8. The bakery _____ has closed down.
9. December 25th is the day _____.
10. Next Saturday I'm going to visit my Aunty Sheila, _____.
11. The award was given to Sara, _____.
12. The horror film was the reason _____.
13. The police searched the vehicle _____.
14. Do you remember the girl _____?
15. His mid-teens were the time _____.

XII. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

1. Linda picked _____ a bit of Italian when she was staying in Pisa.
2. One of the characteristic features of English is its openness _____ vocabulary.
3. Many of the students are bilingual _____ Spanish and English.
4. I could just about get _____ in English when I first went to the UK.
5. She's fluent _____ Polish and French and can speak a little Italian.
6. English is taught at school _____ a second language in many countries.
7. She works for the United Nations, translating _____ English into French.
8. English owes its dominant status _____ its link to two of the world's most powerful nations: the US and the UK.
9. For some reasons, my teacher think that I'm not good enough _____ languages.
10. When Imani came to Ireland he could not speak a word _____ English.

C. SPEAKING

I. Complete the conversation with the sentences from the box. Write the letters of the sentences.

A. All right. Thank you a lot! I will follow your advice.
B. English as a means of international communication.
C. I know, but I want to Include them all in my presentation.
D. What should I do next after choosing those four main points?
E. I'm preparing for my presentation.
F. I will. Thanks again.
G. Which ones?
H. Sure. Actually, I'm stuck in organising my ideas.

Andy: Laura, what are you doing?

Laura: (1)_____

Andy: What is the topic?

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Laura: (2)_____

Andy: Sounds great. Can I look over the outline of your presentation?

Laura: (3)_____

Andy: All right. I see that you have listed ten benefits of English. That's too much, I think.

Laura: (4)_____

Andy: I think you need to focus on three or four main points.

Laura: (5)_____

Andy: Hmm. English is easy to learn, English is the only European language that does not have different adjectives depending on gender, English decreases the distance among countries and English opens the door of opportunities for aspiring employees.

Laura: (6)_____

Andy: You should add more information to those points, give examples or evidence, etc.

Laura: (7)_____

Andy: Don't mention it. If you need any helps, just tell me.

Laura: (8)_____

II. Put the dialogue into the correct order.

___ You can watch those with subtitles. Then, you can figure out the way to talk and learn the new words also.

_1_ Hey! How did your English exam go?

___ Register on a language learning social media network, such as Speaky or join language learning groups on Facebook.

___ Cool. I remember that our school has one, right?

___ Oh, it went really well. Thanks for helping me with it!

___ Yes. I will send you information about it if you like. However, it would be better if you practice speaking with native speakers.

___ Ok, I will. Thanks.

___ Is there anything else I can do to improve my speaking and listening?

___ I have watched movies in English recently, but I don't understand what they are saying.

___ Joining an English speaking club can also provide you with precious skills and experience.

___ No problem. By the way, I find that I still can't speak English fluently.

___ Not bad, thanks. I'm just glad it's over! How about you? How'd your presentation go?

___ That's a good idea. So, how can I find a native English speaker?

___ Well, do you often watch TV shows or listen to music in English?

D. READING

I. Complete the passage with words from the box.

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nationalities	power	dialects	derivedspread	
varieties	primary	worldwide	dominant	second

The term "English" is (1) _____ from *Anglisc,* the speech of the Angles – one of the three Germanic tribes that invaded England during the fifth century. The English language is the (2) _____ language of several countries, including Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and many of its former colonies, and the United States, and the (3) _____ language in a number of multilingual countries, including India, Singapore, and the Philippines. It's an official language in several African countries as well, such as Liberia, Nigeria, and South Africa, but is spoken (4) _____ in more than 100. It's learned around the world by children in school as a foreign language and often becomes a common denominator between people of different (5) _____ when they meet while traveling, doing business, or in other contexts.

According to Christine Kenneally in her book *The First Word,* "Today there are about 6,000 languages in the world, and half of the world's population speaks only 10 of them. English is the single most (6) _____ of these 10. British colonialism initiated the spread of English across the globe; it has been spoken nearly everywhere and has become even more prevalent since World War II, with the global reach of American (7) _____."

The influence of the English language has also (8) _____ globally through American pop culture, music, movies, advertising, and TV shows.

Just as the United States has regional (9) _____ and there are differences in pronunciation and words in British and American English, the language has local (10) _____ around the world: American, British, Canadian, Caribbean, Euro-English, Hinglish, Indian, Irish, Nigerian, Scottish, Singapore, Zimbabwean, etc.

II. Read the passage carefully, then do the tasks.

English as a global language

People often talk about English as a global language or *lingua franca.* With more than 350 million people around the world speaking English as a first language and more than 430 million speaking it as a second language, there are English speakers in most countries around the world. Why is English so popular, though? And why has it become a global language?

People often call English the international language of business, and it's increasingly true as international trade expands every year, bringing new countries into contact. Most multinational companies require a certain degree of English **proficiency** from potential employees so in order to get a position with a top company, more and more people are learning English.

If your ambitions lie in science or medicine, you can't neglect English either. Much of the **technical terminology** is based on English words, and if you want **to** learn about the latest developments and discoveries from around the world, you'll read about them in journals and research reports published in English, no matter whether the scientists who wrote them are from China or Norway.

If you want a career in travel, English is absolutely essential. As the international language of **aviation,** pilots and cabin crew all need to speak English. Even if you're not up in the air, speaking English accurately will ensure you are able to communicate with clients and suppliers all over the world.

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So, what's stopping you from learning this global language? With all the English resources available on the internet and so many other English speakers around the world to practice with, there's never been a better time to start learning English. Pick up a book, learn a few words, or even start a course today and take your first **steps** towards becoming one of nearly 800 million English speakers in the world.

(From *englishlive.ef.com/blog/english-in-the-real-world)*

A. Choose the correct answers.

1. What is the best meaning of *lingua franca?*

   a. A language that is most spoken around the world.

   b. A language used mostly in academia and business

   c. A language used for communication between people of different native languages.

   d. A language used by particular groups of people, especially in their work

2. The word **"proficiency"** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to .

   a. ability b. talent c. experience d. fluency

3. What does the phrase **"technical terminology"** mean?

   a. The skills needed for a particular subject or activity.

   b. The use of a system of communication which consists of written symbols.

   c. Words and phrases used in special ways by particular groups of people.

   d. Special words or expressions used in a particular subject or field.

4. The word "neglect" in paragraph 3 means .

   a. to pay no attention to b. to not give enough attention to

   c. to show no care or respect d. to be unable to remember

5. What is the best meaning of **"aviation"** as used in the sentence "As the international language of aviation..." in paragraph 4?

   a. flight b. travel c. instruction d. communication

6. The noun **"steps"** used in the phrase "take your first steps" means .

   a. feet b. movements c. actions d. stages

B. Answer the questions.

1. How many people in the world speak English as their mother tongue?

   _____

2. Where is English spoken?

   _____

3. Is English the global language of business?

   _____

4. What qualification is required to work in most multinational companies?

   _____

5. Why is English important if you want to pursue a medical career?

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6. What language do international pilots speak?

_____

7. Is speaking English fluently necessary if you are on the ground staff? Why?

_____

8. Where can people get all the English resources?

_____

E. WRITING

I. Write sentences, using the clues given. You can add extra words or make changes.

1. learn/ foreign language/ can/ actually/ boost/ your brain power.

_____

2. Andy/ wish/ he/ can/ speak English/ good/ as a native speaker.

_____

3. many countries/ children/ teach/ and/ encourage/ learn/ English/ second language.

_____

4. there/ more than/ 50 English speaking countries/ English/ either/ official/ primary language.

_____

5. speak/ English/ will help/ you/ communicate/ people/ countries all over the world/ not just English-speaking ones.

_____

6. it/ be/ estimate/ about 375 million people/ speak/ English/ regularly/ second language.

_____

7. Miss Kelly/ be/ my English teacher/ suggest/ watch/ English movies/ improve/ listening skills.

_____

8. If/ you/ want/ be/ fluent English speaker/ have to/ practice/ speak/ English/ regularly.

_____

9. English/ be/ easy/ master/ if/ it/ not have/ such/ large vocabulary.

_____

10. If/ I / be / you/ I / go / English-speaking country/ study/ English language.

_____

II. Write the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word in capital.

1. This supervisor professor helped me a lot during my study in the College. (WHO)

   This is _____

2. Janet learned a few words of French when she was in Paris last year. (UP)

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Janet _____

3. My best friend Ali can speak English fluently. (IN)

   My _____

4. We met Dan for the first time at an Italian restaurant that we found eventually. (WHERE)

   We eventually _____

5. Cullen can speak both Chinese and English perfectly. (BILINGUAL)

   Cullen _____

6. Some of the many people we questioned gave us good description of the robber. (WHOM)

   We questioned_____

7. Matha has lived in Poland for two years, but she can only speak basic Polish. (GET)

   Although Matha _____

8. The train was extremely crowded and stopped at every station. (WHICH)

   The train,_____

9. I haven't practiced English for ages, so I'm not as good at it as I used to be. (RUSTY)

   My English _____

10. An doesn't go abroad for higher education because he doesn't have enough money. (IF)

    An _____

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