

WRITE THE CORRECT WORD

Write the correct word in the space next to each definition.

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| _____ | 1. the art of teaching | _____ | 6. teaching in a moralizing manner |
| _____ | 2. to instruct in order to improve | _____ | 7. to influence thoroughly |
| _____ | 3. too concerned with book learning | _____ | 8. possessing extensive knowledge |
| _____ | 4. a person of great learning | _____ | 9. to make clear |
| _____ | 5. to instruct in a set of specific beliefs | _____ | 10. understood by few |

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Write the letter for the word that best completes each sentence.

- _____ 1. _____ professors risk losing their students' interest.
 a. Pedantic b. Edifying c. Imbued d. Erudite
- _____ 2. The moral of a fable is _____; it tries to teach a life lesson.
 a. esoteric b. imbued c. didactic d. pedantic
- _____ 3. Hannah attends lectures on diverse topics to _____ herself.
 a. indoctrinate b. elucidate c. edify d. imbue
- _____ 4. The article's explanatory footnotes help _____ the author's argument.
 a. indoctrinate b. imbue c. edify d. elucidate
- _____ 5. The antique collector had much _____ knowledge of rare lamps.
 a. edified b. esoteric c. pedagogical d. didactic
- _____ 6. There are many new _____ theories about how to teach literacy.
 a. pedagogical b. pundit c. esoteric d. pedantic
- _____ 7. Was it a harmless public service announcement, or a subtle way to _____ viewers?
 a. indoctrinate b. edify c. elucidate d. erudite
- _____ 8. Many parents try to _____ their children with ethics and values.
 a. didactic b. pedagogue c. elucidate d. imbue
- _____ 9. The sports _____ was asked to comment on the tennis match.
 a. pedantry b. pedagogue c. pundit d. esoterica
- _____ 10. The _____ scholar could quote any number of literary works at a moment's notice.
 a. esoteric b. erudite c. didactic d. edifying

Challenge: When the scholar tried to _____ the topic she was studying, her language was so _____ that none of her friends could understand her.

- _____ a. elucidate...esoteric b. edify...pedagogical c. imbue...didactic

READING COMPREHENSION

English Everywhere

What is the official language shared by Botswana, Cameroon, Gambia, India, Ghana, Belize, and Singapore? You might be surprised to learn that it is English.

The impact of the English language has been felt around the world. A Chinese businessperson speaks English with an airline receptionist in Nigeria. A Polish-born pope, who lived in Italy, traveled to Israel and gave a speech—in English. Over half of the world's newspapers are written in English. It is also the international language of air-traffic controllers.

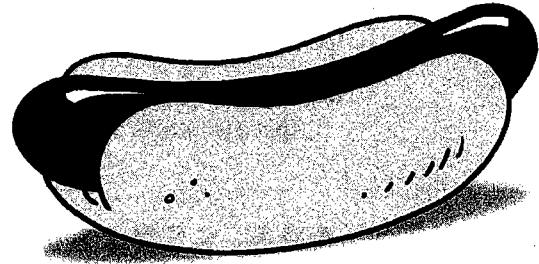
One reason why English is so pervasive is the popularity of American culture. (1) People across the planet have been *imbued* with images from American pop culture through movies, television programming, and music. In Africa, more than half of the films shown are produced in the United States. (2) Not surprisingly, this has raised concerns that young Africans are being *indoctrinated* with values different from those of their traditional cultures.

English has even worked its way into other languages. Germans talk about *die Soundtrack* and *chatten* (to chat). (3) Although *guddobai*, *faitingu supiritto*, and *hottodoggu* may seem *esoteric*, they are simply Japanese “Anglicisms” for *goodbye*, *fighting spirit*, and *hot dog*.

When words like *le drugstore*, *le weekend*, *l'Internet*, and *le Big Western* became popular in France, some national politicians became worried. (4) Articles, some rather *didactic* in tone, urged the French people to protect their language. In fact, in 1994, a law was passed to prevent advertisers from using English words.

Because English is so widely used, people across the globe have been rushing to learn it. According to one estimate, a billion people currently study the language you are now reading. (5) The *pedagogical* methods that people use to learn English vary widely. (6) Some rely on *pedantic* routines, which focus on memorizing words

and learning formal grammar. Other methods, such as Total Physical Response, use body movements to act out English commands. (7) More *erudite* methods include learning English by reading English literature. Still other programs require students to study American media. In China, hundreds of millions of people are learning English by watching television.



HOTTODOGGU

In one way, English is considered a relatively easy language. Unlike Spanish and German, English attaches no gender to common nouns. (8) So, unlike teachers of many other languages, teachers of English do not have to *elucidate* the gender of nouns.

On the other hand, English has an enormous vocabulary, general rules with many exceptions, and a large number of idioms, or nonliteral phrases, such as “brownie points,” “keep your eye on the time,” and “put up with.” Finally, to speak a language well, one must know the culture of its users. (9) Therefore, good teachers must *edify* their students about the customs of the English-speaking world.

It is difficult to tell how long English will retain its worldwide status. (10) Language *pundits* predict an increase in the global importance of Mandarin Chinese, Hindu-Urdu, Spanish, and Arabic. With languages, as with anything else, nothing lasts forever.

Each sentence below refers to a numbered sentence in the passage. Write the letter of the choice that gives the sentence a meaning that is closest to the original sentence.

- _____ 1. People across the planet have been _____ with images from American pop culture.
a. strongly influenced b. tried to moralize c. spread throughout d. not had an effect on
- _____ 2. This has raised concerns that young Africans are being _____ nontraditional values.
a. self-righteous with b. made expert on c. bored with d. taught to adopt
- _____ 3. The words *guddobai*, *faitingu supiritto*, and *hottodoggu* may seem _____.
a. known by few b. meant to teach c. foreign d. expert

- _____ 4. Some _____ articles urged the French people to protect their language.
 a. preachy b. irate c. complacent d. explanatory
- _____ 5. The _____ methods that people use to learn English vary widely.
 a. preachy b. expert c. ideological d. educational
- _____ 6. Some rely on _____ routines, which focus on memorizing.
 a. scholarly b. formal c. unconventional d. comical
- _____ 7. More _____ methods include learning English by reading English literature.
 a. spiritual b. scholarly c. linguistic d. teacher's
- _____ 8. Teachers of English do not have to _____ the gender of nouns.
 a. write b. inspire c. explain d. influence
- _____ 9. Good teachers must _____ their students about the customs of the English-speaking world.
 a. narrowly show b. moralize to c. enlighten d. introduce
- _____ 10. Language _____ predict an increase in the global importance of Mandarin Chinese, Hindu-Urdu, Spanish, and Arabic.
 a. experts b. teachers c. writers d. students

Indicate whether the statements below are TRUE or FALSE according to the passage.

- _____ 1. Some non-English speakers are unhappy about the filtering of English terms into their languages.
- _____ 2. Most experts agree that English will hold its worldwide position of dominance forever.
- _____ 3. American television and movies are influential around the globe.

WRITING EXTENDED RESPONSES

What is it like to learn a language? Based on personal experience or speculation, write about how it feels to learn another language. Your essay should be at least three paragraphs long. Use at least three lesson words in your piece and underline them.

WRITE THE DERIVATIVE

Complete the sentence by writing the correct form of the word shown in parentheses. You may not need to change the form that is given.

- _____ 1. In his later years, Samuel Johnson had a brilliant career as a _____. (*pedagogy*)
- _____ 2. Is mass _____ required to get a whole population to behave as a cohesive unit? (*indoctrinate*)

- _____ 3. Many scholars of great _____ lived in Medieval Spain. (*erudite*)
- _____ 4. Lakisha's short stories are generally an interesting blend of _____ lessons and satire. (*didactic*)
- _____ 5. The museum curator's primary goal was the _____ of all patrons. (*edify*)
- _____ 6. The magazine article was _____ with comic references to various historical figures. (*imbue*)
- _____ 7. After many years of lecturing, the professor's teaching has deteriorated into mere _____. (*pedantic*)
- _____ 8. The senator consulted with a team of political _____ for campaign advice. (*pundit*)
- _____ 9. The significance of the _____ title was understood only by the students who knew Armenian history. (*esoteric*)
- _____ 10. Your cryptic answer requires more _____ if you want me to understand it. (*elucidate*)

FIND THE EXAMPLE

Choose the answer that best describes the action or situation.

- _____ 1. The person most likely to benefit from *pedagogy*
 a. pediatrician b. teacher c. student d. plumber
- _____ 2. Something you would most likely say if you needed *elucidation*
 a. Please leave. b. Thank you. c. I get it! d. I don't understand.
- _____ 3. Something a *didactic* story often ends with
 a. question b. surprise c. shouting d. moral
- _____ 4. Something a film *pundit* would most likely be asked to do
 a. star in a movie b. produce a film c. write a review d. direct a show
- _____ 5. An activity in which you would *imbue* fabric with something
 a. tie-dying b. knitting c. dressing d. weaving
- _____ 6. The object you would most associate with an *erudite* person
 a. hat b. book c. toothbrush d. sandwich
- _____ 7. Something a *pedantic* person is most likely to be concerned with
 a. motivation b. experience c. rules d. typing
- _____ 8. Something that should always be *esoteric*
 a. secret code b. encyclopedia c. scholar d. speeches
- _____ 9. The activity most likely to provide *edification*
 a. reading an article b. watching a cartoon c. playing a sport d. e-mailing a friend
- _____ 10. Something that is NOT a key ingredient for *indoctrination*
 a. students b. onion c. teacher d. beliefs