

TeachingEnglish lesson

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English is great

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- Look at the words in the word cloud. Make guesses about the common link between the words.
- Share your ideas with the whole group.
- They are amongst the 25 most frequently used nouns.
- 'Time', 'person' and 'year' being the top three respectively.



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- Look at the poster and discuss why it says home to the language of business and technology.
- What do you think people use English for?
- Share your thoughts with the whole group.



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- Take turns to talk about your use of English.
- Give yourself two minutes to prepare your answer. You could talk about:
  - what you use English for now.
  - what you like and dislike about English language
  - what you would like to be able to do better in English in the future.
  - other languages that you speak and what you use them for.



# Endangered languages

**‘Half the world’s 6000 plus languages will die out by the end of the century and there’s no valuable reason to do anything about it’**

- Do you agree/disagree? Tell your partner why.**



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**Discuss the following questions**

- **Do you speak an endangered language?**
- **Are there any endangered languages near where you live?**
- **Is it important to keep all the world's languages alive? Why/Why not?**
- **What can be done to keep endangered languages alive?**

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Do you remember what the most commonly used English noun is?

We are going to learn some idioms using this noun! Do you know any that you would like to share?

Look at the table. Do you think the idioms match correctly with their definitions?

Match them

Idiom	Definition
1. to run out of time	A. over and over again, repeatedly
2. time after time	B. time to relax
3. in the nick of time	C. to have an amazing, enjoyable time.
4. killing time	D. free time, when not working
5. time for a change	E. to enjoy yourself and not notice that time has passed
6. only time will tell	F. making the time pass quickly
7. have a whale of a time	G. you need to wait before you can find out
8. spare time	H. to leave work unfinished
9. time flies when you are having fun!	I. the right moment to do something completely different
10. time off	J. just at the right moment – any later and it would be too late

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## Answers

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The police arrived ..... and caught the thief trying to escape through the window.

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..... I couldn't believe Jane and I had been talking for 3 hours!

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I'm ..... by having a coffee as I wait to catch my train home.

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I didn't finish the exam as I ran .....

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..... if my broken arm heals well. I have to wait at least six weeks before I will know.

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I've been studying so hard this week. I need a bit of .....

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I always ..... when I meet up with my friends. They make me laugh so much.

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'I've told you ..... to tidy your bedroom! I am not going to do it for you!' said Mum to George.



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I've been doing the same job for twenty years. I'm so bored with it now that I've decided it's .....

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In her ....., Catherine likes to go to the cinema with her friends.

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**Writing task for homework: Write about what you're doing in your spare time during the lock down**

- Try to use some of the 'time idioms' you have just learned, in your writing.
- In your writing you could...

**Use the most frequently used nouns, verbs and adjectives in the English language.**

Go to this website: <http://oxforddictionaries.com/words/the-oec-facts-about-the-language>

Scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Here you will find a table which lists the 25 most frequently used nouns, verbs and adjectives.

**After writing**, record yourself speaking at: <http://vocaroo.com/>

Listen to the recording and see if you could self-correct. Record a second time, if needed, and send the recording to your teacher to receive further feedback as needed.