# Lesson 25: Do the English speak English?

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Why does the writer not understand the porter?

I arrived in London at last.

The railway station was big, black, and dark.

I did not know the way to my hotel, so I asked a porter.

I spoke English not only very carefully but very clearly as well.

The porter, however, could not understand me.

I repeated my question several times, and at last he understood.

He answered me, but he spoke neither slowly nor clearly.

“I am a foreigner," I said.

Then he spoke slowly, but I could not understand him.

My teacher never—then he spoke slowly and spoke English like that!

The porter and I looked at each other and smiled.

Then he said something, and I understood it.

“You'll soon learn English!" he said.

I wonder.

In England, each person speaks a different language.

The English understand each other, but I don't understand them!

Do they speak English?

I arrived at a railway station in London and asked a porter the way to my hotel, but he could not understand me.

He understood me at last, but I could not understand his answer.

My teacher never spoke English like that.

The porter said that I would soon learn English.

Each man speaks a different language in England.

They understand each other, but I do not understand them.

He finished lunch.

He went into the garden.

He finished lunch and went into the garden.

Tran went to the station.

I missed the train.

I went to the station but missed the train.

I saw him yesterday.

He did not greet me.

I saw him yesterday, but he did not greet me.

He teaches English.

I teach English.

Both he and I teach English.

He teaches English.

He teaches French.

He teaches both English and French.

You must tell him.

I must tell him.

Either you or I must tell him.

He plays soccer.

He plays rugby.

He plays either soccer or rugby.

He does not speak English.

I do not speak English.

Neither he nor I speak English.

He does not speak English.

He does not speak French.

He speaks neither English nor French.

He cannot read.

He cannot write.

He can neither read nor write.

You must wash the dishes.

You must sweep the floor.

You must not only wash the dishes but also sweep the floor.

I knocked at the door, but he did not open it.

Both he and I went on holiday.

He must be either mad or very wise.

Both my sister and I went shopping.

We not only got very tired but also very hungry.

It was three o'clock, and we could not get lunch, so we had a cup of tea.

The writer couldn't understand the porter's English.

The writer expected everyone in England to speak like his teacher.

English is not a difficult language.

How many times did you repeat your question?

Several times.

He didn't speak slowly, and he didn't speak clearly either.

The porter and I looked at each other.

We both smiled.

He said something that I understood.

I repeated my question a number of times.

At last, he understood.

He understood in the end.

I come from abroad.

I am a foreigner.

My teacher taught me English.

"You'll soon learn English," he said. I wonder. I am not sure.