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| **ENGLISH - the WORLD Language**  This time we profile non-native English speakers from different parts of the world. What do they see as the benefits of speaking English?  Salih is an esports gamer from Turkey. His greatest passion is League of Legends, a fantasy action strategy game. The popular stereotype of a gamer is a social misfit who lives alone in his fantasy world. Salih disagrees: “Non-gamers think that we’re unsociable, but this is totally wrong. We spend a lot of time online discussing strategy, telling stories and swapping tips”, he explains.  More than 115 million players from all over the world play in teams against each other. Gamers need to collaborate with the people in their team, so they need a common language. In the team where Lee plays, only English is spoken. “We use a lot of game slang and code words”, Salih explains, “but we still need good English to work together well.”  Lisa comes from a family from South Korea. In the last years she has been travelling a lot all over the world. She has lived in Austria, Germany and France, because she loves Europe and its old cities. “I love Paris and especially the French cuisine”, Lisa admits. Currently she is living in New Zealand to enjoy nature and to earn money.  She has an Instagram account where she posts many photos of places of interest. Recently she has also been publishing make-up tips she got to know on her trips. She has 210.000 followers and of course she only posts in English. "If you want to be an influencer on Insta, you have to know English”, explains Lisa. “Otherwise you can forget it”, she adds.  1. Answer the questions in complete sentences using the information from the text.  A According to Salih, gamers are not antisocial because they get together online discussing strategy, telling stories and swapping tips.  B For Salih English is very important in the gaming world because there are more than 115 million players from all over the world. That is why they need a common language so that they can collaborate with the players in their team.  C Mostly Lisa shares photos of places of interest with the people following her on Instagram. Also she publishes make-up tips she got to know on her trips.  2. Find examples of reported speech in the text. Underline the phrases.  3. Report what Salih and Lisa say. Remember to change the pronouns if necessary. The first one has already been done for you.  Salih: “Non-gamers think that they we’re unsociable, but that’s totally wrong.”  Salih says that non-gamers think that they are unsociable, but that is totally wrong.  Salih explains that they spend a lot of time online discussing strategy, telling stories and swapping tips.  He explains that they use a lot of game slang and code words.  He tells us that they still need good English to work well together.  Lisa admits that she loves Paris and especially the French cuisine.  Lisa explains that if you want to be an influencer on Insta, you have to know English.  She adds that otherwise you can forget about it. | |
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