Listen to the interviews. Read the sentences. Then listen again and check true or false.

Example: Ahmet discusses the foreign movies he saw in his country.

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Read the sentences. Then check the ones that are correct. In some pairs, both sentences are correct.

Example: ✔ I’ll pick up some milk on my way home.
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Write the words and phrases in the correct order.

Example: can do / I / it / without I can do without it.

11. business travelers / to / caters / That hotel _________________________________
12. it / She / off / until the last minute / put _________________________________
13. talked / He / into / me / buying the car _________________________________
Circle the letter of the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

Example: A: Did you hear? Carlos Martinez lost the presidential election.
B: It’s really ________? Everyone had expected him to win.
   a. shocking, isn’t it  b. not surprising, is it  c. wonderful, isn’t it

14. A: It’s been a week since the storm hit. I heard that some people still don’t have power.
   B: That must be hard. I don’t think I could ________ electricity for that long.
   a. go without  b. put up with  c. lay off

15. A: I read in the paper that a group of school kids are going to spend their vacation helping build homes for the poor. That really makes you feel ________, doesn’t it?
   B: Yeah. It’s great.
   a. mind-boggling  b. depressed  c. wonderful

16. A: I can’t believe the president’s new policy. It only makes the rich richer and the poor poorer.
   B: It’s really ________, isn’t it?
   a. appalling  b. heartwarming  c. guilty

17. A: The Green Party has worked very hard to ________ changes in the government.
   B: Yeah, and in my opinion, they’ve made a lot of improvements.
   a. lay off  b. run out of  c. bring about

18. A: The mayor really has to focus on lowering the city’s unemployment rate.
   B: Exactly. If he doesn’t ________ a solution, it’s doubtful that he’ll be re-elected.
   a. come down with  b. come up with  c. wipe out

19. A: Have you heard? The multimillionaire Ben Costes made a huge ________ in a company not long ago, thinking he’d make a big profit. But now the company’s going out of business.
   B: Sounds like he’s going to lose millions instead.
   a. income  b. investment  c. wage

20. A: There’s a new report in today’s paper about the best places to live in the world.
   B: What are they?
   A: Well, according to this report, the Nordic countries have the highest ________, based on their levels of education, democracy, income, and public health.
   a. unemployment rates  b. standard of living  c. exports

21. A: The Ray Corporation just announced that they’re going to ________ 500 workers next year.
   B: Wow. That’ll leave a lot of people unemployed.
   a. run out of  b. carry out  c. lay off
Why Learn English?

The English language has only become a global language over the past 50 years. Its use has increased at a very rapid rate and there are indications that the language will continue to spread. The English language uses a phonetic alphabet and relatively basic syntax. About 80 percent of its vocabulary is based on foreign words. English borrows words from almost every European language, as well as from Hebrew, Arabic, Hindi-Urdu, Bengali, Malay, and Chinese. This characteristic distinguishes it from other languages throughout history.

There is no central authority to determine one standard pronunciation or dialect of English. The language develops differently in each country where it is spoken, reflecting aspects of each culture. Many dialects have developed, including American, British, Canadian, Indian, and Australian. Although different dialects exist, there is still only one core set of English grammar rules and vocabulary.

People around the world are starting to feel that English belongs to everyone, not just a few countries. English is a tool to break down barriers in international communication. When Brazilian pilots land airplanes in Germany, they communicate with the ground controllers in English. When Korean scientists want to announce a new discovery, they first publish their results in English. When a Chinese company does business with Peruvians, they negotiate in English.

When protesters want to bring global attention to their issues, they show signs in English. No one can predict for certain the future of English. But many people expect that its use will continue to grow. As immigration brings people of different language groups together, English may become the common language of communication. Many universities will likely continue to use English for instruction, leading to more English-speaking professionals who are likely to use the language in their jobs.

Glossary

- spread: become known or used by more and more people
- phonetic: TECHNICAL relating to the sounds of human speech
- syntax: TECHNICAL the way words are arranged to form sentences or phrases
- dialect: [U/C] a variation of a language spoken in a particular area
- barrier: [C] a rule, problem, etc., that prevents people from doing something or limits what they can do
- protester: [C] someone who takes part in a public activity to show their opposition to something

Example: The English language ___________.
   a. has five dialects
   b. is not influenced by other languages
   c. uses words from other languages

22. __________ standardize English.
   a. European people used to
   b. The use of dialects will
   c. There isn’t an official group that can

23. The trend now is that English is used ___________.
   a. to break down communication
   b. for international communication
   c. only by native speakers

24. English will probably ___________.
   a. be spoken by more people
   b. have fewer dialects
   c. have one standard pronunciation

Look at the glossary in the article. Then answer the questions.

Example: Which word can be intransitive? spread

25. Which word refers to a person? ________________

26. How many of these words are nouns? ________________

27. Which word is a non-count noun? ________________
Read each headline. Write a reaction to the news in your own way.

Example:

**The Monitor**
PEACE TALKS FAILED AGAIN

It really makes you feel depressed, doesn’t it?

**Atlantic Weekly News**
THOUSANDS HOMELESS AFTER EARTHQUAKE

28.

**The Sun Sentinel**
SCHOOL CHILDREN RAISE U.S. $1 MILLION FOR HUNGER RELIEF

29.

**Daily Tribune**
NEW REPORT:
RICHEST 1% OF POPULATION OWNS 47.2% OF WEALTH,
POOREST 90% OWNS ONLY 17.1%
Choose one of the following topics to write about. Write a short paragraph of at least four or five sentences.

- Identify one import to your country. Do you think this import has positive effects, negative effects, or both on your country’s economy? Explain your answer.

- What are the cultural impacts globalization has brought, or will bring, to your country? Give details such as specific foreign products or lifestyles that you think have influenced, or will influence, your culture. What’s your opinion of these impacts?

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