

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 form 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.

