4 Culture

The English language

1 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Where are you most likely to see or hear English words in your country?

2 Read the information about the history of English. Are the sentences true or false? Write T or F.

1 Britain's first inhabitants spoke Latin. ___
2 Old English arrived from Norway and Denmark. ___
3 The Vikings invaded parts of Britain between about 800 and 1000 AD. ___
4 After 1066, most powerful and important people in Britain spoke French. ___
5 Over half of all English words come from French and Latin. ___

3 Read the information again and answer the questions.

1 Where did the Saxons come from?
2 What language did the Romans bring?
3 Where did the Celtic speakers go after the Saxons arrived?
4 What language did the Vikings speak?
5 After 1066, which language did most ordinary people speak?
6 Which very common English word came from Celtic?
7 What percentage of English words come from Old English and Norse?

4 3.23 **Listen to an interview about English as a global language. Which one of these topics do they not mention?**

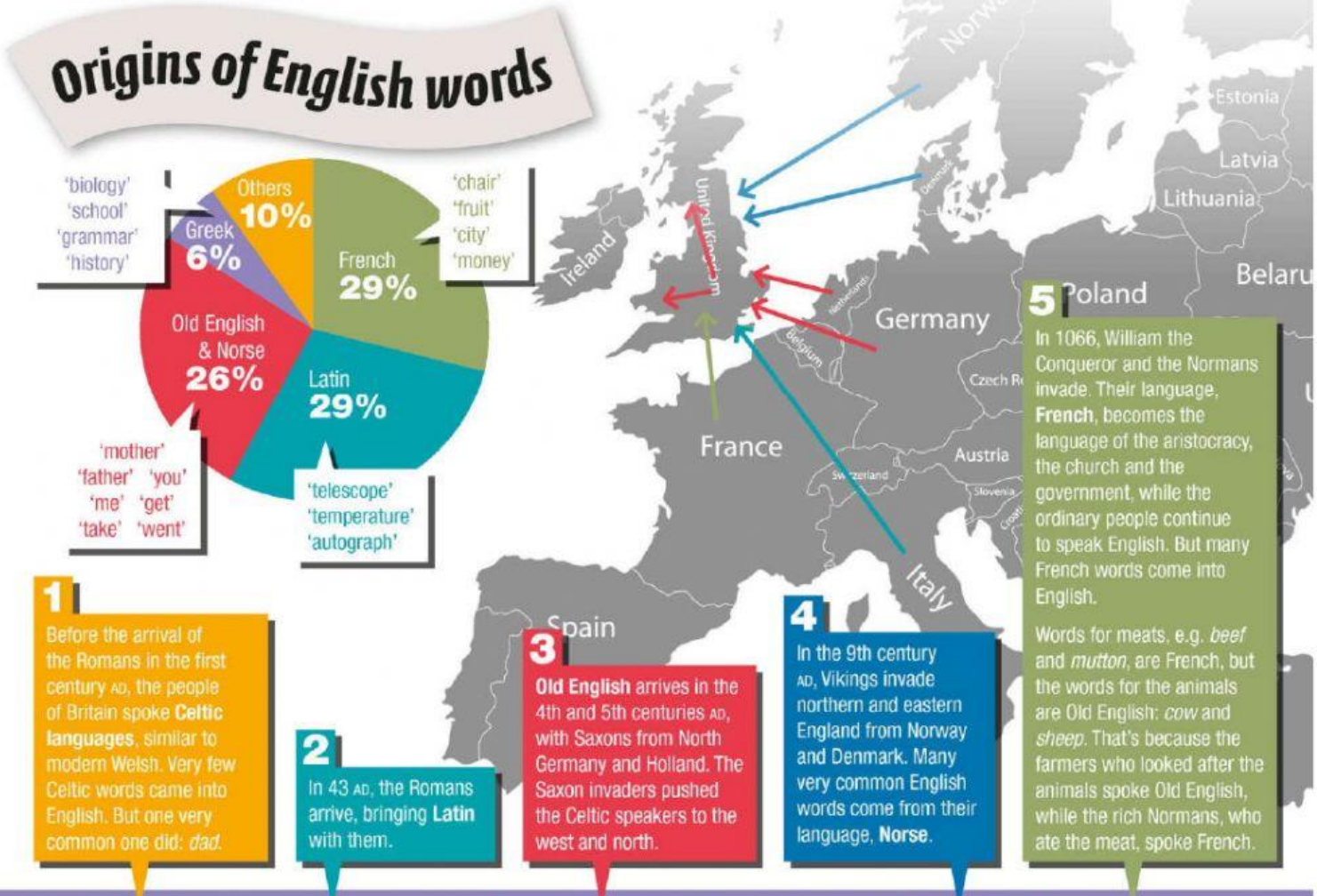
1 The future of English
2 The number of English speakers
3 How English became a global language
4 The influence of technology
5 Foreign words in English
6 The effect of English on other languages

5 3.23 **Listen again. What is the significance of these numbers and dates?**

1 the 18th and 19th centuries
2 1945
3 55%
4 335 million
5 1.5 billion
6 half a million
7 one hundred years from now

6 SPEAKING **Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions.**

1 What are the benefits of being able to speak English for people in your country?
2 Does your language have words borrowed from English and other languages? Give examples.



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