



UNIT 8: ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES

GRAMMAR

I. British English vs. American English

Example: In the UK, you play **football**; in the US, you play **soccer**.

1. In the UK, you eat **biscuits**; in the US, you eat _____.
2. In the UK, you buy a **return** ticket; in the US, you buy a _____.
3. In the UK, you take a **lift**; in the US, you take an _____.
4. In the UK, you go to the **cinema**; in the US, you go to the _____.
5. In the UK, you wear **trousers**; in the US, you wear _____.
6. In the UK, you go on **holiday**; in the US, you go on _____.
7. In the UK, you wait in a **queue**; in the US, you wait in a _____.
8. In the UK, you put **petrol** in your car; in the US, you put _____ in your car.
9. In the UK, you drive a **lorry**; in the US, you drive a _____.
10. In the UK, the third season is **autumn**; in the US, the third season is _____.
11. In the UK, you wear a **jumper**; in the US, you wear a _____.
12. In the UK, you eat **sweets**; in the US, you eat _____.
13. In the UK, you live in a **flat**; in the US, you live in an _____.
14. In the UK, you live with a **flat mate**; in the US, you live with a _____.
15. In the UK, you eat **chips**; in the US, you eat _____.
16. In the UK, you eat **crisps**; in the US, you eat _____.
17. In the UK, you throw away **rubbish**; in the US, you throw away _____.
18. In the UK, you throw rubbish in the **dustbin**; in the US, you throw garbage in the _____.
19. In the UK, the front of a car is the **bonnet**; in the US, the front of a car is the _____.
20. In the US the **Principal** is in charge of a school, in the UK it is the _____.
21. In the US bedroom your clothes would be kept in the **closet**, in the UK a _____.
22. In the US a baby would suck on a **pacifier** to keep it quiet, in the UK a _____.
23. In the US a baby would wear a **diaper**, in the UK a _____.
24. In the US you would have **jelly** on your bread, in the UK you would have _____.
25. In the US your address has a **zip code**, in the UK your address has _____.
26. In the US you turn on the **faucet** for water, in the UK you turn on the _____.
27. In the US you put on your **sneakers** to go jogging, in the UK you put on your _____.
28. In the US you would eat **cotton-candy**, in the UK you would eat _____.
29. In the US you use **plastic wrap**, in the UK you use _____.
30. In the US if you cut yourself you would use a **band-aid**, in the UK a _____.
31. In the US if you are not charged for a telephone call it is **toll-free**, in the UK it is _____.
32. In the US a **proctor** watches the students during an exam, in the UK it is an _____.

33. In the US your letters and parcels are delivered by the **mailman**, in the UK it is the _____.

II. Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.

1. A. payee	B. Chinese	C. coffee	D. trainee
2. A. jubilee	B. guarantee	C. Japanese	D. referee
3. A. refugee	B. Taiwanese	C. absentee	D. committee
4. A. reindeer	B. volunteer	C. mountaineer	D. engineer
5. A. absolutely	B. refugee	C. monument	D. symbolise
6. A. journalism	B. spectacle	C. Canberra	D. excursion
7. A. exhibition	B. interviewee	C. penicillin	D. Aborigine
8. A. Vietnamese	B. Cantonese	C. photograph	D. guarantee

III. Choose the best word or phrase (A, B, C or D) to complete each sentence.

1. I want to apply for an English course in your school. Would you please send me the ___ of the course?

A. details B. require C. request D. content

2. Visitors to London are often shocked by the ___ of people begging in the streets.

A. vision B. sight C. icon D. spectacle

3. Australia represented a real ___ of opportunity for thousands of people.

A. country B. land C. site D. side

4. I ___ to Scotland several times.

A. go B. went C. have been to D. have gone to

5. The British's sense of ___ tends to be subtle but with a dark or sarcastic undertone.

A. humour B. sensation C. responsibility D. belonging

6. I couldn't decide whether to stay or ___ for Scotland at once.

A. left B. leaving C. will leave D. to leave

7. Many efforts ___ in order to reserve the culture of the Maori.

A. have been made B. have made C. has been made D. has made

8. I am really excited about the ___ trip to Sydney.

A. three days B. three-days C. three day D. three-day

9. This kind of religious ___ is often found in Britain and other European countries.

A. buildings B. structures C. infrastructure D. architect

10. I ___ a lot about cities in England in my English lessons.

A. has learned B. have recently learned

C. have yet learned D. so far have learned

11. The walk takes in some of Britain's most breathtaking coastal ___.

A. scene B. scenically C. sceneries D. scenic

12. Graceland in the USA, Elvis Presley's former home, is now a tourist ___ that draws more than 600,000 visitors every year.

A. attract B. attracts C. attractive D. attraction

13. Many countries have declared English as the official language at local or ___ level.

A. region B. regional C. religious D. religion

14. The flag of Britain or Union Jack is the ___ of the flags of England, Scotland and Ireland.

A. combine B. combining C. combination D. combined

15. There is a ____ prison on the island of Alcatraz in the Middle of San Francisco Bay.
A. fame B. famously C. famous D. famousness

16. I imagine it ____ great to take a walk along the River Thames.
A. is B. will be C. would be D. was

17. My dream vacation abroad is to ____ the Lancaster city one day.
A. go B. travel C. come D. visit

18. Deerlike figures are considered as the oldest ____ of human habitation in the Grand Canyon.
A. due B. hint C. result D. proof

19. ____ Travel Smart Magazine, August is the best month to travel to Australia.
A. Prior to B. Inside of C. As well as D. According to

20. ____ , they decided not to go to Australia for their holidays but went to America instead.
A. At least B. At the end C. In the end D. In the least

IV. Find and correct the mistakes.

1. During the 1700s, Philadelphia developed to the wealthiest city in the America colonies.
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2. You have never tried the English breakfast since you have come here, haven't you?
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3. Most of the programmes during the Depression era were just temporary relief methods but the *Social Security* was the special cases.
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4. The countryside of Viet Nam is well-known of its beauty and the friendliness of people.
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5. The residence of Greenville, Texas hold an annual Cotton Jubilee to remember the crop that helped their city to prosper.
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6. Americans are very pride of their homes and spend a great deal of time maintaining their houses and keeping the property in good condition.
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7. Million of people speak English all over the world.
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V. Complete the sentences with the appropriate tense of the verbs in brackets.

1. Since its beginning more than a century ago, the slouch hat _____ one of the most distinctive items of Australian clothing. (**become**)

2. For over 130 years, Akubra hats _____ its legendary stories in Australia. (**make**)

3. Aberdeen in Scotland _____ an important centre for the oil industry since the finding of oil in the North Sea. (**become**)

4. Canada _____ the longest land border in the world with the United States. (**share**)

5. Ireland _____ the Eurovision Song Contest seven times. (**win**)

6. In Canada you should maintain eye contact while you _____ hands. (**shake**)

7. In Canada, New Year's Day _____ a long tradition of celebration. (**have**)

8. First names _____ used more frequently in Australia than in other countries. **(be)**
9. Recently, many places in New Zealand _____ called with two names – one English, and one Maori. **(be)**
10. Maori people _____ the hongi – touching noses – to greet people they _____ safe and familiar with. **(use - feel)**

VI. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

London's Tower Bridge

London's Tower Bridge is one of the most famous (1) _____ in the world. The bridge, designed (2) _____ (by) the architect Horace Jones together with John Wolfe Barry, was finally completed in 1894. It (3) _____ 11,000 tons of steel to build the framework of the 265-meter-long bridge. Over time, the bridge has become one of London's most famous (4) _____.

(5) _____ photographs of the Tower Bridge is a favorite London tourist activity, but you can also go inside the bridge, (6) _____ you'll have a magnificent view over London from the walkway (7) _____ the two bridge towers.

In 2014, glass floors were installed in the walkways, giving visitors another, unusual view from the bridge. The long glass floors, more than 40 meters above the river, allow you to (8) _____ the traffic over the Tower Bridge from above. It is particularly (9) _____ to see the bridge (10) _____ and close below your feet.

1. A. bridges	B. bridge	C. tower	D. towers
2. A. or	B. and	C. as	D. but
3. A. took	B. built	C. brought	D. gave
4. A. landscapes	B. views	C. symbols	D. scenes
5. A. To take	B. Take	C. To taking	D. Taking
6. A. when	B. where	C. what	D. whose
7. A. at	B. on	C. between	D. in
8. A. consider	B. follow	C. record	D. watch
9. A. fascinate	B. fascinating	C. fascinated	D. fascination
10. A. opened	B. to open	C. open	D. be opened

VII. Read the passage and choose the correct answers.

Located in Southeast Asia, Singapore is one of the smallest countries in the world. In 2015, the population of Singapore is 5.6 million people which are even smaller than the population of many big cities such as London, New York... However, Singapore is a multiracial and multicultural country with many diverse ethnic groups. This is why there are four official languages in Singapore including Chinese, Malay, Tamil and English. Every official language in Singapore is chosen to represent the major ethnic groups within the country. English is considered the main language; it is used in official documents, street signs, the educational system... In Singapore, students often learn English and one other official language. Most Singaporeans are bilingual. They can speak English in public and use their mother tongue at home.

1. Which of the following is FALSE about Singapore?

- A. Singapore had over five million residents in 2015.
- B. Singapore is located in the Middle East of Asia.
- C. Singapore is in the list of the world's smallest countries.
- D. Singapore has less number of residents than New York does.

2. According to the writer, what is the result of having various ethnic groups?

- A. There are many races.
- B. There are several cultures.
- C. A and B are correct.
- D. A and B are incorrect.

3. According to the writer, what is the main purpose of the official language?

- A. To be used in big ethnic group.
- B. To be compared with another language.
- C. To introduce Singapore.
- D. To show that one ethnic group is big.

4. Which of the following is TRUE about languages in Singapore?

- A. Tamil is one of the main languages in Singapore.
- B. Any language in Singapore is considered the official one.
- C. English is taught at Singaporean schools as the second language.
- D. Street signs in Singapore use Chinese.

5. Why are residents in Singapore called bilingual?

- A. Because they are taught English and another main language at school.
- B. Because they speak one language at home and another one in public.
- C. A and B are correct.
- D. A and B are incorrect.

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