

What is English

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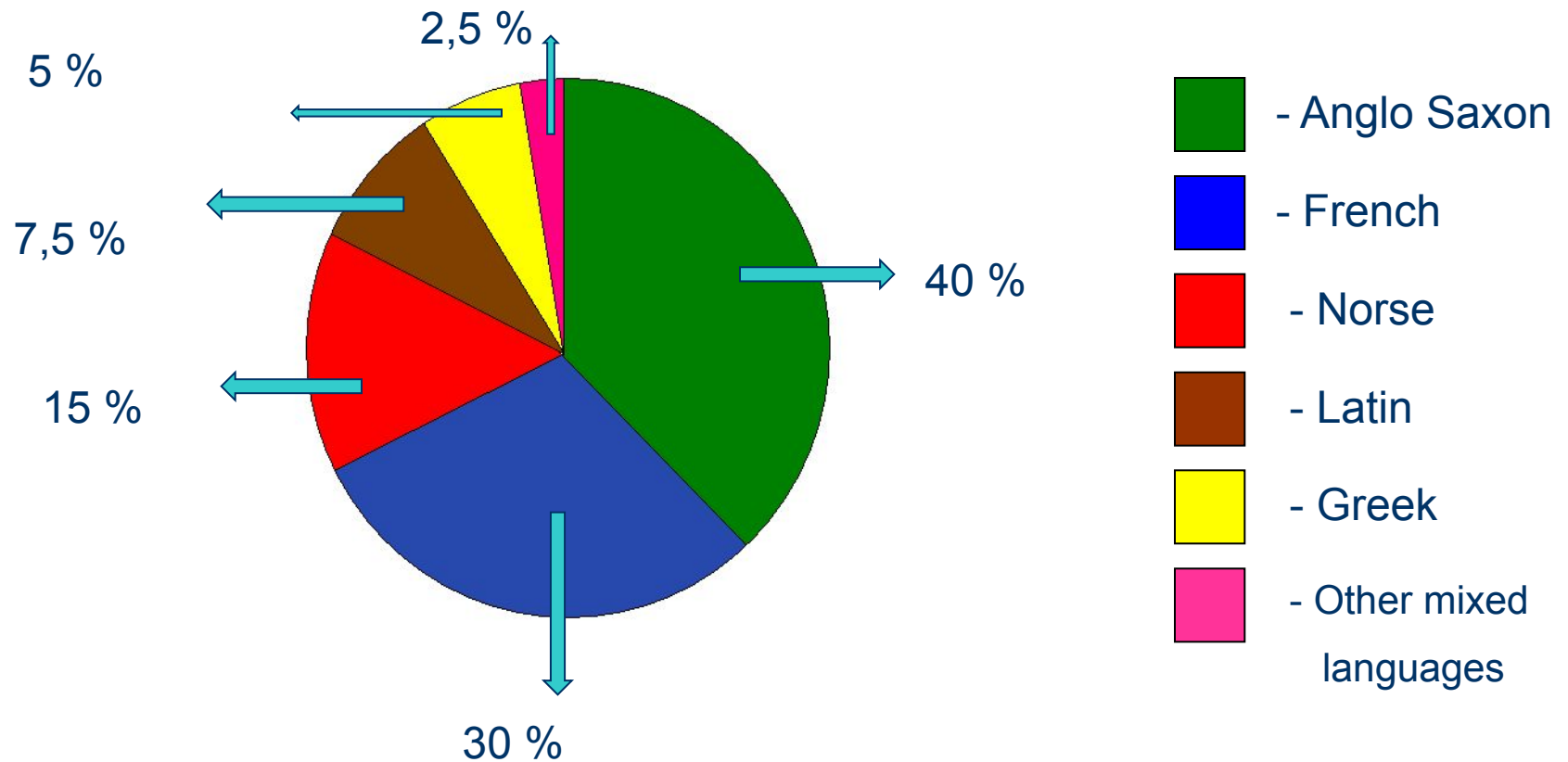
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The English language is :

- Language of Englishmen, Americans (an official language of the Great Britain and the USA), one of 2 official languages of Ireland, Canada and Malta, an official language of Australia, of New Zealand

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How many people speak English?

- English is the main language in 30 countries, and there are 375 million people who speak it as their first languages.
- It is also used as an official language in over 70 other countries and is a second language for about 350 million people.
- All in all, there are about 1 billion people who can't speak English, but they're learning it!

Why do people learn English?

- It's the top language for travel and tourism, and is used in business and science.
- At the moment, 80 per cent of the world's Internet sites are in English, but this falls when more countries start using their own language.

How many words are there in English?

- There are about 300,000 entries in the Oxford English Dictionary. However, there are many scientific and technical words that are not in the dictionary. An educated English speaker only uses about 30,000 words.

What's the longest words in English?

- According to the Oxford English Dictionary, it is the name for a lung disease caused by breathing in dangerous dust and is
- pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis.

Conclusion

- Today English is a truly global language
- because it belongs to everyone!

The literature

- -The textbook
- -The encyclopedia