

## English Conquers the World - Key

### Activity 1: Reading Comprehension. Are the following statements True or False?

1. Throughout the 17<sup>th</sup> century English was only spoken on the British Isles. **FALSE**
2. The poor living conditions drove the Pilgrim Fathers out of England. **FALSE**
3. The new settlers travelled to America by boat. **TRUE**
4. Some people had already crossed the Atlantic before them. **TRUE**
5. The Indians and the Pilgrims were enemies. **FALSE**
6. Many Australians are descendants of criminals. **TRUE**
7. Many Aborigines died of new illnesses. **TRUE**
8. The Aborigines have lived in Australia less than 40 000 years. **FALSE**
9. The sun never sets in Great Britain. **FALSE**
10. The British took over areas on all continents. **TRUE**
11. All former colonies are independent today. **FALSE**
12. Over the course of centuries the English language conquered half the world. **TRUE**
13. The United States used to have influence worldwide, but not any more. **FALSE**

### Activity 2: Write a story using the following words:

Free writing – several possible answers

### Activity 3: Fill out the gaps with words from below. Each word is used once.

The Aborigines were the **original** inhabitants in Australia before the white man **settled** down on their land. They lived in the **nature** and knew how to **take advantage** of the medical **resources** of the plants. The white man brought in illnesses that the Aborigines couldn't **cope with** so their **number** has been **decreasing** ever since. Today they have been given new **areas** live in and **at least** some of them are **gradually** getting better living **conditions**.

### Activity 4: Fill out the gaps with appropriate words. Use them all at least once.

1. The Pilgrim Fathers were tired of their old **country**.
2. They decided to look for a new **land / world**.
3. So they sailed to the other side of the **world / globe**.
4. After several months at sea they finally saw **land**.
5. And some of them went **ashore** to find a place to live.
6. They built houses on the solid **ground**
7. And grew vegetables where the **earth / soil** was soft.
8. They found some fruitful **soil** to grow corn.
9. They could be called the **world's** first **globetrotters**.

### Activity 5: Fill out

1. Ten years is a **decade**.
2. One hundred years is a **century**.
3. One **thousand** years is a millennium.

**Activity 6: Study these phrases. Change these time phrases according to the examples above**

1. Marilyn Monroe died in the early 1960s.
2. Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon in the late 1960s.
3. Hong Kong was given back to China in the late 1990s.
4. The Soviet Union split into 15 independent states in the early 1990s.
5. The Berlin Wall fell in the late 1980s.

**Activity 7: Study these phrases. Change these time phrases according to the examples above**

1. The first British settlers arrived in America in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century.
2. The British started sending prisoners to Australia in the late 18th century.
3. The First World War took place in the early 20th century.
4. Marilyn Monroe was a big star in the mid 20th century.
5. We now live in the late 20th century.