

IF unit 1 reading comprehension questions

1. Why is it not surprising that children have usually picked up many thousands of words by the time they are three years of age?
 - A. Because their brains are absorbing a variety of sounds.
 - B. Because they have heard many words multiple times.
 - C. Because their comprehension is increasing as they get older.
 - D. Because they are in constant communication with their parents.
2. What do some researchers like Steven Pinker estimate of people by the time they reach twenty years of age?
 - A. They use and understand as many as ten thousand verb and word forms.
 - B. They form opinions and requests based on knowledge and experience.
 - C. They recognize approximately fifty to sixty thousand words.
 - D. They make long complex sentences and organize their thoughts.
3. What percent of international organizations like the U.N., the E.U., and the IOC use English as an official language?
 - A. 50%.
 - B. 60%.
 - C. 70%.
 - D. 80%.
4. How much of the world's mail is written in English?
 - A. One-half.
 - B. Two-thirds.
 - C. One-third.
 - D. Three-quarters.
5. According to the British Council, how many people in the world can speak some English?
 - A. 750 million people.
 - B. About 1.9 billion people.
 - C. One in four people.
 - D. Not mentioned.