**Think English, Speak English.**

**Activity 1**

*How much do you know about America? Test yourself with this 'true or false' quiz.*

**Activity 2**

*Now watch the first part of the film about learning English in the USA. As you watch, fill in the table below.*

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| Interviewee | Nationality | Occupation | Why is s/he in the USA? |
| Lee Nitel |  | Student | For a university course she will start next month in her own country. |
| An eta Kaint | Austrian | Student |  |
| A Rum Yang |  | Student | To feel closer to native speakers. |
| Adrian Petrov | Argentinian | Engineer |  |

**Activity 3**

*Now watch the rest of the film. The interviewees in the film answer the following questions. Read the questions below.*

1. Why do learners visiting New York think studying English is important?
2. What problems do people have when learning English?
3. How does being in New York help with these problems?
4. What tips do learners visiting New York have for other learners of English?

**Activity 4**

*Complete the following exercises:*

*Watch the interviewees answering the first question and tick the answers you hear on the list below.*

*Be careful: there are two answers on the list below which are not mentioned in the video!*

1. English is useful when speaking with tourists.

1. Computer software programs are in English.
2. English is important when travelling around the world.
3. English is useful for communicating with people from international companies.
4. An English exam certificate is necessary to graduate from universities in many different countries.
5. It is important to have certification in English to prove that you know English.

*Watch the interviewees answering the second question and find out who makes the following statements.*

7 says that it can be difficult to find the right expressions when speaking.

8. says that English grammar is very different from his/her native tongue.

9 .says that s/he found listening and speaking a bit hard.

10. says that s/he found English grammar difficult at first.

*Watch the interviewees answer the third question*.

11. You can improve your vocabulary and grammar outside class and hear different accents.

12. You can listen to songs in English.

13. You can speak a lot with other students and hear a lot when you go outside, for example, into the street or into the shop.

14. You overcome the fear of not speaking English fluently.

15. You gain confidence and stop worrying about getting job.

*Watch the interviewees answering the forth question. Put this advice in the order you hear it on the video.*

A. !f you can't travel abroad, take English seriously: practise for at least 2 hours every day or do an  
intensive course.

B. Go to a country where English is the native language because you start thinking in that language.

C. Watch television.

D. Go to a city where everyone speaks English because you have to speak English to connect with  
people.

E. Talk a lot with native speakers, even if you make mistakes.

F. Practise more: speaking, accents. Get a government grant to travel, if you can.

**Activity 5**

*Work in pairs and discuss your answers to the next question: Why studying English is important for us?*

*Try to use the following phrases to prepare your discussion:*

1 to expand (enrich) one’s knowledge

2 to open up new opportunities

3 to be interested in the culture of other people

4 to communicate with different people

5 to know the culture of different nations

6 to give you self-confidence when you go abroad