

## International English

### Post-session Reading and Vocab (higher)

Read the following extract from Wikipedia, then discuss the questions below:

English language teaching is almost always related to a **corresponding** culture, e. g. learners will either deal with American English and therefore with American culture or British English and therefore with British culture. Basic Global English is supposed to solve this problem by creating one collective version of English. **Additionally**, it is a system that is suited for self-teaching as well as regular teaching.

BGE is based on 20 **elementary** grammar rules that provide a certain degree of variation. For example, regular as well as irregular formed verbs are accepted. Pronunciation rules are not as strict as in British or American English, so there is a certain degree of **variation** for the learners. Exceptions that cannot be used are pronunciations that would be harmful to mutual understanding and therefore **minimise** the success of communication.

Basic Global English is **based on** a 750-word vocabulary. Additionally, every learner has to acquire the knowledge of 250 additional words. These words can be chosen freely, according to the specific needs and interests of the learner.

BGE provides not only basic language skills, but also so called "Basic Politeness Strategies". These include creating a positive atmosphere, accepting an offer with "Yes, please" or refusing with "No, thank you", and small talk topics to choose and to avoid.

### Questions

1. Do you think that language and culture should always be taught together?
2. What do you think are the advantages?
3. Can you think of any disadvantages?
4. Would you like to learn BGE?

### Vocabulary

*Find these words in the text. What do you think they mean? Write your guesses in the table.*

corresponding	
additionally	
elementary	
variation	
minimise	
based on	

*Tips: Look at the spelling of the word and the words next to it. What type of word do you think it is?*

*e.g. noun, verb, adjective? Does it have a good, bad or neutral meaning? Is it connected to something else? Does your guess make sense in the context of the whole text?*

*When you have finished, check your answers in a dictionary. How close were your guesses?*