

Dzien dobry  
Zapiszcie temat.

Lesson

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Topic: 'The world's language' - reading.

- Zapiszcie słówka. Dopiszcie do nich polskie znaczenia

linguis - ...	approximately - ...	native speaker -.....	compare - ....	in the case - ...
probably - ...	belong - ....	discourse - ....	set up - ...	engineer - ...
alien - ...	recent - ...	main - ....	airport - ...	factory - ...

- Wykonajcie ćwiczenie 3 i 4 oraz zadanie w tabelce Word Booster (skan tekstu poniżej)
- Odpowiedz pisemnie w zeszycie na pytanie: How important do you think it is in your country to learn English? Why?

- 2 Przeczytaj poniższy tekst. Czy zawiera on jakieś elementy twojej odpowiedzi na pytanie 2 w ćwiczeniu 1?

**H**ow many people speak English in the world? This is a difficult question because so many people speak it in so many different countries and situations. David Graddol is a British linguist who wrote a study about English called *English Next*. Graddol says that there are approximately 450 million native English speakers around the world, in about 70 countries. Just to compare that with other languages, some people calculate that there are 885 million native speakers of Mandarin Chinese. But in the case of Mandarin Chinese, people do not generally speak it outside China. This means that, at the moment, it is not really a world language in the same way as English. As David Graddol tells us, there are probably a billion people learning English as their second language. China alone produces over 20 million English speakers a year! Now the English language does not just belong to the English – as Bill Bryson shows in the text below, it belongs to the whole world.

## The world's language

'Already Germans talk about *ein Image Problem* and *das Cash Flow*, Italians program their computers with *il software*, French motorists going away for a weekend break pause for fewer *fuelling stops*, Poles watch *telewizja*, Spaniards have a *flirt*, Austrians eat *Big Mäcs*, and the Japanese go on a *pikkunikku*. For better or worse, English has become the most global of languages, the lingua franca of business, science, education, politics, and pop music. For the airlines of 157 countries (out of 168 in the world), it is the agreed international language of discourse. In India there are more than 3,000 newspapers in English. ... When Volkswagen set up a factory in Shanghai, it found that there were too few Germans

who spoke Chinese and too few Chinese who spoke German, so now Volkswagen's German engineers and Chinese managers communicate in a language that is alien to both of them, English. Belgium has two languages, French and Flemish, yet on a recent visit to the country's main airport in Brussels, I counted more than fifty posters and signs and not one of them was in French or Flemish. They were all in English.'



### i INSIDE INFORMATION

- Bill Bryson is an American writer who is very popular in Britain.
- His books include travel books (*Notes from a Small Island* is about Britain), biographies (*Shakespeare: The World as Stage*) and science books (*A Short History of Nearly Everything*).

- 3 Napisz numery linijek, w których pojawiają się w tekście w ćwiczeniu 2 poniższe informacje na temat języka angielskiego.

- 1 Many people are native speakers of English.
- 2 Many people are learning English as a second language.
- 3 Other languages often use English words.
- 4 Many companies and businesses use English.

- 4 Przeczytaj ponownie tekst w ćwiczeniu 2. Do czego odnoszą się w nim poniższe wyrazy lub liczby?

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|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 pikkunikku    | 4 Volkswagen       | 7 450 million    |
| 2 weekend break | 5 Brussels airport | 8 three thousand |
| 3 157           | 6 seventy          |                  |

1 *Japanese people use this word but it's really the English word picnic.*

- 5 Pracujcie w parach. Zadawajcie sobie nawzajem poniższe pytania i odpowiadajcie na nie.

- 1 Did any of the information about English surprise you? Why?
- 2 How important do you think it is in your country to learn English? Why?

### ▶ WORD BOOSTER

Dopasuj wyrazy 1–7 do definicji a–g.

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| 1 native speaker | a spoken or written language                   |
| 2 belongs to     | b somebody who speaks a language from birth    |
| 3 airline        | c began, created                               |
| 4 discourse      | d British Airways, Lufthansa, Iberia, etc.     |
| 5 set up         | e is part of something                         |
| 6 factory        | f unusual, from a different culture            |
| 7 alien          | g building where people make or produce things |