

B1 - PET

GAPPED TEXT

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences you do not need to use.

The English Language

English is a West Germanic language and it was first spoken in Anglo-Saxon England in the early Middle Ages. (1) _____ Anglophone countries include the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand and a number of Caribbean nations.

There are about 375 million native English speakers, i.e., people who use English as their first language. It is the third largest language by number of native speakers after Mandarin and Spanish. (2) _____

English has become the lingua franca of the 21st century and is often used in work and travel. (3) _____ This makes English the second most spoken language, and the most international language in the world.

English has changed and developed over time. The most obvious changes are the many words and sentence structure taken from Latin and French. (4) _____ However, it does not behave like Romance languages.

Nearly 60% of the vocabulary in modern English comes from Latin, so it shares a common root with many other European languages. (5) _____ It is often mistaken for being a Romance language.

- A English is sometimes called the most Latin of the Germanic languages.
- B Many people like studying English.
- C About 220 million more people use it as their second language.
- D There are at least a billion people who are learning it.
- E English grammar has also become very different from other Germanic languages.
- F People learn English as a second language for many different reasons.
- G It is spoken in many countries around the world.
- H Some people think that English is a Romance language.