

Culture - Whose English?

Look at the following examples of areas of English, and decide how relevant they are for your learners on a scale of 1 (not important) to 6 (essential). Discuss with your partner, and then report back to the rest of the group.

1. Listening exercises with speakers from India.

not important ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ *essential*

2. Sayings or proverbs from Ireland.

not important ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ *essential*

3. Idiomatic language from South African teen culture.

not important ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ *essential*

4. Listening exercises with Australian native speakers.

not important ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ *essential*

5. American tech or geek idiomatic language.

not important ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ *essential*

6. Indirect questions for politeness (more common e.g. in the UK).

not important ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ *essential*

7. Reading a movie review from a USA publication.

not important ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ *essential*

8. Listening to non-native speaker situational dialogues.

not important ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ *essential*

