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The trouble with English is it's such a complicated, difficult language and it doesn't have any rules. I think they should create a simpler form of English which could be used internationally and would be easier to learn. It should definitely have simpler grammar, maybe just three tenses. And a more sensible spelling system!

Or they should choose an easier language to be the international language, like Spanish, say. Half the world speaks Spanish already. Or how about Swahili or Malaysian? They've both got nice simple grammar.

on the head	'a load of rubbish	the point
'to say;	possibly think;	
nonsense	spot on;	mixed feelings
make a lot of sense	; isn't true	go along;

1 How can you _____ that? You're completely missing _____. English is a beautiful, rich language, and that's exactly why people want to learn it.

2 Well, that's easy _____, but you can't just 'create' a language. People speak the languages they choose to. And you say 'half the world speaks Spanish'. Well, that simply _____ – 400 million people isn't half the world!

3 I must say I think you're _____ about the difficult spelling. I had to learn English in school, so I'd definitely _____ with that! But I've got _____ about simplifying the grammar – it would make it easier to learn, but I don't think you can express complex ideas using just three tenses.

4 I'm sorry, but that's _____. Of course English has rules – all languages do.

5 What you're saying doesn't really _____. Why would you need to 'create' a global language? No one has to speak English, so if people speak it, obviously it means they want to and they find it useful.

6 Good comment – I think you've hit the nail _____. Spanish would make a much better world language. It's a beautiful language and it's easy to learn. I say go for it! (My mother tongue is Spanish, by the way! 😊)

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