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Calls for everyone in England to speak English

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THE READING

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A UK government official wants everybody in England to speak English. She is an expert on community interaction. She thinks a "common language" would heal divisions in England. She criticized governments for not focusing on integration as England becomes more multicultural. Politicians have not kept up with the "unprecedented pace and scale of immigration" for decades. Communities are becoming divided because of poor English skills.

The government said 770,000 people in England speak no English or hardly any. Up to 70 per cent of those were women, mostly from Pakistani and Bangladeshi communities. They are at risk from discrimination. The official said: "Everybody of working age and of school age should be able to speak one language." Opponents say England should be proud to be a multi-lingual country and not force people to learn English if they don't want to.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. A UK government | a. pace |
| 2. an expert on community | b. divisions |
| 3. a common | c. English skills |
| 4. heal | d. multicultural |
| 5. as England becomes more | e. divided |
| 6. kept up with the unprecedented | f. language |
| 7. Communities are becoming | g. official |
| 8. poor | h. interaction |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. speak no English or | a. communities |
| 2. Up to 70 per cent of those | b. working age |
| 3. Bangladeshi | c. from discrimination |
| 4. They are at risk | d. to learn English |
| 5. Everybody of | e. were women |
| 6. be able to speak one | f. lingual country |
| 7. proud to be a multi- | g. hardly any |
| 8. force people | h. language |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A UK (1) _____ everybody in England to speak English. She is an expert on community interaction. She thinks (2) _____ would heal divisions in England. She criticized governments (3) _____ on integration as England becomes more multicultural. Politicians have (4) _____ with the "unprecedented (5) _____ of immigration" for decades. Communities are becoming divided (6) _____ English skills. The government said 770,000 people in England speak no English (7) _____. Up to 70 per cent of those (8) _____ from Pakistani and Bangladeshi communities. They (9) _____ from discrimination. The official said: "Everybody of working age and of school age should (10) _____ speak one language." Opponents say England should (11) _____ be a multi-lingual country and (12) _____ to learn English if they don't want to.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPEAKING ENGLISH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about speaking English 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

