

# ENGLISH, BUT WHAT ENGLISH?

Learning Without Borders  
European Educational Programme



1. Order these important events in the history of English.

Shakespeare and other writers start to use the language in new and creative ways.

The Norman conquest brings many new French words to England.

The British Empire spreads around the world, taking English wherever it goes.

The ancient Britons lived in small town and villages. The Romans have control of most of England.

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The printing press is invented. When it is finally brought to England, it helps to standardise the language.

Saxon tribes invade England, bringing their own language with them.

2. Circle the words which have an Anglo-Saxon Origin.

hand  
caramel  
calf collect climb  
assistant nature  
knife battery god  
bright autumn eye  
art joy  
lemon  
forget



3. More Indian English Phrases! Can you match the word to the meaning?

Make a move

Short

Would-be

New / Unused

Healthy

Leave

Mint condition

Waste Time / Hobby

Timepass

Fiance

4. In groups, research one of the following English varieties and prepare a short presentation on what you find out.

- South African English
- Singapore English
- Hiberno-English

