

**Subject: 100 Fascinating English Facts****I. True or False?**

- a. The term nerd was first coined by Sigmund Freud.
- b. Proprietary eponyms are words created from company names.
- c. The phrase long time no see is grammatically incorrect.
- d. There are more English speakers in Nigeria than in the United Kingdom.
- e. Words which are pronounced the same as another word, but with a different meaning are called palindromes.

Answer Key: a. false; b. true; c. true; d. true; e. false

**II. Write down the four most common English words ending with *-dous* and two ending with *-gry*.**

Answer Key: hazardous, horrendous, stupendous, tremendous, angry, hungry

**III. Match the words with the field they're used in.**

<i>spawn, goalie, the at symbol, grind, project, home-run, gaslight, hash</i>
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Psychology:

Gaming:

Sports:

Web:

Answer Key:  
Psychology: project, gaslight  
Gaming: spawn, grind  
Sports: goalie, home-run  
Web: the at symbol, hash

**IV. Match the words with the language they originate from.**

*au fait, infant, fiasco, alphabet, coup d'état, karaoke, solo, mortgage*

Latin:

French:

Italian:

Japanese:

Greek:

Answer Key:  
Latin: infant  
French: au fait, coup d'état, mortgage  
Italian: fiasco, solo  
Japanese: karaoke  
Greek: alphabet

**V. Write down the definitions of the slang/lingo words and phrases below.**

- a. to spawn
- b. goalie
- c. on fleek
- d. to catastrophise
- e. hangry

Answer Key:  
a. to appear back in the game after dying  
b. a goalkeeper  
c. cool, stylish  
d. to see a situation as much worse than it really is  
e. angry because of being hungry

**VI. Match the parts of the sentences to create real statistics.**

- a. 11% of the English language...
  - b. The word set...
  - c. The English language...
  - d. There are...
  - e. The average English speaker...
1. ...has an estimated one million words.
  2. ...knows between 20,000 and 30,000 words.
  3. ...has over 430 different meanings.
  4. ...26 letters in the English alphabet.
  5. ...consists of the letter E.

Answer Key: a. 5; b. 3; c. 1; d. 4; e. 2