

58. ENGLISH AROUND THE WORLD

Welcome song

K: Welcome to our fun learning radio broadcast with Kiki and Mr. Suits! This program was created in collaboration with Azyzah Educational and Interactive Theatre.

S: Nice to meet you friends!

K: Our question today is from Carole who is 11 years old from Bourget in Canada.

S: Hi Kiki and Mr. Suits, could you tell us about English around the world?

K: Yes! Ready to learn about English around the world?

S: Let's go!

Theme

S: Kiki, I wonder... Where around the world do people speak English?

K: So many places, Mr. Suits.

S: Like where?

K: Let's play a game. I will name countries and you will guess if they speak English!

S: Cool. Let's play!

K: Great Britain and Ireland?

S: Tss, too easy. Yes!

K: Ding, ding! – The United States of America?

S: Yeah, sure, you betcha.

K: Ding, ding! – Australia and New Zealand?

S: Yes. Oy, matey!

K: Well done. Canada?

S: Yes. But some Canadians speak French – *bonjour!* Try harder, Kiki.

K: How about... Jamaica, Malta, South Africa or India?

S: Hm. Jamaica is in the Caribbean, Malta is in Europe, South Africa in Africa, and India is in Asia.

K: So?

S: So... no. They do not speak English.

K: EEE! Wrong. - English is the official language in Jamaica, Malta, South Africa, AND India. And more than 59 other countries.

S: What? Crazy! – How many people in the world speak English?

K: About 1,35 b-b-b-billion.

S: Wow. So many friends.

K: Let's all greet them together.

S+K: 3, 2, 1... Hello, friends!

Story

S: Woo-hoo! It's story time...

K: Today's story is about the power of words.

Once upon a time, there lived a princess who did not speak. The king, her father, said...

(S)KING: Anyone who can make my daughter speak can marry her!

K: A young student decided to try.

(S)KING: You have one night to make her speak, or you will die.

K: The student sat in the princess' chamber. Hours passed. Finally, he said...

(S)STUDENT: Well, princess. I cannot make you speak. But I will tell you a story...

One day, a carpenter created a statue of a beautiful woman. Then, a tailor made clothes for her. Finally, a wizard spoke magical words into the statue's ear.

(K)WIZARD: Abracadabra!

(S)STUDENT: She came to life. But all three men fell in love with her.

(K)CARPENTER: I created her body, she is mine!

(S)TAILOR: I made her clothes, she is mine!

(K)WIZARD: And I gave her life, she is mine.

K: The student said to the princess...

(S)STUDENT: I do not remember the ending of the story. Does the carpenter get the woman? Or the tailor?

(K)PRINCESS: No! She belongs to the one who gave her life. The wizard.

(S)STUDENT: You are right, princess. Thank you.

K: They talked for the whole night and fell in love. The king kept his word and they all lived happily ever after.

THE END

Goodbye song