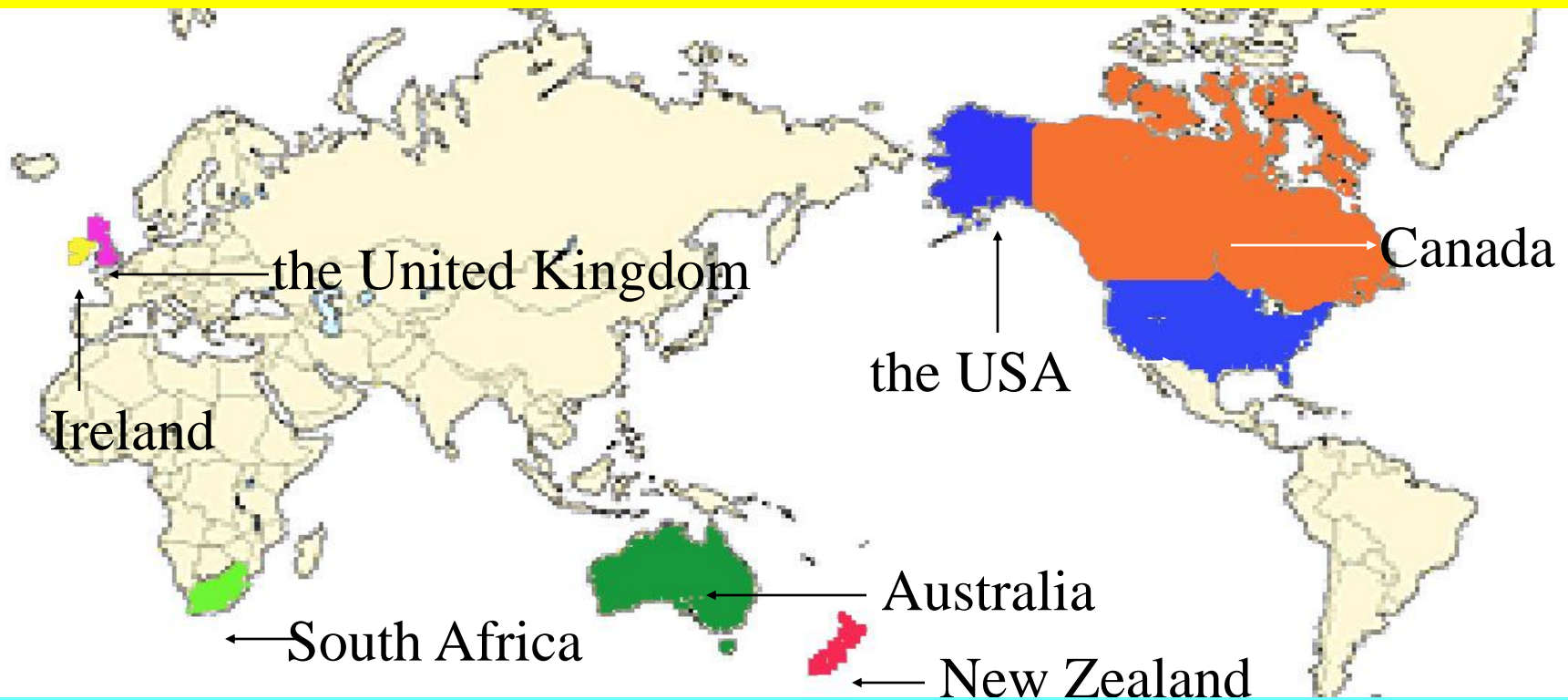


Can you list the countries that use English as an official language?

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Do you know why English is spoken by so many people in so many different countries?



Key words: trade, tourism, internet website, official language of the UN, entertainment



The Road to Modern English

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The Road to Modern English

1. What does “the road” mean?
2. Predict what the passage is mainly about?

What's the writing style of the article?

A. *An argumentation*

B. *An exposition* *exposit or introduce sth*

C. *A narration*

Read for Details— Para. 1

At the end of the 16th century, about five to seven million people spoke English. Nearly all of them lived in England. **Later in the next century**, people from England made voyages to conquer other parts of the world and because of that, English began to be spoken in many other countries. **Today**, more people speak English as their first, second or a foreign language than ever before.

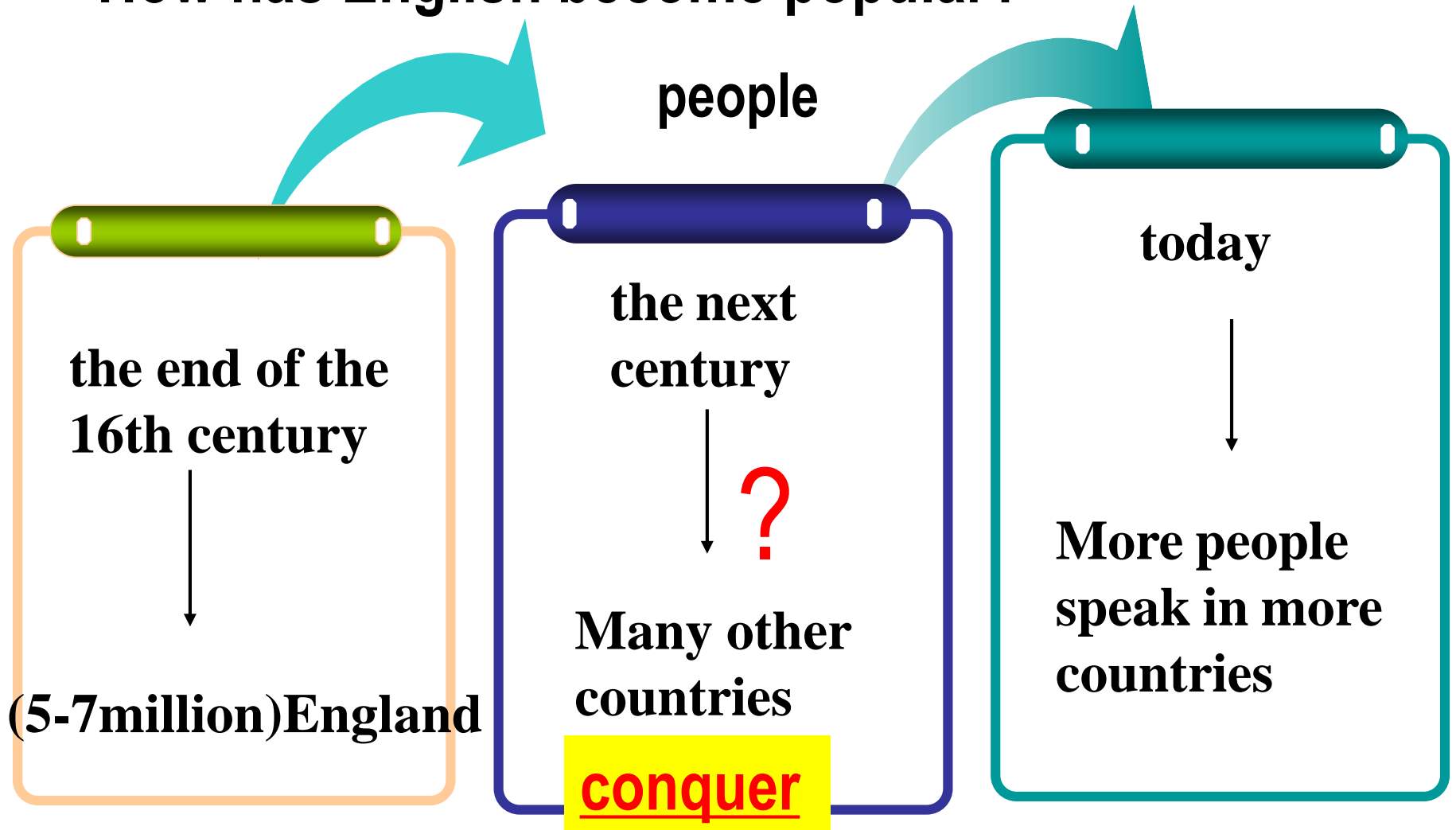
1. What's the topic sentence ?
2. How is this paragraph organized ? **time**

Read for Details— Para. 1

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How has English become popular?



Read for Details— Para. 2

Topic sentence ?

Native English speakers can understand each other even if they don't speak the same kind of English.

example:

British Betty: Would you like to see my flat

American Amy: Yes. I'd like to come up to your apartment

So why has English changed over time?



Read for Details— Para. 3-4

Topic sentence?

So why has English changed over time? **Actually all languages change and develop when cultures meet and communicate with each other.**

How has English changed over time ?
Underline the times

Finally by the 19th century the language was settled. At that time two big changes in English spelling happened: First Samuel Johnson wrote his dictionary and later Noah Webster wrote The American Dictionary of the English Language. The latter gave a separate identity to American English spelling.

Read for Details— Para. 3-4

be based more on
German (Anglo-
Saxon 盎格鲁-撒
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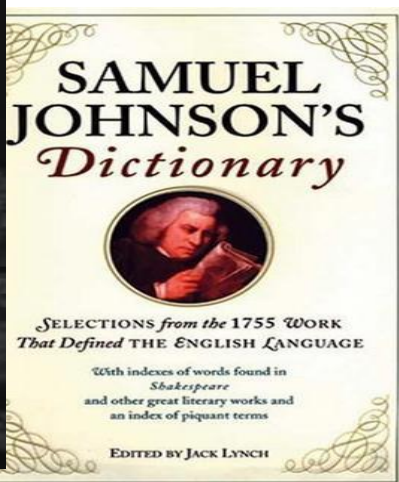
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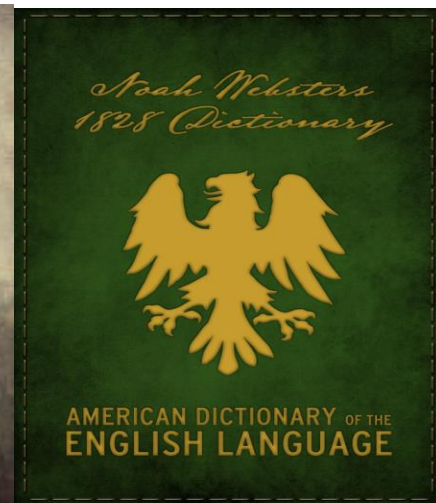
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Read for Details— Para. 4

Finally by the 19th century the language was settled. At that time two big changes in English spelling happened: First Samuel Johnson wrote his dictionary and later Noah Webster wrote *The American Dictionary of the English Language*. The latter gave a separate identity to American English spelling.



a profound effect on Modern English, pre-eminent British dictionary



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Read for Details— Para. 5

Topic sentence

English now is also spoken as a foreign or second language in South Asia. examples: India & China?

India is a typical country who speaks English as a second language because of its long being ruled by Britain.

China, another typical nation who speaks English as a foreign language, has a largest number of English learners.

China is increasing rapidly. In fact, China may have the largest number of English learners. Will Chinese English develop its own identity? Only time will tell.

What's the author's attitudes towards the spread of English?

A. neutral

C. negative



positive

D. doubtful

Para. 3-4-5: road to Modern English

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Conclusion

**Language can
change with
time.**

**Language can change
when cultures
communicate with
each other.**

time

place

1. At the end of the 16th century,...English began to be spoken in many other countries. **Today, more people speak English as their first, second or a foreign language than ever before.**
2. **Native English speakers can understand each other even if they don't speak the same kind of English.** Look at this example...

3. **Tip1: Topic sentence usually lies in the first, the last sentence or sometimes after a question with some signal words such as today, actually, now, finally, etc.**

make use of a wider vocabulary than ever before. In 1620 some British settlers moved to America. Later in the 18th century some British people were taken to Australia too. English

4. **Tip 2: (how to develop a paragraph) topic sentence+ examples**

wrote The American Dictionary of the English Language. The latter gave a separate identity to American English spelling.

5. **English now is also spoken as a foreign or second language in South Asia.** For example, India has ...Today the number of people learning English in China is increasing rapidly. In fact, China may have the largest number of English learners. Will Chinese English develop its own identity? Only time will tell.

Read for Structure

Q1: Can we leave out para 1?

1. No, it introduces **the topic** and serves as a transitional sentence

2. Today, more people speak English as their first, second or a foreign language than ever before.

3. So why has English changed over time? Actually all languages change and develop

Q2: Look at the two topic sentences and guess what does “also” imply ?

4. Signal word “also” refers another aspect which implies the structure of the passage.

5. English now is also spoken as a foreign or second language in South Asia.

Spoken as first, second or a foreign language

conquest & cultural communication

Para 1

Para 2,3,4

Para 5

English development as first
language

English development as
second or foreign language

The Road to Modern English

What does “the road” mean?

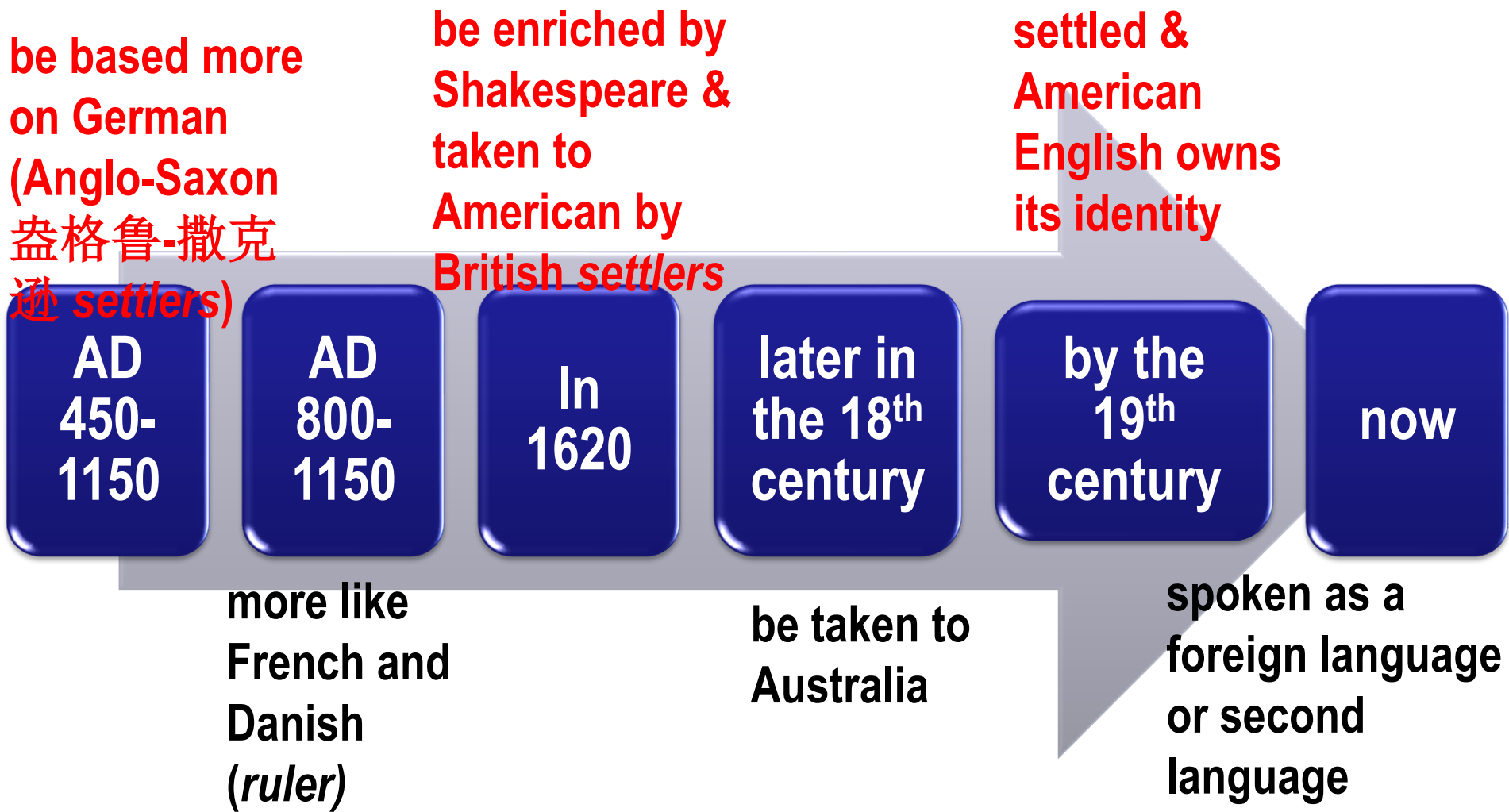
The Development/History of English

Further Thinking

- 1. What's your attitude towards the spread of English?**
- 2. Why do you think people all over the world want to learn English?**

Retell the road

Retell the Road to Modern English



Assignment

Write down a summary of the development of English around 80 words

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example

English changes when culture meets and develops. Between AD 450 and 1150, English was first based more on German and then more like French and later Danish due to the rulers. In 1620, Shakespeare enriched its vocabulary and at the same time English was taken to America and was also taken to Australia later in the 18th century. By the 19th century, English was settled and American English has its own identity thanks to Noah Webster. Now it is also spoken as a foreign language or second language in Asian and African countries.