

## Unit 11 – EASY Reading

### ENGLISH EVERYWHERE!

English is a world language. There are about 7 billion (7,000,000,000) people in the world. Around a quarter of them (1,750,000,000) speak English every day. In a few years, half of all the people in the world will know English. There are three groups.

1. People who speak English as their first language: These people are called “native speakers”. Most of them live in Britain, the USA, Canada and Australia. People speak English in the USA, Canada and Australia because many years ago people from Britain came to live there.
2. People who speak English as a second language: These people live in countries where English is an “official language”. The British had colonies in these countries. Examples are India, Pakistan or South Africa.
3. People who use English at school, at work, on the internet ... people like YOU.

Read the text and tick the correct answers.

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| <p><b>1</b> How many people are there in the world?</p> <p>a) about 7 billion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) 1.75 billion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) 3.5 billion <input type="checkbox"/></p>  | <p><b>2</b> How many people in the world speak English?</p> <p>a) about 7 billion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) 1.75 billion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) 3.5 billion <input type="checkbox"/></p>  |
| <p><b>3</b> What is the name of people who speak English as their first language?</p> <p>a) native speakers <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) official speakers <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) first speakers <input type="checkbox"/></p>                                   | <p><b>4</b> Why do people in the USA speak English?</p> <p>a) because it is an official language there <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) because they learn it at school <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) because people from Britain came to live there <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p><b>5</b> Where do people speak English as an official language?</p> <p>a) in Canada, India and Australia <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) in India, Pakistan and South Africa <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) in Canada, Austria and the USA <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p><b>6</b> The text is about</p> <p>a) English people in the USA. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) English at school. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) English as a world language. <input type="checkbox"/></p>  |