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English around the World

English is spoken as a first language by several countries including the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, and the United States. While all of these countries share the same mother tongue, there are some differences in the way they speak and write.

The first difference is in the accent. Each country has its own accent. And within each country there are a variety of accents called regional accents. Another difference is the spelling of some words, like color and colour, or theater and theatre. And a third difference is that some of the words are not the same at all. For example, Americans say restroom, Canadians say washroom, and the British say W.C. (water closet). But all of these words have the same meaning (the room where the toilet is located.)

So which English is the best English to learn? Well, there is no best English. They are all equally good and correct. But two things may help you decide which one is best for you to study. First of all, where do you live? If you are from South America, for example, you Will probably have more exposure to North American English. If you live in Europe, most likely you will be more exposed to British English. The second thing to think about is why you are learning English. Is it for business? Travel? To watch movies? Think about the kind of English you plan to use and focus on understanding people from that area.

But no matter where you study English or whether it's British, American, Australian, or whatever, it's good to know a little about English in other countries.

Source: <www.englishexercises.org/makeagame/viewgame.asp?id=146>.

Vocabulary: while – enquanto; mother tongue – língua materna; accents – sotaques.

1. Read the text and write T (true) or F (false) according to it. Correct the false sentences.

() There is no difference in the way people from the United States and England speak and write English.

() The name Canadians and Americans give the room where the toilet is located is the same.



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() People have to think about where they live and why they want to learn English to decide which kind is best for them.

() It is interesting for people learning English to know about the way it is spoken and written in other English speaking countries.

2. Complete the text below with the correct form of the verb to be.

 My name_____ Lara. I _____ Mariana's cousin. We

 _____ Brazilian but Mariana lives in Dublin. She_____12

 years old. She ______very extrovert and hasa lot of friends. Two of her

 best friends at school ______ Adrianne and Miguel. Adrianne

 ______from England and Miguel ______also from Brazil. They

 ______both 13 years old.

Mariana______ a very funny girl. She_____ my favorite cousin and we ______ always in touch with each other through Skype, e-mails and smart phone instant messages. Mariana wants to come back to Brazil, but her parents ______ sure she is going to miss her friends.

Reading comprehension

A continent is one of several major land masses on the earth. There is no standard definition for the number of continents but you will commonly find that the numbers six or seven are used.

Many consider there are seven continents – Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America. Most students in the United States are taught that there are seven continents.

European division of continents

In Europe and other parts of the world, many students are taught of six continents, where North and South America are combined to form a single continent of America. So, these six continents are Africa, America, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, and Europe. In France students learn that Antarctica isn't a continent and so there are five continents for French students.



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Many scientists now refer to six continents, where Europe and Asia are combined as Eurasia. So, these six continents are Africa, Antarctica, Australia, Eurasia, North America, and South America.

Geographers divide the planet into regions, and generally not continents, for ease of study. Various geographers have various definitions of these world regions. The Official Listing of Countries by Region available at http://geography.about.com/od/lists/a/officiallist.htm divides the world into eight regions: Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, Europe, North America, Central America and the Caribbean, South America, Africa, and Australia and Oceania.

ROSENBERG, Matt. Six or Seven Continents on Earth. In: About Education.

Source: < http://geography.about.com/od/learnabouttheearth/qt/qzcontinents.htm >.

Vocabulary: several – vários (as); for ease of study – para facilitar o estudo.

3. Read the text and write T (true) or F (false) according to it. Correct the false sentences.

() There are several different ways of thinking about how many continents there are.

() In the United States students learn that there are six continents in the world.

() In Europe, except in France, students learn that there are six continents in the world.

() Many scientists now refer to six continents, where Australia and Asia are combined as Eurasia.

() Dividing the world into regions makes it easier to study and understand the division.



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