

Chapter 10

Develop your understanding 10.1

Student responses will vary.

Develop your understanding 10.2

Student responses will vary. Points they may consider could involve the following.

- over 50% of websites on the internet use English to present their content
- many international organisations in business, education and science use English as a primary form of communication
- people from small language communities can access very large audiences by using English.

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Inner circle	Outer circle	Expanding circle
Australia	India	Argentina
Canada	Indonesia	Brussels
Ireland	Kenya	Japan
New Zealand	Malawi	Saudi Arabia
	Malaysia	Taiwan
	New Caledonia	Thailand
	the Philippines	
	Singapore	
	Sri Lanka	

- 2 In Australia there are various Englishes that evolved as a direct impact of colonisation, where the largely English-speaking colonisers continued to use English rather than learning local First Nations languages. At the same time, the interaction of the First Nations people with English speakers, particularly along the southern, south-eastern and south-western coastlines, resulted in the development of varieties of English known as Aboriginal Australian Englishes (AAEs).

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'Country' in the first excerpt is identified as more than just a place, but everything in it. Cassandra Lawton explains First Nation people's connection to land as being something intrinsic. People belong to the land, rather than the land belonging to them. In contrast, the term 'native title' in the third excerpt is linked with the notion of land rights, specifically the ownership of physical land that can be proven for the purpose of legal decisions. There is a difference in world views. Land can be considered as a part of who someone is – as something inseparable from identity, and more than just the geographical location. From another viewpoint, pre-existing First Nations land ownership can be recognised through evidence. The Mabo decision tried to bridge between First Nations law and Australian law so First Nations people had a way of claiming their heritage using the Australian legal system.