

UNIT 9: WORLD ENGLISHES (2)

Exercise 10. Circle the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

- The tree rings formed (**concentric** / **standard**) circles which revealed its age and growth history.
- English is the (**foreign** / **official**) language of many countries, including Canada, Australia, and the UK.
- He dedicated himself to studying French and became (**fluent** / **bilingual**) in the language after two years.
- The novel was so popular that it was (**picked** / **translated**) into multiple languages to reach a wider audience.
- When encountering unfamiliar words, I always (**look up** / **go over**) the words in the dictionary.
- English has evolved into numerous (**varieties** / **numbers**) across the globe, including British English, American English, Australian English, etc.
- The job requires candidates to be (**expanding** / **proficient**) in Microsoft Office, particularly Excel and Word.
- The food industry has set safety (**standards** / **discussions**) that all businesses must follow to protect consumers.
- I find it easier to learn pronunciation from a (**native** / **global**) speaker of the language.
- The school organizes a program that allows local students to become (**exchange** / **national**) students in foreign countries.

Exercise 11. Complete the conversation with the correct word in the box.

notebook	chatting	improve	regularly	practising
rules	native	second	tutor	advice

Rick: Hey, Lucy. Have you picked up any new tips on how to (1) _____ English?

Lucy: Yes, actually. I've been attending a language exchange with some (2) _____ speakers at the library.

Rick: That sounds great. Did they give you any (3) _____ for learning vocabulary?

Lucy: Yes. They suggested keeping a (4) _____ for new words and phrases that we come across while speaking or reading. And to review them (5) _____.

Rick: Oh, that's a good idea. I never thought of that. What do you think is the best place to find these new resources?

Lucy: I think books are amazing, but online articles and even just (6) _____ with friends in English can be helpful too.

Rick: Makes sense. And what about grammar?

Lucy: Well, they mentioned hiring a (7) _____ who specialises in teaching English as a (8) _____ language. They can really help identify where we're going wrong and teach us the (9) _____ more clearly.

Rick: Sounds like it could be costly though. Any other ideas?

Lucy: I believe (10) _____ on our own is important too. Maybe we can do some exercises together? It would be great to have someone else to practise with.

Rick: Yeah, let's set some time aside every week for that. Thanks for sharing all this, Lucy!

Lucy: You're welcome!

Exercise 12. Read the passage and choose the best option to fill in the blank.

There are over 7,000 (1) _____ in the world today. English is probably the most widely spoken language by native speakers after Mandarin Chinese, but it's also the most widely learned second language and is an official language in many countries. One reason (2) _____ English is so widespread is because it has become the main language of (3) _____ business and politics. For example, most of the information on the Internet is in English, so many people translate and learn English as a (4) _____ language. Another reason is the (5) _____ of American culture through movies, TV shows, and music. Many people around the world also know about Hollywood and American fast food chains.

However, this doesn't mean that everyone speaks English well. In fact, only about 20% of the world's (6) _____ speaks English at all! Also, many people use English at work, but not at home. Therefore, English may be important for global (7) _____, but it's not going to replace other (8) _____ languages anytime soon.

1. A. varieties	B. languages	C. rules	D. standards
2. A. when	B. why	C. which	D. where
3. A. national	B. economic	C. government	D. international
4. A. second	B. first	C. official	D. ancient

5. A. model	B. community	C. influence	D. effort
6. A. civilization	B. destination	C. population	D. country
7. A. economy	B. communication	C. impact	D. success
8. A. foreign	B. sign	C. global	D. native

Exercise 13. Read the text carefully and decide which type of tours each feature below belongs to.

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Learning approaches	Academic	Communication
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	English	Skills
1. Practise writing essays and ask your teacher for feedback.		
2. Take advantage of fun sources such as music or podcasts.		
3. Try to speak with native speakers and get used to everyday English.		
4. Listen to English to become more familiar with the sounds and rhythms of English.		
5. Increase your vocabulary by reading a variety of texts.		

Exercise 14. Read the text again and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

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Statements	T or F
1. Identifying language learning goals is important for choosing the right learning approaches.	
2. Academic English is necessary for exams like TOEFL and IELTS.	
3. Academic English is formal and applicable in business contexts.	
4. Reading will not help you improve your academic English.	
5. You should speak with non-native English speakers instead of native speakers.	
6. Native speakers help you become familiar with formal English rather than informal English.	
7. TV shows and music can also help enhance your pronunciation skills.	
8. Avoid making mistakes to build confidence in language learning.	

Exercise 15. Combine the two sentences using a relative pronoun. Start the new sentence with the given phrase.

1. My family hasn't decided the day. We will travel to Nha Trang on that day.

→ My family hasn't decided _____

2. I'll introduce you to the man. His experience is useful for your contest.

→ I'll introduce you _____

3. Tell me more about the city. You visited it last summer vacation.

→ Tell me more _____

4. Ann finally found the book. She had been looking for it in all bookstores.

→ Ann finally found 5. She is talking about the author. His books are very popular among kids.

→ She is talking about _____

6. The house is perfect for nature lovers. Its windows overlook a beautiful yard.

→ The house _____

7. I bought the dictionary. My sister recommended it to me.

→ I bought _____

8. Today I came across the man. He interviewed me about my thoughts on the current state of the economy.

→ Today I came across _____

9. I finally finished the project. I had been working on it for three months.

→ I finally finished _____

10. The day was a turning point in her career. She received her dream job offer on that day.

→ The day when _____

Exercise 16. Combine each pair of sentences using a suitable relative pronoun *which, who, whose, when, or where*.

1. The lawyer will never forget the day. He solved the hard case on that day.

2. He is always grateful to his teacher. She inspired him to pursue his passion for art.

3. She can't get over the project. It made her doubt herself.

4. Yesterday, Jane lost the bag. Her mother gave it to her.

5. I really like the present. My parents gave it to me on my ninth birthday.

6. They decided to hire the gardener. Their neighbour introduced him.

7. I really miss the place. We used to have a picnic every weekend there.

8. We're very impressed with the house. Its designs are unique and luxurious.

9. I can introduce you to my friend. He is a sales manager here.

10. The police wanted to know the homestay. Mr. Lee stayed there two days ago.

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