

# 準1級「要約」問題 5

- Instructions: Read the article below and summarize it in your own words as far as possible in English.
- Suggested length 60-70 words.
- Write your summary in the space provided on your answer sheet. Any writing outside the space will not be graded.

The debate over which version of English is correct depends on your nationality. Some countries teach American English in schools and therefore the majority of their citizens tend to prefer Americanized English. Whereas, an educational system that prioritizes British English language and pronunciation will lead to a population that prefers British English.

Due to the ever increasing economic and cultural power of the United States, more and more American phrases and idioms are making their way into British English. Which means that although we are getting closer to a universal version of English everyone can use, British people still consider American English to be a crude or defective dialect, which should be avoided at all costs.

However, across the Atlantic Ocean, people still consider British English to sound educated and sophisticated and thus the popularity of British English is cherished and encouraged. Many British terms do not have American counterparts, so the adoption of these expressions is seen as an enrichment of the language rather than a threat, as British people tend to see it when it comes to adopting American expressions.

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