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① *In groups of three or four, try to find as many words as you can which are identical in English and your own language (for example: radio, lift). The winner is the group with the longest list. Set a time limit.*

② a) *Skim the short article in one minute. Which of the following sentences describes the main idea of the text?*

- A It is important to speak English if you want to be successful in business.
- B Most of the world's mail is written in English.
- C English is the most widely used language in the world.

English is the second most commonly spoken, and by far the most widespread of the world's languages. It is estimated that there are 350 million native speakers, 300 million who use English as a second language and a further billion using it as a foreign language. English is spoken by scientists, pilots, computer experts,

diplomats and tourists; it is the language of the world! Do you know that over 50% of all business deals are conducted in English? And over 70% of all mail is written and addressed in English? It is the official or co-official language of over 45 countries and furthermore, it is spoken extensively in other countries where it has no official status. It is perhaps, therefore, not surprising that in recent years we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of students opting to study abroad. In the future this will cement the role that English plays in the cultural, political or economic life of many countries around the world from Australia to Zambia.

b) *Look at the numbers below and say what they refer to. Match each number with its reference.*

over 70%

the amount of business done in English

over 50%

the amount of mail written in English

c) *Scan the text again in 30 seconds to check your answers in (b).*

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Complete the text with the words from the box.

As so many people speak English in so many different countries, there are many different "Englishes".



similar, borrowed, educated, Americans, Queen's English, terms, vocabulary, film, British English, grammar, language



The British literary form of English is called **Standard English**

English-Speaking World

and it is the language of (1) ... English speakers. It is used by the Government, the BBC¹, the Universities and it is often called (2) ...



American English is the variety of English spoken in the United States of America. It is different from English in pronunciation, intonation, spelling, vocabulary and sometimes even in (3) An Englishman goes to the town centre to watch a (4) ... while an American goes downtown to watch a movie. If an Englishman needs a pen he would ask you: "Have you got a pen, please?", but an American would say: "Do you have a pen?"



Australian and New Zealand English, also called

Australian English, are very (5) Especially in pronunciation they are also similar to British English, but there are differences in (6) ... and slang. Many terms, such as *kangaroo*, *dingo*, *wombat* and *boomerang*, come from the Aboriginal (7) ... and many others from the Cockney dialect² spoken by the first settlers, the Londoners.



Canadian English is different both from American English and from (8) It is said to sound like American to Britons and like British to (9) In pioneer days Canadians (10) ...

many words from Canadian French, for example, *bateau*³ and *habitant*⁴, from the native Indian languages came many (11) ... like *caribou* and *totem*, and from Eskimo, Canadian English took *anorak*⁵, *inuit*⁶, *kayak* and others.

¹BBC — Британська телерадіомовна корпорація, «Бі-Бі-Сі»

²a dialect ['daɪəlekt] — діалект

³a bateau ['bætoʊ] — плоскодонний човен

⁴a habitant ['hæbɪtəŋ] — канадець французького походження

⁵an anorak ['ænəɾæk] — анорак (куртка)

⁶an inuit [ɪnɪt] — інуїт (ескімос)

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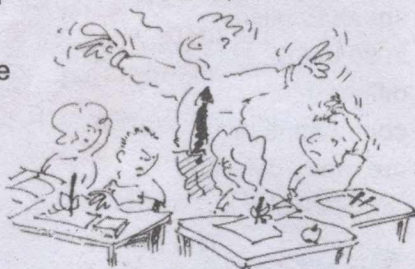
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- 4 Read and comment on the following facts. Work in pairs.



Of course the British speak a foreign language. Americans have suspected it since the time of Benjamin Franklin. Oscar Wilde said it best years ago: "We and the Americans have much in common, but there is always the language barrier."

HANDS UP ALL THOSE WHO KNOW WHAT LANGUAGE WE SPEAK

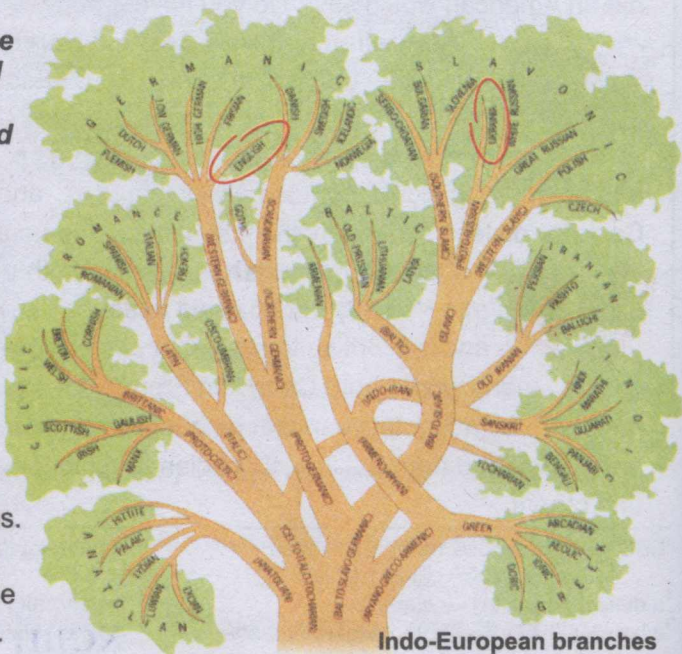


Comparatively not so long ago — till the end of 40-s of the 20th century — the Hollywood films were dubbed for Englishmen because of their disability to understand American English. But with the economical development of the USA the AE has won its strong positions in international relations. Moreover, American books, films, TV serials began to force out the analogous products in the market of Europe.

- 5 a) In groups, try to find as many English words that have entered your language as you can. The winner is the group with the longest list. Set a time limit.
b) Make the longest meaningful sentence using these words.

- 6 Explain the difference between English and Ukrainian (Russian) to your English friend who is interested in your language. Use the text below and complete the sentences.

Both English and Ukrainian belong to the Indo-European language family. The Indo-European family has ten major branches. English belongs to the Germanic branch, while Ukrainian belongs to...



Indo-European branches of the language tree

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ALPHABET

Aa
Bb
Cc
Dd
Ee
Ff
Gg
Hh
Ii
Jj
Kk
Ll
Mm
Nn
Oo
Pp
Qq
Rr
Ss
Tt
Uu
Vv
Ww
Xx
Yy
Zz

In the English alphabet, there are 26 letters, whereas in Ukrainian there are...

Some sounds in English are not there in Ukrainian and that's why they are very difficult to pronounce. For example, [θ] in **thing**, [ð] in **then**, [ŋ] in **sing** and [w] in **window**.

Are there any sounds in Ukrainian that would be difficult for an English person to pronounce?

In English the same sound is not always spelt or read the same way (for example, 'u' in **bus** and **uniform**). However, in Ukrainian you spell words the same way as you read them.

In English the word order is fixed, while in Ukrainian it isn't because the relationship between the parts of the sentence is shown by the endings you add to the words. *В нас гарна осінь цього року. У цьому році ми маємо гарну осінь.*

There are only 2 cases (відмінки) in English, while there are ... cases in Ukrainian.

In English these are the common case and the genitive case.

In English 'you' has the same form in the singular and plural, whereas in Ukrainian there are different forms and these are...

In English you don't have to think who you are going to address with the polite form («Ви» in Ukrainian) because this form doesn't exist.

In English there is only the natural gender (рід), while in Ukrainian the nouns are divided into ... genders (how many?).

In English there are simple and continuous tenses. The continuous tense usually stresses that the action is not complete. What about Ukrainian? How do verbs in Ukrainian show this distinction? ...

АЛФАВІТ

Aa
Бб
Вв
Гг
Ґґ
Дд
Ее
Єє
Жж
Зз
Ии
Іі
Її
Йй
Кк
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Оо
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