

WORD FORMATION

WRITE THE CORRECT ANSWERS IN CAPITAL LETTERS!

ENGLISH IN THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

On the anniversary of Shakespeare's(DIE),
Bridget Lewis talks about the future of the English language.

Two thousand years ago English did not exist. A thousand years ago it was
a language spoken by(LITTLE) than two million
people.

Now it is the most(INFLUENCE) language in
the world, spoken by more than a billion people on the planet, as their
first, second or third language. English
(CURRENT) dominates science,(BUSY), the mass
media and popular culture. For example, 80% of e-mails on the Internet
are English. But where will English be at the end of the third millennium?

One view is that English is going to become even more important as a
.....(GLOBE) lingua franca, dominating the world's
trade and media while most of other languages will become localised or
just die out.

At present, over half the world's 6,500 languages are in
.....(DANGEROUS) of
(EXTINCT)

Another view is that English is already breaking up, as Latin did, into
several separate languages. There are already dictionaries of the »New
Englishes«, such as Australian English, full of words that a British English
.....(SPEAK) would not recognise.

.....(HOPE), neither of these things will happen.
Although different(VARY) of English will
continue to develop around the world, standard English will survive for
international(COMMUNICATE).

In(ADD), the
(FRIGHT) prospect of a(CULTURE) uniform world
totally dominated by one language is
(POSSIBLE). Already, other languages are fighting back against the grip of
English on the Net.

.....(GOVERN) around the world are also
starting to protect smaller languages and recognise the
.....(IMPORTANT) of
(CULTURE) and linguistic(DIVERSE).

English will probably stay in control for a long time, at
.....(LITTLE) while the USA remains the top superpower,,
but it(DEFINITE) won't become the only
language in the world.