

Video activity: Insights from China: the importance of learning English

- How much do you know about China? Try this "True or false" quiz
- 1. The capital of China is Shanghai.
- 2. China hosted the Olympic Games in 2004.
- 3. China has a population of over 1.300.000.000
- 4. China is the fourth largest country in the world (by area)
- 5. The People's Republic of China came into being in 1949.

- You are going to watch a video about learning English in China.



Now try to solve this quiz:

1. What does Zhang, the CEO of Spring Airlines, say about learning English?
 - a. It is very important in her line of business.
 - b. She never learned it at school.
 - c. Her staff speaks English very well.
 - d. It is the only language the aviation industry uses.
2. What does Wang, the airline project manager, say about language in the aviation industry?
 - a. English isn't common on Chinese airlines.
 - b. Airline workers only know basic English.
 - c. A common language is important for safety reasons.
 - d. German is more important than English in aviation.
3. What goal does Spring Airlines have?
 - a. It wants to become an English-only business.
 - b. It wants to become an international airline.
 - c. It wants to become Shanghai's top airline.
 - d. It wants to offer English films on board.
4. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a way of learning English?
 - a. Learning from the Internet.
 - b. Practicing dialogues.
 - c. Taking listening lessons.
 - d. Watching American news.

5. What does Wei Wei, the English teacher, say about how she learned English?

- a. She learned tenses little by little.
- b. She memorized a lot of phrases.
- c. She visited websites like EnglishClub.com
- d. She listened to English music.

6. What does Solomon, the IT manager, list in the film?

- a. English-language TV shows.
- b. Influential English-speaking musicians.
- c. Airline safety rules
- d. Cities in Asia.

7. Shanghai is named as one of the biggest

- a. English regions
- b. Financial cities.
- c. Travel hubs.
- d. Residential areas.

8. What does Zhang do when she doesn't have time to learn English?

- a. She studies in her car.
- b. She studies at church.
- c. She reads airline manuals.
- d. She dreams in English.

9. What does Zhan's English teacher recommend to learners?

- a. Spend more time in the virtual classroom.
- b. Listen to English musical bands.
- c. Open one's mouth more while speaking.
- d. Learn English from foreign travelers.

10. What advice does Wang have for English learners?

- a. Make more time for learning English.
- b. Go to weekend English classes.
- c. Learn English in an American school.
- d. Learn to speak before learning to write, like babies do.

