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1. What aspects of China make people say that Mandarin could be the next global language? *Its economic rise*
2. Quote 1 sentence that shows that Mandarin has no chance to be a global language. *"The odds against a Chinese dialect ever gaining traction as an international language are formidable" (l.9)*
3. In your own words, list the 3 reasons why Mandarin is not a threat to English. *It is a very difficult language to learn, it is not spoken everywhere in China, and some countries are not happy to see China as a superpower so they don't want to speak its language.*
4. TRUE or FALSE. Answer and quote.
 - a. Brazil is worried about Mandarin as a global language. FALSE *"Indeed, resistance to any claim the Chinese language may have for global status may be strongest in the country's own neighbourhood, where nations are nervous about China's intentions" (l.13-14)*
 - b. China's neighbours want America as the main power in the world. TRUE *"[They] are far more comfortable with America than with China as regional superpower." (l.14-15)*
5. In your own words, explain why Mandarin could be helpful. *It could be helpful because when you trade with a country or travel in a country it is better to know some words to understand the culture, or to make a good impression or to not get lost.*

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6. What are the two kinds of Latin? What are the differences between them? *Classical (written) and Vulgar (spoken) one didn't change, the other transformed and formed new languages.*
7. What is Singlish? *A mixed language formed of English and the language of Singapore.*
8. TRUE or FALSE. Answer and quote.
 - a. The government of Singapore wants to make Singlish one of its official languages. FALSE *"Despite the Singaporean government's attempts to promote the use of Standard British English [...] the mixed language known as "Singlish" remains the variety spoken on the street and in the home." (l.24-26)*
 - b. A majority of people around the world today use American English instead of British English. TRUE *"Today the largest concentration of native speakers is in the US and the influence of US English can be heard throughout the world" (l.28-29)*
 - c. Facebook, WhatsApp or Twitter, for example, are responsible for the creation of new words. TRUE *"The fast-changing world of social media is also responsible for the coining and spreading of neologisms or "new words"." (l.33-34)*
9. What are the differences between American English and British English? *The way it is pronounced, the way is spelled, the vocabulary.*
10. In your own words, give 3 influences of the internet on English. *People pay less attention to their spelling, the rules of punctuation are not respected and new words are created.*
11. In your own words, give 3 aspects of the future of English. *There will be different kinds of Englishes, American English will be predominant and there will be more abbreviations and acronyms.*