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# ПРАКТИЧЕСКИЕ ЗАДАНИЯ ДЛЯ САМОСТОЯТЕЛЬНОЙ РАБОТЫ СТУДЕНТОВ НЕЯЗЫКОВОГО ВУЗА

**Аннотация**: дистанционное обучение в вузе в условиях пандемии предполагает акцент на самостоятельную работу студентов. По мнению автора, правильно подобранный материал и упражнения, ориентированные на уровень владения языком — основа успеха обучения иностранному языку.

Ключевые слова: самостоятельная работа, студенты, неязыковой вуз.

Мы предлагаем план занятия по иностранному языку, апробированные со студентами неязыкового вуза.

Assignment 1.

1. Form at least one more word with the same root using prefixes and/or suffixes.

Add – addition – additional.

Office – officer – official.

Educate – educator – educating – education.

Develop – developer – development.

2. Word-building. How are these words built up? Make your own examples to use these words (one example per each word).

Ever-expanding.

Throughout.

International.

Administration.

Habitually.



Рис. 1

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#### 3. Read the text:

## English as an international language

English is an international language, spoken in many countries both as a native and as a second or foreign language. It is taught in the schools in almost every country on this earth. It is a living and vibrant language spoken by over 300 million people as their native language. Millions more speak it as an additional language.

English is spoken habitually in the United States, the British Isles, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Republic of South Africa, Liberia, and many territories under the United Kingdom and the United States of America. It is estimated that 300 million people speak English as a second language, and an additional 100 million people use it fluently as a foreign language. As a rough estimate, 1000 million or one billion people around the world have some knowledge of English, either as a native language, as a second language, or as a foreign language.

English is the associate official language of India which has over 1000 million (over billion) people. Pakistan, Bangladesh, and many other nations which were ruled by Britain continue to use English both as an optional medium of instruction in their

schools and as one of their official languages. The islands of the Philippines continue to use English as an important tool for education, administration, and for mass media purposes. English is the chief foreign language taught in the schools of Europe, South America, Asia and Africa.

Even though some nations which were ruled by the French continue to teach French as their most preferred second language, English is gaining ground even in these countries. In the former Soviet Union, Russian was the dominant language. Since the break of the Soviet Union, the Central Asian Republics have been rapidly introducing English in their school system as a second or foreign language. In Russia itself, English is gaining ground as the most popular second language. In Japan too, English is the most favored second or foreign language.

Outside Europe, English is the predominant language of international commerce. Although the United Nations and its various agencies have more than one language for transaction, more often than not, English comes to be chosen as the preferred language of communication between the participating member-nations.

All this has happened within the last one hundred years. The ascendancy of English as the most preferred language began two hundred years ago with the colonization of North America, Asia, and Africa by Britain. The Industrial Revolution in Britain, its ever-expanding maritime power, development of material wealth, progress in scientific research and consequent power, all helped the spread of English, even as Britain marched as a great empire. In the Sixteenth Century, English was spoken mostly in England, southern Scotland, and small areas of Wales and Ireland. There were only about two to three million people speaking it as their native language. At present one in seven in this world speak English either as a native language or as a second language.

English was well established as the dominant language in North America in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. But its rapid growth was in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

Latin was the main medium of education in western Europe throughout the Middle Ages. French was the language of diplomacy for four centuries, from the 17 to 20<sup>th</sup>. And yet, at present there is not a single language which can be compared to the position occupied by English as the international language. This is so, even though more people

in the world speak Chinese than English as their native language. Spanish may claim a large number of native speakers, but neither Spanish, nor French, nor Russian, nor Chinese can even come close to the level and variety of uses to which English is put in the world.

English is learned everywhere because people have found out that knowledge of English is a passport for better career, better pay, advanced knowledge, and for communication with the entire world. English is also learned for the literature it possesses, and for the variety and rich experience it provides. English has replaced French as the language of diplomacy. In this computer age, English is bound to expand its domains of use everywhere. Everyone wants to appropriate English as their own.

(By M.S. Thirumalai [Электронный ресурс]. — Режим доступа: http://www.languageinindia.com/april2002/tesolbook.html)

4. Find and underline all phrases, where the word «language» is used:

#### For example:

- official language;
- international language;
- dominant language etc.
- 5. Find the answers to the following questions:
- How many people speak English nowadays as their native language?
- What is the role of English for India?
- Is English an official language for Japan?
- Was English an important language 2 centuries ago all around the world?
- 6. Translate the following passage into Russian in the written form:

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Chinese can even come close to the level and variety of uses to which English is put in the world.

7. Insert the missing preposition:

All this has happened ... the last one hundred years. The ascendancy ... English as the most preferred language began two hundred years ago ... the colonization ... North America, Asia, and Africa ... Britain. The Industrial Revolution ... Britain, its ever-expanding maritime power, development ... material wealth, progress ... scientific research and consequent power, all helped the spread ... English, even as Britain marched as a great empire. ... the Sixteenth Century, English was spoken mostly ... England, southern Scotland, and small areas ... Wales and Ireland.

8. Ask as many questions as possible to the sentence:

English is an international language, spoken in many countries both as a native and as a second or foreign language.

- 9. Give the main idea of the text in 6 sentences (up to 50 words).
- 10. Get ready to make a dialogue about the learning a foreign language and what it means to you (up to 100 words).
  - 11. Translate the following sentences into English:
  - 1. Официальным языком нашей конференции будет русский.
  - 2. Они использовали различные инструменты для этой работы. (tools).
  - 3. Это была великая держава, ее расцвет пришелся на XV век.
  - 4. Он забыл родной язык после того, как его родители переехали в Париж.
  - 5. Они мечтали расширить свои территории на Восток (expand).

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