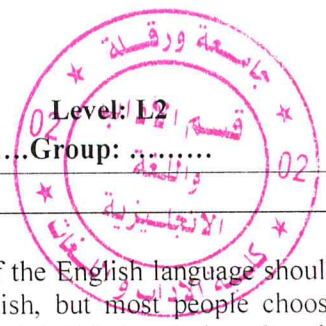


2SI Exam in Reading Texts

Full Name (n Arabic/English):



Read the text then do the activities:

Is it better to learn British or American English?

When learning English, many people are faced with the following choice: which variant of the English language should they learn? There are many English variants, like Australian English or Canadian English, but most people choose between British English and American English. The answer to the question «Which variant is it better to learn?» will depend on each individual learner.

Although you will be able to understand American English if you learn the British variant and vice versa, there are still cases where learning one variant is preferable over the other. When making your choice, think of your goals for learning English. For instance, if you are planning to work for an American company or to immigrate to the US, learning American English is, of course, preferable. In fact, many students found no problem using American English in British universities but they found a difficulty using British English in American universities because it sounds somehow exaggerated and makes the person seem old-fashioned. So, American English wins in both cases if you have academic purposes. However, not every learner has such clear goals or at least goals that will so clearly point to a more preferable variant of English. If you do not have plans to study at Oxford or move to the USA, you can then choose the more widespread variant. Nowadays, this seems to be American English: it has a large number of native speakers (over 300 million, compared to around 67 million in Great Britain) and more than 50% of people who learn English as a foreign language prefer this variant and consider it to be more important.

All in all, learning British or American English may be preferable if you are looking to work, live or study in Great Britain or the USA. But, you have to keep in mind that American English sounds cooler while British English sounds rigid. American English is also more widespread, which makes it more desirable for many learners. So, choosing British English will make you the odd one out among nowadays English speakers

From: <https://www.sylingo.com/ar/blog/en/articles/is-it-better-to-learn-british-or-american-english>

I. Choose the best answer (write the full answer in the gaps) (06 pts)

- 1- The text is taken from: - a personal/journal site
- 2- This type of websites is b- unreliable
because it: a- lacks authority and is a blog
- 3- The purpose of the author is to: ... persuade
- 4- The tone of the author is: persuasive
- 5- The main argument of the author is: d- none of the above

II. Decide whether the following statements are fact or opinion. Write F or O. (05 pts)

- 1- There are many English variants, like Australian English or Canadian English f
- 2- you will be able to understand American English if you learn the British variant and vice versa. f
- 3- it (American English) has a large number of native speakers (over 300 million, compared to around 67 million in Great Britain f
- 4- American English sounds cooler while British English sounds rigid..... o
- 5- not every learner has such clear goals o

III. Re-write the most relevant inference you can make out of the following statements. (04 pts)

1- *When learning English, many people are faced with the following choice: which variant of the English language should they learn?*

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c- There is more than one variant of English
2- **American English wins in both cases if you have academic purposes.**

c- Learning American English will be useful whatever destination you head to.
3- : **it has a large number of native speakers (over 300 million, compared to around 67 million in Great Britain)**

d- There are more American native speakers than British ones.
4- **50% of people who learn English as a foreign language prefer this variant and consider it to be more important.**

d- none of the above.

IV- Match each sentence with the right propaganda technique . (6 pts)

<i>it sounds somehow exaggerated and makes the person seem old-fashioned.</i>	Name calling
<i>you have to keep in mind that American English sounds cooler</i>	Emotional words
<i>over 300 million, compared to around 67 million in Great Britain</i>	Evidence claim
<i>So, choosing British English will make you the odd one out among nowadays English speakers</i>	Bandwagon
<i>they found a difficulty using British English in American universities</i>	Fear

Good Luck!