



English as a global language

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Match the fact with a figure from the box.

Indian sub-continent	3%	400 million – a billion	a billion
20% - 1/3 of the total population of the planet	400 million		1/3 of population
India, Pakistan, Philippines	500 million	900 million	

1. The number of people who speak Mandarin Chinese as a native language.
2. The estimated number of people who speak English as a second or third language
3. The estimated number of people learning English as a foreign language at any one time.
4. The number of people who speak Spanish as a native language.
5. The estimated number of people who are thought to be competent speakers of English.
6. The number of people who speak English as a native language.
7. The number of people in India who can hold a conversation in English.
8. The percentage of people who speak native British English.
9. The area of the world which will have the biggest influence on English.

10. The countries where English is spoken as an official language.