

Listening

Podcast- *Who owns English? It's not who you think!*



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1. Choose the paragraph that best summarizes this excerpt from the podcast episode.

The British were the ones who invented the English language. When they started to spread their empire all over the world, their language was spread with them. For this reason, nowadays a lot of countries also speak English as a first language (like the United States and Australia) and many other countries speak it as a second language (like India). This is why teachers of English from all over the world should teach their students to sound British, after all, they are the real owners of this language.

Many years ago, English learners from all over the world believed that they were learning a language that was owned by the British. Nowadays, however, this idea has changed because the number of non-native speakers is a lot bigger than the number of native speakers, and English is now the language of communication. Therefore, teachers of English should expose their students to all types of English and shouldn't force them to sound British or American, which means respecting their accents and their identities.

2. Listen to the episode again. Which of these argumentative strategies can you identify? You can choose more than one. Take notes to support your answer.

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3. **THINK-PAIR-SHARE** - Do you think that the English spoken by native speakers such as the British or the Americans is more "correct" than the English spoken by non-native speakers such as the Brazilians or the Chinese? Why (not)? Should we try to sound like them? Why (not)?