

PROFESSOR DE INGLÊS

The Advantages of Learning English

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The English language is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, second only to Mandarin. That English is used almost everywhere is just one of the many advantages of learning the English language.

1. The English language is the primary language of business throughout the world. Most international business transactions, including emails, memos, reports and contracts are written in the English language.

2. Having the ability to fluently speak the English language as well as one's native language can be very beneficial to those seeking job opportunities with international companies. The ability to speak a language that is spoken by most business people can place the job seeker a step ahead of the competition.

3. Major Hollywood movies have dialog that is spoken in the English language. The plot of these movies is easier to follow if the person watching the movie speaks English. Subtitles in other languages can sometimes cause the meanings of words to be lost in the translation, and they can be a distraction or even block the action that is taking place on the screen.

4. Since the English language is one that is predominantly spoken throughout the world, international travelers may find that speaking English can make their travels a little easier. Most hotel and restaurant employees, as well as store merchants, will probably speak English at least to some degree.

5. Students from other countries who attend school in the United States will benefit greatly if they have a basic knowledge of English. This knowledge will help them communicate better with both their classmates and teachers. The students will also have an easier time with any research or readings that they are assigned.

6. The English language is the predominant language of academics all over the world, with a large amount of research conducted, written and presented in English. The English language can be a very helpful tool for scholars to communicate their ideas and research findings with peers in their field.

7. Most software programs are written in the English language. For those who are seeking to

expand their computer knowledge, having the ability to read and understand the English language can be invaluable.

11) Based on the text (**first paragraph**) what does the author mean by ***The English language is the primary language of business throughout the world?***

A ⇒ English is spoken by all businessmen in the world.

B ⇒ English is a good language for international trading.

C ⇒ English is the most important business language worldwide.

D ⇒ Only foreign businessmen can speak English well.

E ⇒ English is good for business only in some countries around the world.

12) In the text (**first paragraph**) ***memos*** is a short form for:

A ⇒ Memories.

B ⇒ Memorandums.

C ⇒ Memorials.

D ⇒ Memorizes.

E ⇒ Memoirs.

13) As it appears in the text (**second paragraph**) ***seeking*** means:

A ⇒ Looking for.

B ⇒ Considering.

C ⇒ Thinking about.

D ⇒ Deciding.

E ⇒ Refusing.

14) What does ***Major*** (**third paragraph**) mean in the text?

A ⇒ Minority.

B ⇒ All.

C ⇒ Majority.

D ⇒ Main.

E ⇒ Good.

15) Which other ways are **dialog** (third paragraph) and **programs** (seventh paragraph) spelled in English?

- A ⇒ *Dyalogue* and *proghrams*.
 - B ⇒ *Diallog* and *programmms*.
 - C ⇒ *Diallogue* and *progrgrams*.
 - D ⇒ *Dyalog* and *prograins*.
 - E ⇒ *Dialogue* and *programmes*.
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16) **Since** and **as well as** (fourth paragraph), respectively, can be replaced in the text by:

- A ⇒ *Because* and *for*.
 - B ⇒ *Because* and *and also*.
 - C ⇒ *For* and *by*.
 - D ⇒ *Although* and *also*.
 - E ⇒ *Despite* and *too*.
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17) What does **Students from other countries** (fifth paragraph) mean in the text?

- A ⇒ Students who speak English well
 - B ⇒ Students from rural areas.
 - C ⇒ Foreign students..
 - D ⇒ Students who don't speak English well.
 - E ⇒ School dropouts.
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18) Which word classes do the words in the **sixth paragraph** **large**, **research**, **written** (third line), **very** (fifth line) and **with** (seventh line) belong to, respectively, as they appear in the text?

- A ⇒ Adjective, noun, verb, adverb and preposition.
- B ⇒ Preposition, verb, noun, article and pronoun.
- C ⇒ Conjunction, adjective, noun, verb and adverb.
- D ⇒ Adjective, noun, adverb, preposition and conjunction.
- E ⇒ Noun, verb, adverb, preposition and conjunction.

19) Which alternatives are synonymous with **conducted**, **ideas**, **field** (sixth paragraph) and **ability** (seventh paragraph), respectively, according to their meaning in the text?

- A ⇒ *Conduit*, *idle*, *fiend* and *abacus*.
 - B ⇒ *Carried away*, *remembrances*, *pitch* and *billing*.
 - C ⇒ *Conducive*, *ideals*, *feed* and *abyss*.
 - D ⇒ *Carried out*, *thoughts*, *area* and *skill*.
 - E ⇒ *Condoled*, *idyll*, *fiddle* and *able*.
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20) Based on the text what does the author mean by **For those who are seeking to expand their computer knowledge, having the ability to read and understand the English language can be invaluable** (seventh paragraph).

- A ⇒ For friends who like to use computer programs together, it is necessary to speak and write texts in the English language and send them to each other to read.
- B ⇒ For people who want to learn how to use computers, having the facility to read and comprehend the English language is great.
- C ⇒ For the ones trying to broaden their computer skills, being able to read and grasp the English language can be extremely useful.
- D ⇒ For those who are learning the English language, having a computer which understands the English language is fundamental.
- E ⇒ For students of the English language, having the ability to use computers can be worthless sometimes.