ is the national language of Brazil.
12. The _____ were recaptured after three days on the run.

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Match each word or phrase with its definition.

1. awesome	a. a skirt traditionally worn by Scottish men
2. accent	b. a lake or a narrow strip of sea almost surrounded by land
3. official language	c. land that is under the control of a particular country or ruler
4. native speaker	d. a large farm whose main activity is the raising of cattle
5. cattle station	e. very special or unusual
6. territory	f. a person who speaks a language as their mother tongue
7. kilt	g. a large strong building with thick high walls and towers
8. loch	h. extremely good; excellent
9. unique	i. the way someone pronounces the words of a language
10. castle	j. the language that is approved by the government of a country

II. Complete the sentences with the words or phrases in part I.

1. For the spoken language, students are taught by _____.
2. I found it difficult to understand them at first because of their _____.
3. The _____ contains many species of fish, such as salmon and trout.
4. We are running our family _____ where we have hundreds of cows and bulls.
5. Hong Kong became Chinese _____ in 1997.
6. Koalas are the national Symbol of Australia's _____ wildlife.
7. Is English an _____ in Singapore?
8. Windsor _____ has been the family home of British kings and queens for almost 1,000 years.
9. It's really _____ time to be part of AMCK summer dance camp.
10. The _____ is still worn as formal and ceremonial dress by Scottish men.

III. Match countries with their people and capitals.

London	Irish	Ottawa	Dublin	New Zealander	American	Cardiff	Wellington
Australian	Canberra	Washington D C	Scottish	Edinburgh	English	Canadian	Welsh

Country	People	Capital
1. Ireland		
2. The USA		
3. Canada		
4. Scotland		
5. New Zealand		
6. England		
7. Australia		
8. Wales		

IV. How much do you know about English speaking countries? Choose the best answers.

1. Where is Disney World?
A. Texas **B.** California **C.** Florida **D.** Arizona
2. Which country is home to the kangaroo?
A. Canada **B.** New Zealand **C.** The USA **D.** Australia
3. Loch Ness, known for sightings of a monster called Nessie, is a large and deep lake in _____.
A. Wales **B.** North Ireland **C.** Scotland **D.** England
4. Which City is in Canada?
A. Montreal **B.** Chicago **C.** Melbourne **D.** Wellington
5. Britain is not famous for _____.
A. Harvard University **B.** Arthur Conan Doyle
C. Buckingham Palace **D.** William Shakespeare
6. Wanaka is one of the most visited and favoured towns in _____.
A. England **B.** Singapore **C.** New Zealand **D.** Canada
7. What is the Symbol of New Zealand?
A. a koala **B.** a rooster **C.** a kiwi **D.** a bear
8. Which is not a State in the United States?
A. Alaska **B.** Washington DC. **C.** Michigan **D.** New York
9. Which is the largest English speaking country?
A. Canada **B.** The UK **C.** The US **D.** Australia
10. _____ is in the City of Westminster, Central London.
A. The Golden Gate Bridge **B.** The Statue of Liberty
C. Canterbury Cathedral **D.** Trafalgar Square
11. On the official flag of Canada, we can see _____.
A. a crescent moon **B.** four red stars
C. a red maple leaf **D.** white stripes
12. What is one of the most famous landmarks in Australia?
A. Leaning Tower of Pisa **B.** Great Barrier Reef
C. Statue of Liberty **D.** Machu Picchu
13. What is the name of the most famous clock in Britain?
A. Big Clock **B.** Big John **C.** Big Apple **D.** Big Ben
14. Which country does not have a star on its flag?
A. The United Kingdom **B.** The United States
C. New Zealand **D.** Singapore
15. Which country is an island city-state?
A. Scotland **B.** Wales **C.** Singapore **D.** Australia

V. Complete the sentences, using the verbs in the box in the present simple form.

finish	take off	not begin	continue	not open
land	start	have	last	not leave

1. The match _____ at three o'clock, so please be here by two.
2. The exhibition _____ until 31 December. Don't miss it!
3. The train _____ at 10.15. It arrives at 10.15.
4. What time _____ you English class tomorrow?
5. Could you pick me up at the airport tomorrow morning? The plane _____ at 8.30.
6. Most supermarkets in Spain _____ until 10 a.m.
7. What a terrible film! When _____?
8. The piano concert _____ at 8 o'clock. It is cancelled.
9. There has been a change to the schedule and your flight now _____ at 18.40.
10. This summer holidays _____ for two months instead of three.

VI. Underline the correct form.

1. Our ferry **departs / is departing** for Amsterdam at 7 tomorrow morning.
2. What time **do you meet / are you meeting** Steve on Sunday?
3. After the reconstruction the supermarket **opens / is opening** on Monday again.
4. **Do you have / Are you having** your birthday party this week or next week? I forgot!
5. We **hold / are holding** a Science fair next weekend. There will be displays of students' work.
6. When **does the school end / is the school ending** this year?
7. Mark and I **play / are playing** basketball after school today. Do you want to play too?
8. Kate phoned up. She **comes round / is coming round** to see us this weekend.
9. The Prime Minister **arrives / is arriving** in India on Tuesday and spends / is spending a couple of days in Delhi.
10. I've just phoned the centre and the doors **open / are opening** at 18.00.

VII. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs (present simple, present continuous, or present perfect).

1. _____ (**you / talk**) about the upcoming journey? Can I join?
2. Recently, the United States _____ (**alter**) the whole of their immigration laws.
3. Either kangaroo or Sydney Opera House _____ (**symbolize**) Australia.
4. Look at the London Eye! The wheel _____ (**appear**) motionless, but it _____ (**rotate**) slowly.

5. Look! The concert _____ (**start**) at 7 P.M. and _____ (**end**) at 9 P.M.

6. Canada _____ (**provide**) fish, furs, and other natural resources to the world since the 15th century.

7. We've already booked our holiday. We _____ (**go**) to Scotland in July.

8. About 375 million people _____ (**speak**) English as their first language.

9. To preserve natural habitat, the government _____ (**establish**) six national parks so far.

10. Excuse me, what time _____ (**the last train to Dublin/ leave**)?

11. I _____ (**live**) in the UK at the moment to learn English.

12. English _____ (**be**) an official language in several African countries, such as Liberia, Nigeria, and South Africa.

13. _____ (**you/ ever/ be**) to Singapore? - Yes, I _____ (**be**) there twice.

14. Where _____ (**you/ go**) on your holiday next summer?

15. Over 670 million people _____ (**visit**) Disneyland since its opening in 1955.

VIII. Choose the best answers.

1. English _____ from a Proto-Indo-European language about 5,000 years ago.
A. derives **B.** derived **C.** is deriving **D.** has derived

2. Since 2005, India _____ the world's largest English-speaking population.
A. has **B.** is having **C.** had **D.** has had

3. The United Kingdom _____ of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
A. consists **B.** is consisted **C.** has consisted **D.** consisted

4. English _____ around the world by children in school as a foreign language.
A. has learned **B.** is learning **C.** is learned **D.** learned

5. You'd better go to bed early tonight. The plane _____ at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning so we'll have to be up by 4.30!
A. will leave **B.** leaves **C.** leave **D.** is leaving

6. Over the past five years, Australia's population _____ by 1.86 million people.
A. increases **B.** is increasing **C.** has increased **D.** is increased

7. I'm sorry. I can't meet up this weekend. We _____ to Wales on Friday.
A. go **B.** are going **C.** will go **D.** has gone

8. In the 16th century, French and British settlers _____ in Canada.
A. arrive **B.** have arrived **C.** was arriving **D.** arrived

9. _____ that there are no wild snakes in Ireland?
A. Do you know **B.** Are you knowing **C.** Elave you known **D.** Did you know

10. The Statue of Liberty, an American Symbol of freedom, _____ in France.
A. actually made **B.** was actually made **C.** has actually made **D.** makes actually

11. The Disney World _____ in the City of Orlando, which is in the State of Florida.
A. locates **B.** is locating **C.** is located **D.** located

12. Nowadays, Canada _____ against the influence of the foreign cultures, especially of the us one.
A. struggled **B.** is struggling **C.** was struggling **D.** has struggled

13. Indian Disney Channel _____ Tom and Jerry Kids at 7 pm.
A. shows **B.** is showing **C.** is shown **D.** has shown

14. My family _____ in Chicago for more than 20 years.
A. live **B.** are living **C.** were **D.** have been

IX. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. Which countries have the most English _____? (**speak**)

2. The natural _____ beauty of Thodupuzha has attracted many Malayalam movie makers. (**scenery**)

3. England is the largest of the four _____ regions making up the United Kingdom. (**geography**)

4. Flags _____ nations, not languages. (**symbol**)

5. Ayers Rock is also one of the top tourist _____ in Australia. (**attract**)

6. The Eiffel Tower is the most _____ Parisian landmark. (**icon**)

7. English is recognised as an _____ language in a total of 67 different countries. (**office**)

8. The town is _____ situated between two glacial lakes and is surrounded by natural beauty. (**unique**)

9. It is claimed that the _____ were the first discoverers of Australia. (**Portugal**)

10. _____ men don't wear a skirt but rather a kilt, a product of the Gaelic heritage. (**Scotland**)

X. Complete each sentence with an appropriate preposition.

1. Our summer camp closes _____ July 15th.

2. Most foreign students in the camp come _____ English speaking countries.

3. I am really looking forward _____ our trip to London.

4. Around 13 million people speak English _____ their first language.

5. New Zealand is famous _____ the scenic beauty of its mountains and forests.

6. Australia is home _____ unique animals like the kangaroo and koala.

7. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated _____ the fourth Thursday of November.

8. The children are spending a week _____ a summer camp.

9. All our teachers are native speakers _____ English.

10. Chloe is French, so she speaks English _____ a French accent.

C. SPEAKING

I. Match the questions to the answers.

1. What is the national flower of Wales?	a. Glasgow
2. What is the national Symbol of the USA?	b. The beaver
3. What country has a dragon on their flag?	c. In 1492
4. What is the Capital of New Zealand?	d. Canada
5. Where do Aborigines live?	e. Daffodil
6. Which is the national mascot of Canada?	f. Wales
7. How many countries have English as an official language?	g. Wellington
8. When was America discovered?	h. In Australia
9. Which country has two official languages?	i. The bald eagle
10. Which is Scotland's biggest City?	j. Seventy five

II. Complete the conversations with the sentences or phrases from the box.

Good idea.	It's amazing!	That's not true.	I will.
You're right.	Absolutely not!	Have a good time.	It's a truly awesome sight.

1. "Have you ever visited Niagara Falls?" - "Yes, twice. _____"
2. "How's your holiday going?" - "_____ There are many beautiful and best places to travel in New Zealand."
3. "Did you enjoy your summer camp?" - "_____ I found the camp so boring."
4. "Everyone looks eager for the summer holiday." - "_____ They can't wait for the summer camp next week."
5. "I think Toronto is the Capital of Canada." - "_____ It's Ottawa."
6. "We're going on a trip to New York tomorrow." - "_____"
7. "Why don't we register for a summer camp?" - "_____"
8. "Remember to send me postcards when you get there." - "_____"

III. Rearrange the sentences to make a complete conversation.

_____ That's not all. They're also from Ireland, Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia, India... and Israel.

_____ Improve my English? Do you mean during my summer camp?

_____ From Britain and other English speaking countries.

1. _____ Do you like your summer camp, Van?

_____ Israel? Are you sure? I don't know whether English is their official language.

_____ Yes, a lot. I've been to new places, and made some new friends.

_____ Where do your new friends come from?

_____ So they're from the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

_____ You should.

_____ Who can speak English more fluently, Israeli or Indian?

_____ Sure! It's not their official language but Israelis speak English fluently.

_____ Well, I study hard in school, and often practise speaking English.

_____ Israeli. I find it difficult to understand Indian's accent.

_____ Anyways, what do you do to improve your English?

_____ No. I mean in your school and daily life.

_____ Oh, I think I should practice speaking English more.

D. READING

I. Complete the passage with the words from the box.



preserve	for	like	belief
iconic	highly	pouch	home

No one can resist the cuddly allure of koalas. These (1) _____ Australia animals are marsupials, a kind of mammal that is born undeveloped and is carried in a pouch. (2) _____ all marsupials, including kangaroos, wombats, baby koalas are called joeys.

Newborn koalas are called pinkies, born blind and about the size of a jellybean. After birth the pinkie immediately crawls into its mother's (3) _____, where it'll stay for 6 to 7 months. At around 9 to 10 months the joey leaves the pouch for good, ready to munch on a variety of eucalypts. The leaves of these trees are (4) _____ toxic and low on nutrition, requiring lots of energy to digest. This is why koalas spend so much time snoozing so as to (5) _____ energy - often sleeping up to 18 - 20 hours a day!

Contrary to popular (6) _____, the koala is not a bear - though it's certainly as cute as a teddy bear. One of the best places to see koalas in the wild is Kangaroo Island, a natural island sanctuary that is (7) _____ to many of Australia's native animals. It's the ultimate Australia bucket list destination (8) _____ animal lovers.

II. Read the passage carefully and do the tasks.

New Zealand is located in the south-west Pacific Ocean, 1,600 kilometres south-east of Australia. It consists of two main islands called the North Island and the South Island and a number of small islands. The Maori - Polynesian race - were the first people who settled in New Zealand before the year 750 A.D. The first European, a Dutch man called Abel Tasman arrived in New Zealand in 1642. Over a hundred year later, in 1769, Captain James Cook who belonged to the British Royal Navy discovered Fiordland in the South of New Zealand. Then came the navigators, sealers, whalers, explorers and miners. From 1840, New Zealand was a British Colony. It became an independent nation in 1947.

New Zealand is as large as the United Kingdom or Japan, but it has a much smaller population, only about 4.9 million. Most people live on the North Island where there are two biggest cities: Wellington, the Capital City, and Auckland, the biggest City in terms of population.

New Zealand is a beautiful country of snow-capped mountains, beaches and waterfalls. It's also famous for its large population of sheep. There are about 45 million sheep living in farms all over the country. New Zealand has many special birds. The best known is the kiwi. This lightless bird is the national emblem of New Zealand. New Zealanders call themselves "kiwis"; it's their nicknames!

A. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. New Zealand is an island country in the Pacific Ocean.
2. New Zealand was first discovered by James Cook in 1642.
3. New Zealand used to be part of the United Kingdom.
4. The alternative name for a New Zealander, Kiwi, is named after a fruit.
5. The Capital of New Zealand also has the highest population.
6. There are more sheep than people in New Zealand.

B. Answer the questions.

1. Where's New Zealand?

2. Who were the first people to arrive in New Zealand?

3. When did Captain James Cook arrive in New Zealand?

4. How many people live in New Zealand?

5. What is the national icon of New Zealand?

E. WRITING

I. Write full sentences, using the words or phrases provided. You can add some words or make suitable changes.

1. English/ official language/ Singapore.

2. Australians/ native speakers/ English/ because/ they/ use/ it/ mother tongue.

3. the United States/ Thanksgiving/ celebrate/ the fourth Thursday/ November.
