

A. The Value of Learning English

English is the most commonly spoken language in the world. One out of five people can speak or at least understand English!

It is the language of science, of aviation, computers, diplomacy, and tourism. Knowing English increases your chances of getting a good job in your home country or abroad.

It is the official language of 53 countries. That means you have the opportunity to meet and speak to a lot of people.

English is spoken as a first language by around 400 million people around the world.

It is the language of the media industry. If you speak English, you won't need to rely on translations and subtitles anymore to enjoy your favourite books, songs, films and TV shows.

It is also the language of the Internet. Many websites are written in English – you will be able to understand them and take part in forums and discussions.

Since English is spoken in so many different countries there are thousands of schools around the world that offer programmes in English and there are plenty of opportunities for you to find an appropriate school and course to suit your academic needs.

Try to learn English because it's fun! It is not only useful – it gives you a lot of satisfaction and a chance to make progress. You will learn about other cultures. Few experiences will make you grow as a person more than learning the values, habits and way of life in a culture that is different from yours.

Select the statements which are true according to the article

1. The article is about the advantages of speaking the English language.	*
2. The English language is spoken in 53 countries.	
3. According to the text, English gives you the opportunity to communicate with many people.	*
4. Many jobs require people who wish to live abroad.	
5. If you speak English, you can enjoy reading without translation.	*
6. If you want access to the Internet you need to speak a lot of languages.	
7. English gives you the opportunity to study in your country	
8. If you speak English you may have education anywhere in the world.	*
9. English offers you a nice opportunity to have a better understanding of different cultures.	*
10. English is a funny language	
11. Learning about another culture strengthens your personal development.	*

B. VOCABULARY

Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets

1. She is a **speaker** of English and Spanish. (SPEAK)

2. The only form of **communication** in the past was letter writing. (COMMUNICATE)
3. Athens is famous for its tourist **attractions**. (ATTRACT)
4. The **service** in this restaurant is absolutely terrible. (SERVE)
5. Be **careful** with your wallets in metro stations. (CARE)
6. She has a smile of **happiness** on her face. (HAPPY)
7. He is a member of an **athletic** team. (ATHLETE)
8. My sister has a **beautiful** voice. (BEAUTY)
9. Kids have a strong **imagination** (IMAGINE)
10. With music you can express your **feelings**. (FEEL)

C. GRAMMAR

Choose the correct option to fill in the following sentences

1. (**Do you often come** / Are you often coming) to London?
2. (He does not play / **He is not playing**) tennis now.
3. (**She is sleeping** / She sleeps) at the moment.
4. I think she is (more intelligent / **the most intelligent**) girl in the class.
5. I think this movie is (**funnier** / funniest) than the book.
6. There (isn't / **aren't**) any children in the park.
7. (**Does he study** / is he studying) every night?
8. (On / **At**) Christmas I'm going to have fun.
9. Old people shouldn't go out (at / **in**) the winter when it's cold.