



**ACR Conversation Class 8**

# **Samuel Johnson**



Samuel Johnson,  
c.1750 ©

**Author of the 1<sup>st</sup> English Dictionary**

**"THE HISTORY OF THE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE"**

**Student notes**

# Questions

1). What languages is the English language made up of?

**Answer:** The English language was formed from German, French, Greek, Swedish & Latin

2). Who spoke English first?

**Answer:** Only the common and uneducated people spoke an early form of English. As the upper classes spoke French and the church spoke Latin.

3). When was the first major change to spoken English?

**Answer:** The first major change was around 1066 after the Battle of Hastings when the English fought the French and lost.

4). Which languages is English a mixture of?

**Answer:** The English language is a mixture of German, French, Greek, Swedish and Latin.

5). Which tapestry shows describes the Battle of Hastings 1066?

**Answer:** The Bayeux Tapestry?

6). Who was the Battle of Hastings between and who won?

**Answer:** The English & French. The French won with 15,000 men against the English with only 5,000 men

7). When was the first English dictionary written?

**Answer:** Around 1750

8). Who wrote the first English dictionary?

**Answer:** Samuel Johnson

**9). How many words does the English language have?**

**Answer:** Over 600,000

**10). How many people speak English in the World today?**

**Answer:** around 508,000,000 million.

**11). What is the most common language spoken in the World?**

**Answer:** Mandarin. (CHINA)

**12). How many people live in Sao Paulo and Brazil?**

**Answer:** 20 million in Sao Paulo & 200 million in Brazil.

**13). How many people speak or understand any written English?**

**Answer:** Less than 8%

**14). Is English an official language on the Brazilian Hight School Curriculum?**

**Answer:** Yes it is.

**The Bayeux Tapestry in the London Museum.**



### Translation List

<b>English</b>	<b>Portuguese</b>
English Language	Idioma Inglês
Only Spoken By	Apenas falada por
Commun Uneducated	Comum Ignorante
Upper classes	classes mais altas
Mixtures	Misturas
Successive invasions	sucessivas invasões
The most significant change	A mudança mais significativa
Battle	Batalha
Tells the story of the battle between	Conta a história da batalha entre
First English dictionary	O primeiro dicionário Inglês
Lived between	viveu entre
Official Language	língua oficial
Curriculum taught in schools	Currículo ensinado nas escolas
English Grammar	Inglês gramática
Approximately	aproximadamente

