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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! 😊)