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Italy's government may punish the use of English

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THE ARTICLE

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English has been increasing around the world for over a century. The Internet and social media have increased its use. Most languages now use English words. Many people are concerned that English is harming their native language. However, not all Italians agree with having fines for the use of English. A top Italian linguistics society, the Accademia della Crusca, said it totally disagreed with Mr Rampelli's idea. Other people support the fines. They are worried about the growing number of English words in Italian. They say that since the year 2000, the number of English words in use in the Italian language has increased by an amazing 773 per cent. There are no signs that this will stop.

Sources: <https://www.euronews.com/2023/04/03/ciao-hello-no-italys-right-wing-government-wants-to-ban-english-words-with-100000-fines>
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WARM-UPS

1. ENGLISH: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about English. 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?

ruling party / law / Italian / official / Anglomania / dispenser / language / fine / words
English / century / the Internet / social media / native language / society / signs

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

3. ONE LANGUAGE: Students A **strongly** believe the world would be better if it only had one language; Students B **strongly** believe it should have many languages. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ENGLISH FOR...: When do you use English? What problems do you have? How do you deal with those problems? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

English...	When?	Problems?	Dealing with problems
on the Internet			
in movies			
in songs			
when travelling			
in your town			
at other times			

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

6. LANGUAGES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most useful languages at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- English
- Spanish
- German
- Arabic
- French
- Chinese
- Esperanto
- Hindi

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. ruling | a. In power; having control of. |
| 2. introduce | b. Keep going with an activity or process. |
| 3. fined | c. Bring something into use or operation for the first time. |
| 4. official | d. A person or thing that gives something to people (like an ATM, a drink machine or hand soap bottle). |
| 5. dispenser | e. Made someone pay some money because they did something wrong. |
| 6. continue | f. About an organization or public body and its activities and responsibilities. |
| 7. battle | g. A lengthy and difficult fight or struggle. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 8. century | h. Have the same opinion about something. |
| 9. concerned | i. Linked to or about the place or country where someone was born. |
| 10. harming | j. A period of 100 years. |
| 11. native | k. Do something to agree with or help someone. |
| 12. agree | l. Worried about. |
| 13. support | m. Causing great surprise. |
| 14. amazing | n. Damaging. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania.html>

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

1. English is the only language that Italians might be fined for using. **T / F**
2. A government member said there was a problem of 'Anglomania'. **T / F**
3. The Italian government member is unhappy Italians say "dispenser". **T / F**
4. Italians could be fined up to €110,000 if they use English words. **T / F**
5. The Internet has been spreading English globally for over a century. **T / F**
6. The article says all languages use English words. **T / F**
7. All Italians agree with the fines for using English words. **T / F**
8. English in Italian has risen by 773% since the year 2000. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. ruling | a. penalty |
| 2. communications | b. fight |
| 3. battle | c. completely |
| 4. damaging | d. worried |
| 5. fine | e. messages |
| 6. increasing | f. end |
| 7. concerned | g. governing |
| 8. totally | h. rising |
| 9. amazing | i. harming |
| 10. stop | j. unbelievable |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Italy's ruling party may introduce | a. their native language |
| 2. get fined for using English and other | b. Italian language |
| 3. words in official | c. that this will stop |
| 4. our battle for the use of Italian | d. year 2000 |
| 5. English is damaging the | e. non-Italian words |
| 6. concerned that English is harming | f. an amazing 773 per cent |
| 7. it totally disagreed | g. instead of English |
| 8. since the | h. a new law |
| 9. increased by | i. with Mr Rampelli's idea |
| 10. There are no signs | j. communications |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania.html>

Italy's ruling party may (1) _____ a new law to stop people using English words in Italian. People could get (2) _____ for using English and other non-Italian words in (3) _____ communications. The idea is from government member Fabio Rampelli. He is worried about the growing (4) _____ of English words in Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He is unhappy with the word "dispenser". He wrote: "We continue our (5) _____ for the use of Italian instead of English. We can't understand (6) _____ we say 'dispenser'." Mr Rampelli said English is damaging the Italian language. He wants people to get a fine if they (7) _____ English words. The fines could be (8) _____ €5,000 and €100,000 (\$5,500 and \$110,000).

official
use
battle
between
introduce
why
fined
number

English has been increasing around the world for over a (9) _____. The Internet and social media have increased its (10) _____. Most languages now use English words. Many people are concerned that English is harming their (11) _____ language. However, not all Italians agree with (12) _____ fines for the use of English. A top Italian linguistics society, the Accademia della Crusca, said it (13) _____ disagreed with Mr Rampelli's idea. Other people support the fines. They are worried about the (14) _____ number of English words in Italian. They say that since the year 2000, the number of English words in use in the Italian language has increased by an (15) _____ 773 per cent. There are no signs that this will (16) _____.

amazing
use
having
growing
century
stop
native
totally

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) get fined for using English and other non-Italian _____ communications
 - a. words on official
 - b. word sin official
 - c. words in officially
 - d. words in official
- 2) He is worried about _____
 - a. the grown number
 - b. the grow in number
 - c. the growing number
 - d. the grown in number
- 3) We continue our battle for the use of Italian _____
 - a. instead oft English
 - b. instead of English
 - c. instead off English
 - d. instead doff English
- 4) Mr Rampelli said English is damaging _____
 - a. the Italian languages
 - b. then Italian language
 - c. them Italian language
 - d. the Italy an language
- 5) He wants people to get a fine if they _____
 - a. use English word
 - b. use English wordles
 - c. use English words
 - d. use English wards
- 6) English has been increasing around the world for _____
 - a. over a centurion
 - b. over a century
 - c. over a centenary
 - d. over a cent cherry
- 7) The Internet and social media have _____
 - a. increased that's use
 - b. increased its use
 - c. increased dittos use
 - d. increased its used
- 8) Many people are concerned that English is harming _____
 - a. their natives language
 - b. their nativity language
 - c. their neigh tiff language
 - d. their native language
- 9) A top Italian linguistics society, the Accademia della Crusca, said _____
 - a. it totally disagreed
 - b. it totally disagree
 - c. it total lead is agreed
 - d. it tote ally this agreed
- 10) English words in use in the Italian language has increased by an _____
 - a. amaze in 773 per cent
 - b. a maze in 773 per cent
 - c. amazing 773 per cent
 - d. a maze zing 773 per cent

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania.html>

Italy's ruling party may (1) _____ law to stop people using English words in Italian. People could (2) _____ using English and other non-Italian words in official communications. The idea is from government member Fabio Rampelli. He is (3) _____ growing number of English words in Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He is (4) _____ word "dispenser". He wrote: "We continue our battle for the use of Italian instead of English. We can't understand why we say 'dispenser'." Mr Rampelli said English (5) _____ Italian language. He wants people to get a fine if they use English words. The fines (6) _____ €5,000 and €100,000 (\$5,500 and \$110,000).

English has been increasing around the world for (7) _____. The Internet and social media have increased its use. Most languages now use English words. Many people are concerned that English (8) _____ native language. However, not all Italians agree with having fines for the use of English. A top Italian linguistics society, the Accademia della Crusca, said it (9) _____ with Mr Rampelli's idea. Other people support the fines. They are worried about the (10) _____ English words in Italian. They say that since the year 2000, the number of English words in use in the Italian language (11) _____ an amazing 773 per cent. There are no (12) _____ will stop.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania.html>

1. What organization wants to introduce a new law?
2. Where might people not be able to use English and non-Italian words?
3. What did Fabio Rampelli call the Italian love of English words?
4. What word did Fabio Rampelli say he was unhappy with?
5. What's the highest fine Italians could get for using English words?
6. For how long has English been increasing around the world?
7. What did many people say English is harming?
8. What kind of society is the Accademia della Crusca?
9. What did the Accademia della Crusca think of Mr Rampelli's idea?
10. By how much has the number of English words in Italian increased?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania.html>

- 1) What organization wants to introduce a new law?
 - a) Italy's ruling party
 - b) Italy's top dictionary
 - c) Accademia della Crusca
 - d) an Italian language school
- 2) Where might people not be able to use English and non-Italian words?
 - a) online in Italy
 - b) in Antarctica
 - c) in official communications
 - d) Rome
- 3) What did Fabio Rampelli call the Italian love of English words?
 - a) Anglocentric
 - b) Anglophilia
 - c) Anglophobia
 - d) Anglomania
- 4) What word did Fabio Rampelli say we was unhappy with?
 - a) hate
 - b) dispenser
 - c) jam
 - d) vocabulary
- 5) What's the highest fine Italians could get for using English words?
 - a) €100,000
 - b) €110,000
 - c) €101,000
 - d) €100,001
- 6) For how long has English been increasing around the world?
 - a) a decade or two
 - b) 63 years
 - c) a few months
 - d) over a century
- 7) What did many people say English is harming?
 - a) global trade
 - b) children's reading
 - c) native languages
 - d) culture
- 8) What kind of society is the Accademia della Crusca?
 - a) a teachers' society
 - b) a linguistics society
 - c) an examination society
 - d) a secret society
- 9) What did the Accademia della Crusca think of Mr Rampelli's idea?
 - a) they're still thinking
 - b) they loved it
 - c) they disagreed with it
 - d) they're not sure
- 10) By how much has the number of English words in Italian increased?
 - a) 737%
 - b) 773%
 - c) 373%
 - d) 777%

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Spanish

You think Spanish is the most important language. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their language. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Arabic, Chinese or French.

Role B – Arabic

You think Arabic is the most important language. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their language. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Spanish, Chinese or French.

Role C – Chinese

You think Chinese is the most important language. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their language. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Arabic, Spanish or French.

Role D – French

You think French is the most important language. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their language. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Arabic, Chinese or Spanish.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania.html>

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

English	Italy

- 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">• ruling• official• idea• unhappy• instead• fines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• century• most• native• top• totally• stop
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ENGLISH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about 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.

ENGLISH DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'English'?
3. What do you think of English?
4. How important is English in your life?
5. How has English changed your language?
6. Do you worry that English is harming your language?
7. Why is English the world's top language?
8. Should people in Italy be fined for using English words?
9. What are your favourite and least favourite English words?
10. What do you think 'Anglomania' is?

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ENGLISH DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Italy'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How often do you read English websites?
15. How often do you use English on social media?
16. How important is your language around the world?
17. Should all governments protect their language?
18. What's the second most important language in the world?
19. How will English help you in your life?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Italian government?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) used | (b) uses | (c) use | (d) using |
| 2. | (a) from | (b) at | (c) of | (d) for |
| 3. | (a) grown | (b) growing | (c) grows | (d) growth |
| 4. | (a) up | (b) to | (c) with | (d) of |
| 5. | (a) damage | (b) damages | (c) damaging | (d) damaged |
| 6. | (a) be | (b) do | (c) price | (d) have |
| 7. | (a) cent | (b) century | (c) centurion | (d) centenary |
| 8. | (a) its | (b) their | (c) what | (d) his |
| 9. | (a) citizen | (b) native | (c) domestic | (d) resident |
| 10. | (a) total | (b) totality | (c) totally | (d) totals |
| 11. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) since | (d) at |
| 12. | (a) to | (b) as | (c) of | (d) by |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Italy's ulnigr party
2. odcturnie a new law
3. in ifoiclaf communications
4. ernvntegom member
5. the use of Italian dnisaet of English
6. English is dginmaga the Italian language

Paragraph 2

7. for over a teyurnc
8. English is harming their evtani language
9. A top Italian linguistics eiysoct
10. it totally egaidrde
11. people oputsrp the fines
12. increased by an zaangim 773 per cent

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () English has been increasing around the world for over a century. The Internet and social
- () government member Fabio Rampelli. He is worried about the growing number of English words in
- () number of English words in Italian. They say that since the year 2000, the number of English
- () words in use in the Italian language has increased by an amazing 773 per cent. There are no signs that this will stop.
- () battle for the use of Italian instead of English. We can't understand why we say 'dispenser.'" Mr Rampelli said
- (**1**) Italy's ruling party may introduce a new law to stop people using English words in Italian. People could get
- () English is damaging the Italian language. He wants people to get a fine if they
- () use English words. The fines could be between €5,000 and €100,000 (\$5,500 and \$110,000).
- () disagreed with Mr Rampelli's idea. Other people support the fines. They are worried about the growing
- () of English. A top Italian linguistics society, the Accademia della Crusca, said it totally
- () fined for using English and other non-Italian words in official communications. The idea is from
- () Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He is unhappy with the word "dispenser". He wrote: "We continue our
- () harming their native language. However, not all Italians agree with having fines for the use
- () media have increased its use. Most languages now use English words. Many people are concerned that English is

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Italy's introduce may new law . ruling party a
2. fined get People English . could using for
3. number The in English of words Italian . growing
4. our Italian . We continue use the for of battle
5. is language . English damaging Rampelli said the Italian
6. world around Increasing for the century . a over
7. their native that is harming English Concerned language .
8. with Not Italians all fines . having agree
9. English words in of growing The number Italian .
10. are stop . this will signs There no that

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania.html>

Italy's ruling party may introduce a new *law / laws* to stop people using English words in Italian. People could get *fine / fined* for using English and other non-Italian words in *officially / official* communications. The idea is from government *membership / member* Fabio Rampelli. He is *worried / worry* about the growing number of English words *in / on* Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He is unhappy *with / without* the word "dispenser". He wrote: "We continue our battle for the use of Italian *steady / instead* of English. We can't understand why we say 'dispenser'." Mr Rampelli said English is damaging *the / an* Italian language. He wants people to get a fine if they use English words. The fines could *have / be* between €5,000 and €100,000 (\$5,500 and \$110,000).

English has been increasing around the world *for / from* over a century. The Internet and social media *has / have* increased its use. Most languages now use English words. Many people are concerned *what / that* English is *harming / charming* their native language. However, not all Italians agree *at / with* having fines for the use of English. A top Italian linguistics society, the Accademia della Crusca, said it *total / totally* disagreed with Mr Rampelli's idea. *Other / Another* people support the fines. They are worried about the *growth / growing* number of English words in Italian. They say that since the year 2000, the number of English words *in / at* use in the Italian language has increased by an amazing 773 per cent. There are no signs that *this / these* will stop.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

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

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_t_ly's r_l_ng p_rty m_y _ntr_d_c_ _ n_w l_w t_ st_p
p__pl_ _s_ng _ngl_sh w_rds _n _t_l__n. P__pl_ c__ld
g_t f_n_d f_r _s_ng _ngl_sh _nd _th_r n_n-_t_l__n
w_rds _n _ff_c__l c_mmm_n_c_t__ns. Th_ _d__ _s fr_m
g_v_rnm_nt m_mb_r F_b__ R_mp_ll_. H_ _s w_rr__d
_b__t th_ gr_w_ng n_mb_r _f _ngl_sh w_rds _n
_t_l__n. H_ c_ll_d _t "_ngl_m_n__". H_ _s _nh_ppy
w_th th_ w_rd "d_sp_ns_r". H_ wr_t_: "W_ c_nt_n__
__r b_ttl_ f_r th_ _s_ _f _t_l__n _nst__d _f _ngl_sh.
W_ c_n't _nd_rst_nd why w_ s_y 'd_sp_ns_r'." Mr
R_mp_ll_ s__d _ngl_sh _s d_m_g_ng th_ _t_l__n
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_ngl_sh w_rds. Th_ f_n_s c__ld b_ b_tw__n €5,000 _nd
€100,000 (\$5,500 _nd \$110,000).

_ngl_sh h_s b__n _ncr__s_ng _r__nd th_ w_rld f_r
_v_r _ c_nt_ry. Th_ _nt_rn_t _nd s_c__l m_d__ h_v_
_ncr__s_d _ts _s_. M_st l_ng__g_s n_w _s_ _ngl_sh
w_rds. M_ny p__pl_ _r_ c_nc_rn_d th_t _ngl_sh _s
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_t_l__ns _gr__ w_th h_v_ng f_n_s f_r th_ _s_ _f
_ngl_sh. _ t_p _t_l__n l_ng__st_cs s_c__ty, th_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania.html>

italys ruling party may introduce a new law to stop people using english words in italian people could get fined for using english and other nonitalian words in official communications the idea is from government member fabio rampelli he is worried about the growing number of english words in italian he called it anglomania he is unhappy with the word dispenser he wrote we continue our battle for the use of italian instead of english we cant understand why we say dispenser mr rampelli said english is damaging the italian language he wants people to get a fine if they use english words the fines could be between 5000 and 100000 5500 and 110000

english has been increasing around the world for over a century the internet and social media have increased its use most languages now use english words many people are concerned that english is harming their native language however not all italians agree with having fines for the use of english a top italian linguistics society the accademia della crusca said it totally disagreed with mr rampellis idea other people support the fines they are worried about the growing number of English words in italian they say that since the year 2000 the number of english words in use in the italian language has increased by an amazing 773 per cent there are no signs that this will stop

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Italy's ruling party may introduce a new law to stop people using English words in Italian. People could get fined for using English and other non-Italian words in official communications. The idea is from government member Fabio Rampelli. He is worried about the growing number of English words in Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He is unhappy with the word "dispenser". He wrote: "We continue our battle for the use of Italian instead of English. We can't understand why we say 'dispenser'." Mr Rampelli said English is damaging the Italian language. He wants people to get a fine if they use English words. The fines could be between €5,000 and €100,000 (\$5,500 and \$110,000). English has been increasing around the world for over a century. The Internet and social media have increased its use. Most languages now use English words. Many people are concerned that English is harming their native language. However, not all Italians agree with having fines for the use of English. Atop Italian linguistics society, the Accademia della Crusca, said it totally disagreed with Mr Rampelli's idea. Other people support the fines. They are worried about the growing number of English words in Italian. They say that since the year 2000, the number of English words in use in the Italian language has increased by an amazing 773 percent. There are no signs that this will stop.

FREE WRITING

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Write about **English** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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 story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ENGLISH: Make a poster about English. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ONE LANGUAGE: Write a magazine article about English being the world's only language. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on English. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. g
8. j 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. b	4. i	5. a
6. h	7. d	8. c	9. j	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Italy's ruling party
- In official communications
- Anglomania
- Dispenser
- €100,000 (\$110,000)
- Over a century
- Native languages
- A linguistics society
- They disagreed with it
- 773 per cent

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Italy's ruling party may introduce a new law.
- People could get fined for using English.
- The growing number of English words in Italian.
- We continue our battle for the use of Italian.
- Rampelli said English is damaging the Italian language.
- Increasing around the world for over a century.
- Concerned that English is harming their native language.
- Not all Italians agree with having fines.
- The growing number of English words in Italian.
- There are no signs that this will stop.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. c 8. b 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 ;-)