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**ENGLISH TEST N°2**

TEXT: WHY LEARN ENGLISH?

There are about five thousand languages in the world today. Two of them are far more common than the others. The first is Northern Chinese (Mandarin), which is spoken by five hundred and seventy- five million people. The second is English.

The Ancient Britons spoke Celtic - a language that still exists in Wales, and in Brittany in France. The English language was born when the Angles and Saxons invaded Britain, nearly two thousand years ago. It grew in the ninth century, when the Danes added words like “egg”, “leg”, “bank” and “sky”. But the most important change came in 1066, when William of Normandy invaded Britain. French words were added to the language, and English is now the richest language in the world.

There are five hundred thousand ordinary words in English, and three hundred thousand technical words. But you needn’t learn all of them! English people only use a few thousand words when they speak; and, if you know two thousand common English words you can manage well.

William’s invasion didn’t only make the language richer. It also made the country far richer and stronger. Trade increased and people travelled more.

As a result, the English language spread abroad – to India, Africa, America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Today English is spoken by three hundred and sixty million people. At international conferences, scientists from Russia, Japan and Germany, speak English together. The French pilot of a plane arriving at Rome airport speaks English to the control tower. It’s an international language; and one of Britain biggest export!

**Vocabulary: Danes**: people from Denmark **to invade**: envahir

**I. Guided commentary**

1. **Read the text and say whether the following statements are true or false (2pts)**
2. Mandarin is the most common language in the world.
3. The English language grew and developed because it was a very rich language.
4. If a foreigner wants to speak English well, he has to know at least 2000 words.
5. English language is the most international language in the world.
6. **Answer these questions.**
7. According to the text, what things made the English language richer? (2pts)
8. Referring to the text, say why people learn English in the World? (3pts)
9. Does a foreigner need to know all the English words before speaking English? Why? (3pts)
10. 4- According to you, is it important to learn English? Justify your answer. (6pts)

**Grammar (2pts)**

Turn these sentences into the forms indicated in brackets.

1°) Patricia and I write our letter every evening (negative)

2°) He multiplies five by five. (Interrogative)

3°) Are we speaking English? (Affirmative)

4°) The teacher does not punish the lazy pupils. (Affirmative)

**III-Translation (2pts)**

Translate these sentences into English

1°) Je travaille dur pour avoir de bonnes notes.

2°) Ecoutez ! Les élèves chantent.

3°) Il parle maintenant l’anglais pour une meilleure compréhension.

4°) Lui et moi sommes absents.