



## English as a Global Language – Answers

1. The number of people who speak Mandarin Chinese as a native language  
*900 million*
2. The estimated number of people who speak English as a second or third language  
*400 million – 1 billion*
3. The estimated number of people learning English as a foreign language at any one time  
*1 billion*
4. The number of people who speak Spanish as a native language  
*500 million*
5. The estimated number of people who are thought to be competent speakers of English  
*20% of the world's population*
6. The number of people who speak English as a native language  
*400 million (7% of the world's population)*
7. The number of people in India who can hold a conversation in English  
*One-third of the population*
8. The percentage of people who speak native British English  
*3% of the world's population*
9. The area of the world which will have the biggest influence on English  
*Indian sub-continent*
10. The countries where English is spoken as an official language  
*India, Pakistan, Philippines*

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