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The Little Prince in one hundred languages

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The English language in the world

Read the questions carefully!
Answer with the questions one at a time!
Please answer in full sentences!



1. You and your world of languages.

- a) What is your name? _____
- b) Where do you live? _____
- c) Which languages and dialects are spoken there?

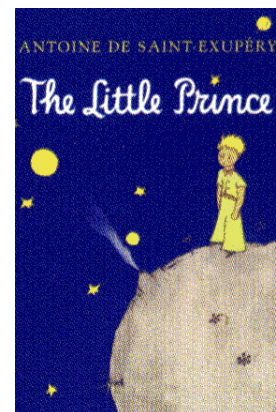
- d) Where were you born? _____
- e) Which languages and dialects are spoken in this city or region?

- f) Which (other) languages and dialects do you speak?

2. You and the Little Prince.

- a) Have you ever read the book *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry?
 yes no
- b) In which language did you read it?

- c) What comes into your mind when you think of the Little Prince?



3. Today we are going on a virtual trip through the world with the Little Prince. Before you start, think of the countries in which English is spoken.


a) In which countries is English spoken as the first language?

b) Have you ever been to one of these countries? Which?

c) When and why did you visit these countries?



4. To start your journey around the world, please visit the following website, <http://www.germanistik.uni-halle.de/prinz>, where you will find a famous extract from *The Little Prince* in over one hundred languages and dialects.

Read the text on the start page before you begin the following tasks. Click on the little world map !

5. First of all, please travel to the continent of North America. There are three little loudspeakers. Click on the icons and you will find three recordings in the English language.

a) Listen to them a number of times while reading the text.

b) Look at the three web pages. Where do the speakers come from?

<i>recording</i>	<i>city</i>	<i>country</i>
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		

6. At the three web pages you will find additional information about the language.

a) To which family of languages does English belong?

English is a...

Afro-Asian language

Slavic language

Romance language

Eurasian language

Germanic language

Celtic language

b) You already know that English was originally spoken only in Europe. Can you explain why it is today spoken in America? How did it come there?

7. The two countries in Europe in which English is spoken as the first language are Ireland and the United Kingdom. Go there and look for all the English recordings.

a) Where do the English speakers come from?

<i>recording</i>	<i>city</i>	<i>country</i>
1 st		
2 nd		

b) Choose one of these two recordings. Write down the text.



c) Listen to the chosen recording several times and try to read the text with the same pronunciation. Listen to the original as often as you like.

