

Patricia Ryan (2010) – (British Accent)

Don't insist on English!

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Decide whether the following statements are true or false according to the information from the presentation.

- 1) The presenter, Patricia, has worked in the Gulf for nearly thirty years.
- 2) She was also teaching in Abu Dhabi for some time.
- 3) She finds it essential for people to be able to communicate across generations.
- 4) Every two weeks we lose one language.
- 5) She decided to go to Kuwait and teach English there because she wanted to help modernize the country.
- 6) Teaching English has become a great business across countries.

Complete the sentences with one or two words. You can use the words you hear. However, do not forget to make sure they match the grammar/structure of the sentence, sometimes you need to add e.g. a preposition, a particle "to" etc. so that the sentence is correct from the point of view of grammar.

- 7) Clever people who cannot speak sufficient English _____ constantly.
- 8) These people, e.g. scientists, without proper English, cannot _____ their dreams.
- 9) The presenter doesn't want to use English language as _____ .
- 10) Patricia raises a question about our future with 600 languages and two main ones: _____ and _____. (Use the same order as in the presentation)
- 11) Einstein was looked at as somebody who needs help with being educated because he _____ .
- 12) If students come to study abroad we might not see what _____ because _____ it in their language.
- 13) A young Kenyan boy was awarded because _____ a cost-free solar lamp.
- 14) At the end, the presenter calls for _____ .