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Level 1

Language barriers holding back global science

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THE READING

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Language barriers are holding back science around the world. English is the language of science, but a third of research is not printed in English. Researchers from the University of Cambridge said scientists miss a lot of important research. They said journals should have summaries of a study in many languages. They also said universities should translate research into different languages, especially Chinese, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

International companies are asking staff to use only English to reduce language barriers. Germany's Volkswagen announced that English is its official language. It wants to attract employees. Japan's carmaker Honda said its staff must use English by 2020. Researcher Tatsuya Amano said scientists needed to be serious about this. He said the WHO missed important research about avian flu in China because it was in Chinese.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Language barriers are holding | a. a lot |
| 2. around the | b. printed in English |
| 3. English is the language | c. world |
| 4. a third of research is not | d. of a study |
| 5. scientists miss | e. different languages |
| 6. important | f. back science |
| 7. journals should have summaries | g. research |
| 8. translate research into | h. of science |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. asking staff to | a. language barriers |
| 2. reduce | b. avian flu |
| 3. official | c. employees |
| 4. It wants to attract | d. in Chinese |
| 5. Honda said its staff must use | e. use only English |
| 6. scientists needed to be | f. language |
| 7. important research about | g. English by 2020 |
| 8. it was | h. serious about this |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Language barriers (1) _____ back science around the world. English (2) _____ of science, but a third of research is (3) _____ English. Researchers from the University of Cambridge said scientists (4) _____ important research. They said journals should have summaries (5) _____ many languages. They also said universities (6) _____ research into different languages, especially Chinese, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

International companies (7) _____ to use only English to reduce language barriers. Germany's Volkswagen announced that English (8) _____ language. It wants to (9) _____. Japan's carmaker Honda said its (10) _____ English by 2020. Researcher Tatsuya Amano said scientists needed (11) _____ about this. He said the WHO missed important research about avian flu in China because (12) _____ Chinese.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LANGAUGE BARRIERS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170104-language-barriers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about langauge 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.

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) _____

