

## The English Language

### 1 New words for this article

*Nouveaux mots pour cet article*

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|---|-----------|--|
| 1 | difficult | not easy                                 |
| 2 | cousins   | children of my uncle or aunt             |
| 3 | selfie    | a photo of yourself                      |
| 4 | blog      | personal notes you write on the Internet |
| 5 | website   | pages of information on the internet     |

### 2 Comprehension Questions

*Questions de compréhension en lecture*

- When did the English language start?
- Which language has the biggest number of words?
- What languages does English take words from?
- When did English start in Australia?
- How many official language are there in India?

### 3 Speaking activities - Activités orales

*Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.*

- People speak English in many different countries.
- The English language started in England, which is now a part of the UK.
- The English-speaking people came from Europe, from places in modern Germany.
- English started in England about 500 AD – about 1500 years ago. It's an old language.

### 4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

*Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:*

- Where did English-speaking people come from?
- What languages are cousins of English?
- What English words come from the Hindi language?
- What English words come from the Arabic language?

### 5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) – *Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).*

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| A | English is the cousin         |
| B | Dutch and German are          |
| C | In the old days               |
| D | and it was possible           |
| E | cousins of English            |
| F | the cousins were more similar |
| G | to understand each other      |
| H | of other languages in Europe  |

### 6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- People speak English in many different countries.
- English started in North America in 1720, when English people arrived in Virginia.
- English started in South Africa in 1820
- English in India - English started in India in 1820

### 7 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

English started in Australia in 1770, ...1... Captain Cook and English people arrived in ...2.... Now English is the main ...3... of the country and almost everybody can ...4... English. English started in South Africa in 1820, when English ...5... arrived in ships in CapeTown.

## Answers –

### 2 Comprehension questions

*Questions de compréhension en lecture*

- 1 English started in England about 500 AD – about 1500 years ago
- 2 English has the biggest number of words
- 3 From many languages including from French, German, Arabic, Chinese and other languages.
- 4 English started in Australia in 1770, when Captain Cook and English people arrived in ships
- 5 There are 11 official languages

### 4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- 1 They came from Europe
- 2 Dutch and German are cousins of English
- 3 From Hindi, English uses words like bungalow, pyjamas, veranda
- 4 From Arabic, English uses words like algorithm, algebra, admiral

### 5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

*Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).*

A=H  
B=E  
C=F  
D=G

### 6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 3 True
- 4 False

### 7 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 when
- 2 ships
- 3 language
- 4 speak
- 5 people