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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 a target date for everybody in England to speak English. Dame Louise Casey is an expert on community interaction. She said a "common language" would help to heal divisions in Britain. She has criticized many governments for failing to focus on integration as England becomes more multicultural. She said politicians have failed to keep up with the "unprecedented pace and scale of immigration" for decades. Many communities are becoming divided. A lack of ability in English is a factor in creating division.

The UK's Communities Secretary revealed that 770,000 people in England speak no English or hardly any. He said up to 70 per cent of those were women, mostly from Pakistani and Bangladeshi communities. He said these women were at risk from inequality and discrimination. Ms Casey said: "Everybody of working age and of school age should be able to speak one language, and I think the public in particular would feel some relief." Ms Casey's opponents say England should be proud to be a multi-lingual country. It should 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. on integration |
| 3. help to heal | c. creating division |
| 4. failing to focus | d. interaction |
| 5. as England becomes more | e. in English |
| 6. keep up with the unprecedented | f. divisions |
| 7. A lack of ability | g. official |
| 8. a factor in | h. multicultural |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. speak no English or | a. relief |
| 2. up to 70 per cent of | b. at risk |
| 3. these women were | c. working age |
| 4. inequality | d. one language |
| 5. everybody of | e. those were women |
| 6. be able to speak | f. lingual country |
| 7. feel some | g. hardly any |
| 8. proud to be a multi- | h. and discrimination |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A UK government official wants (1) _____ for everybody in England to speak English. Dame Louise Casey is (2) _____ community interaction. She said (3) _____ would help to heal divisions in Britain. She has criticized many governments for failing to (4) _____ as England becomes more multicultural. She said politicians have failed to keep up with the "unprecedented (5) _____ of immigration" for decades. Many communities are becoming divided. A lack of ability in English is a factor (6) _____.

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPEAKING ENGLISH SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180319-speak-english-4.html>

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) _____

