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## Level 3

### Language barriers holding back global science

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

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Many international companies are now asking all their staff to communicate only in English. They hope this will reduce language barriers. The German carmaker Volkswagen has just announced that English and not German is its official language. VW executives said the switch to English was to attract employees. The Japanese carmaker Honda has also announced that all its staff must use English by 2020. Researcher Tatsuya Amano said: "I believe the scientific community needs to start seriously tackling this issue." He used the example that important research about avian flu in China initially went unnoticed by the World Health Organization because it was published in journals in Chinese.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. LANGUAGE BARRIERS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about language barriers. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

research / language / barrier / science / international / key / multiple / translate / international / communicate / staff / official / switch / community / carmaker / flu

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. ONE LANGUAGE:** Students A **strongly** believe English should be the world's only language; Students B **strongly** believe that's a very silly idea. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ENGLISH:** How can we learn English more quickly? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Difficulties?	How to improve quickly?
Vocabulary		
Spelling		
Speaking		
Pronunciation		
Listening		
Writing		

**5. WORLD:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "world". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. ADVANTAGES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest advantages of speaking English at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- science
- love
- job
- movies
- travel
- Internet
- novels
- friends

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article says language barriers are holding science back in Europe. **T / F**
- b. Nearly half of all global research is not published in English. **T / F**
- c. Researchers said journals should print whole articles in many languages. **T / F**
- d. Researchers said universities should translate research. **T / F**
- e. The official language in the German carmaker Volkswagen is now English. **T / F**
- f. The official language in the Japanese carmaker Honda is now English. **T / F**
- g. A researcher said the scientific community should tackle this issue. **T / F**
- h. The WHO initially missed research on avian flu because it was in Chinese. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. holding back</b> | a. important    |
| <b>2. accepted</b>     | b. particularly |
| <b>3. publish</b>      | c. at first     |
| <b>4. key</b>          | d. blocking     |
| <b>5. especially</b>   | e. lessen       |
| <b>6. staff</b>        | f. change       |
| <b>7. reduce</b>       | g. believed     |
| <b>8. switch</b>       | h. addressing   |
| <b>9. tackling</b>     | i. employees    |
| <b>10. initially</b>   | j. issue        |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. holding back science                         | a. languages             |
| 2. one-   | b. summaries             |
| 3. important research is not seen               | c. its official language |
| 4. science journals should publish basic        | d. third of research     |
| 5. in multiple                                  | e. employees             |
| 6. They hope this will reduce                   | f. went unnoticed        |
| 7. English and not German is                    | g. around the world      |
| 8. the switch to English was to attract         | h. language barriers     |
| 9. start seriously tackling this                | i. or read by scientists |
| 10. research about avian flu in China initially | j. issue                 |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

New research says that language barriers are holding back science (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. English is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ accepted to be the language of science, but one-(3) \_\_\_\_\_ of research is not published in English. This means a lot of important research is not (4) \_\_\_\_\_ or read by scientists and researchers. The research is from the University of Cambridge. Researchers said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ science is being missed at the international level. They said science journals should publish basic summaries of a study's (6) \_\_\_\_\_ findings in multiple languages. They also said universities around the world should (7) \_\_\_\_\_ their research into different languages, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

*third*  
*important*  
*translate*  
*around*  
*especially*  
*widely*  
*seen*  
*key*

Many international companies are now asking all their (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate only in English. They hope this will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ language barriers. The German carmaker Volkswagen has just announced that English and not German is its (11) \_\_\_\_\_ language. VW executives said the switch to English was to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ employees. The Japanese carmaker Honda has also announced that all its staff must use English by 2020. Researcher Tatsuya Amano said: "I (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the scientific community needs to start seriously tackling this (14) \_\_\_\_\_." He used the example that important research about avian flu in China (15) \_\_\_\_\_ went unnoticed by the World Health Organization because it was published in (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in Chinese.

*official*  
*issue*  
*staff*  
*journals*  
*reduce*  
*initially*  
*believe*  
*attract*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

- 1) New research says that language barriers are holding back science \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. about the world
  - b. around the world
  - c. a round the world
  - d. rounding the world
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ accepted to be the language of science, but one-third of research is \_\_\_\_\_ English
  - a. not published in
  - b. not publishing in
  - c. not publish it in
  - d. not publishes in
- 3) This means a lot of important research is not seen or read by scientists \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and researches
  - b. and researchers
  - c. and research is
  - d. and researcher
- 4) They said science journals should publish basic summaries of a study's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. kin findings
  - b. cue findings
  - c. kid findings
  - d. key findings
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ universities around the world should translate their research into \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. difference languages
  - b. differential languages
  - c. different languages
  - d. differently languages
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ international companies are now asking all their staff to communicate \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. only on English
  - b. only at English
  - c. only of English
  - d. only in English
- 7) Volkswagen has just announced that English and not German is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its officially language
  - b. its officials language
  - c. its official language
  - d. its officer language
- 8) VW executives said the switch to English was to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. attractive employees
  - b. attracted employees
  - c. attract employees
  - d. attracts employees
- 9) I believe the scientific community needs to start seriously \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tackle in this issue
  - b. tack cling this issue
  - c. tackling this issue
  - d. tackle cling this issue
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ important research about avian flu in China initially \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. went not noticed
  - b. went an noticed
  - c. went non-noticed
  - d. went unnoticed

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

New research says that language barriers are holding back science around the world. English (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to be the language of science, but one-third of research is not published in English. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of important research is not seen or read by scientists and researchers. The research is from the University of Cambridge. Researchers said important science (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at the international level. They said science journals should publish basic summaries of a study's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ multiple languages. They also said universities around the world (5) \_\_\_\_\_ their research into different languages, (6) \_\_\_\_\_, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

Many international companies are now asking (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate only in English. They hope this will reduce language barriers. The German carmaker Volkswagen has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ that English and not German is (9) \_\_\_\_\_. VW executives said the switch to English was to attract employees. The Japanese carmaker Honda has also announced that all its (10) \_\_\_\_\_ English by 2020. Researcher Tatsuya Amano said: "I believe the scientific community needs to start seriously (11) \_\_\_\_\_." He used the example that important research about avian flu in China (12) \_\_\_\_\_ unnoticed by the World Health Organization because it was published in journals in Chinese.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

1. What is English widely accepted as being?
2. How much of the world's research is not published in English?
3. Which university carried out the research?
4. What did the article say the summary of a study should include?
5. How many languages did the writer mention regarding translation?
6. What kind of companies are asking staff to communicate in English?
7. What is the official language of Volkswagen?
8. By when will Honda employees have to speak English?
9. Who did a researcher say had to start seriously tackling this issue?
10. What language was a study on avian flu published in?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

- 1) What is English widely accepted as being?
  - a) the language of science
  - b) the best language
  - c) difficult
  - d) the language of love
- 2) How much of the world's research is not published in English?
  - a) most
  - b) over half
  - c) a third
  - d) between 5 -7%
- 3) Which university carried out the research?
  - a) Tokyo
  - b) Cambridge
  - c) Cairo
  - d) Brasilia
- 4) What did the article say the summary of a study should include?
  - a) the author's name
  - b) 300 words
  - c) two paragraphs
  - d) key findings
- 5) How many languages did the writer mention regarding translation?
  - a) 4
  - b) 3
  - c) 5
  - d) 7
- 6) What kind of companies are asking staff to communicate in English?
  - a) English companies
  - b) dictionary makers
  - c) language schools
  - d) international companies
- 7) What is the official language of Volkswagen?
  - a) French
  - b) English
  - c) none
  - d) German
- 8) By when will Honda employees have to speak English?
  - a) 2025
  - b) 2022
  - c) 2030
  - d) 2020
- 9) Who did a researcher say had to start seriously tackling this issue?
  - a) Chinese people
  - b) people with flu
  - c) the scientific community
  - d) the World Health Organization
- 10) What language was a study on avian flu published in?
  - a) English
  - b) Chinese
  - c) Japanese
  - d) Korean

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

## **Role A – Science**

You think knowing English is best for moving science forward. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): love, a job or travel.

## **Role B – Love**

You think knowing English is best for love. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): moving science forward, a job or travel.

## **Role C – Job**

You think knowing English is best for a job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): love, moving science forward or travel.

## **Role D – Travel**

You think knowing English is best for travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): love, a job or moving science forward.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'language' and 'barrier'.

<b>language</b>	<b>barrier</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• new</li><li>• third</li><li>• lot</li><li>• missed</li><li>• basic</li><li>• especially</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• all</li><li>• just</li><li>• switch</li><li>• must</li><li>• issue</li><li>• because</li></ul>
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# LANGUAGE BARRIERS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

Write five GOOD questions about language barriers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# LANGUAGE BARRIERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the phrase 'language barrier'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. How important is English in your life?
5. Would it be better to have just one language in the world?
6. Why is language holding back science?
7. How can we make sure more research is in English?
8. How useful is it to have summaries in English?
9. What do you need to read English for?
10. What difficulties do you have reading English?

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# LANGUAGE BARRIERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. Is it a good idea for global companies to use English only?
13. What happens if there are language barriers?
14. How can we make sure more research is seen?
15. What language would be best for a global language?
16. How difficult is it for an international company to switch to English?
17. How will English make your life better?
18. What languages should research be translated into?
19. What advantage does English give you in life?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Many international companies are now asking all their staff to communicate only in English. They (7) \_\_\_\_\_ this will reduce language barriers. The German carmaker Volkswagen has just announced that English and not German is its official language. VW executives said the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to English was to attract employees. The Japanese carmaker Honda has also announced that all its staff must use English (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 2020. Researcher Tatsuya Amano said: "I believe the scientific community needs to start seriously (10) \_\_\_\_\_ this issue." He used the example that important research about avian flu in China initially (11) \_\_\_\_\_ unnoticed by the World Health Organization because it was published in journals (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese.

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |              |              |             |             |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) width    | (b) wide     | (c) widely  | (d) wider   |
| 2.  | (a) third    | (b) thirds   | (c) thirdly | (d) threes  |
| 3.  | (a) lot      | (b) loads    | (c) lid     | (d) many    |
| 4.  | (a) at       | (b) of       | (c) as      | (d) to      |
| 5.  | (a) hole     | (b) chain    | (c) lock    | (d) key     |
| 6.  | (a) they     | (b) these    | (c) them    | (d) their   |
| 7.  | (a) hope     | (b) aspire   | (c) wait    | (d) aim     |
| 8.  | (a) dial     | (b) lever    | (c) button  | (d) switch  |
| 9.  | (a) by       | (b) of       | (c) at      | (d) to      |
| 10. | (a) shooting | (b) tackling | (c) fouling | (d) scoring |
| 11. | (a) gone     | (b) went     | (c) seen    | (d) been    |
| 12. | (a) in       | (b) at       | (c) by      | (d) on      |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. English is ilwdye accepted
2. one-third of research is not updlsehbi in English
3. imotrpnata science is being missed
4. publish sibac summaries
5. upmeltli languages
6. alttsrane their research

## Paragraph 2

7. tonmacucmie only in English
8. this will reudec language barriers
9. English and not German is its oafficial language
10. taattrc employees
11. start seriously ktncilga this issue
12. inyiiltal went unnoticed by the World Health Organization



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) language. VW executives said the switch to English was to attract employees. The Japanese carmaker Honda has
- ( ) avian flu in China initially went unnoticed by the World Health Organization
- ( ) in English. This means a lot of important research is not seen or read by scientists and researchers. The research is
- ( **1** ) New research says that language barriers are holding back science around the world. English is widely
- ( ) also announced that all its staff must use English by 2020. Researcher Tatsuya Amano said: "I believe
- ( ) accepted to be the language of science, but one-third of research is not published
- ( ) level. They said science journals should publish basic summaries of a study's key findings in multiple languages. They also
- ( ) because it was published in journals in Chinese.
- ( ) reduce language barriers. The German carmaker Volkswagen has just announced that English and not German is its official
- ( ) Many international companies are now asking all their staff to communicate only in English. They hope this will
- ( ) from the University of Cambridge. Researchers said important science is being missed at the international
- ( ) said universities around the world should translate their research into different
- ( ) the scientific community needs to start seriously tackling this issue." He used the example that important research about
- ( ) languages, especially Chinese, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

1. world back Language science barriers around are the holding .
2. language English accepted the science widely be of is to .
3. not English third is in - research published One of .
4. a important not means of is This lot research seen .
5. the around Universities research their translate should world .
6. their are staff now Many asking international all companies .
7. barriers hope will language They this reduce .
8. switch was employees the English attract said to to Executives .
9. community tackling needs this to The start scientific seriously .
10. research important that example The flu avian about .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

New research says that language barriers are holding back science around the world. English is *wide / widely* accepted to be the language of science, but one-third *of / for* research is not *published / publishing* in English. This means a lot of important research is not *seeing / seen* or read by scientists and researchers. The research is from the University of Cambridge. Researchers said *importance / important* science is being *missed / missing* at the international *level / anvil*. They said science journals should publish *basic / basically* summaries of a study's *keys / key* findings in multiple languages. They also said universities around the world should translate their research into different languages, *special / especially* Chinese, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

Many international companies are *known / now* asking all their staff to communicate only *on / in* English. They hope this will *reduce / reducing* language barriers. The German carmaker Volkswagen has just *announcement / announced* that English and not German is its official language. VW executives said the *switched / switch* to English was to attract employees. The Japanese carmaker Honda has also announced that *all / every* its staff must *use / useful* English by 2020. Researcher Tatsuya Amano said: "I *belief / believe* the scientific community needs to start seriously tackling this issue." He *using / used* the example that important research about avian flu in China initially went unnoticed by the World Health Organization because it was published *on / in* journals in Chinese.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

N\_w r\_s\_\_rch s\_ys th\_t l\_ng\_\_g\_ b\_rr\_\_rs \_r\_ h\_ld\_ng  
b\_ck sc\_\_nc\_ \_r\_\_nd th\_ w\_rld. \_ngl\_sh \_s w\_d\_ly  
\_cc\_pt\_d t\_b\_ th\_ l\_ng\_\_g\_ \_f sc\_\_nc\_, b\_t \_n\_-th\_rd  
\_f r\_s\_\_rch \_s n\_t p\_bl\_sh\_d \_n \_ngl\_sh. Th\_s m\_\_ns \_  
l\_t \_f \_mp\_rt\_nt r\_s\_\_rch \_s n\_t s\_\_n \_r r\_\_d by  
sc\_\_nt\_sts \_nd r\_s\_\_rch\_rs. Th\_ r\_s\_\_rch \_s fr\_m th\_  
\_n\_v\_rs\_ty \_f C\_mbr\_dg\_. R\_s\_\_rch\_rs s\_\_d \_mp\_rt\_nt  
sc\_\_nc\_ \_s b\_\_ng m\_ss\_d \_t th\_ \_nt\_rn\_t\_\_n\_l\_l\_v\_l.  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers.html>

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. LANGUAGE BARRIERS:** Make a poster about language barriers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. ENGLISH:** Write a magazine article about English becoming the world's only language. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on English as a global language. Ask him/her three questions about this. Give him/her three of your opinions on this. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c F    d T    e T    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. holding back | a. blocking     |
| 2. accepted     | b. believed     |
| 3. publish      | c. issue        |
| 4. key          | d. important    |
| 5. especially   | e. particularly |
| 6. staff        | f. employees    |
| 7. reduce       | g. lessen       |
| 8. switch       | h. change       |
| 9. tackling     | i. addressing   |
| 10. initially   | j. at first     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The language of science
2. One-third
3. Cambridge University
4. A study's key findings
5. Four
6. International companies
7. English
8. 2020
9. The scientific community
10. Chinese

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a    2. c    3. b    4. d    5. a    6. d    7. b    8. d    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)