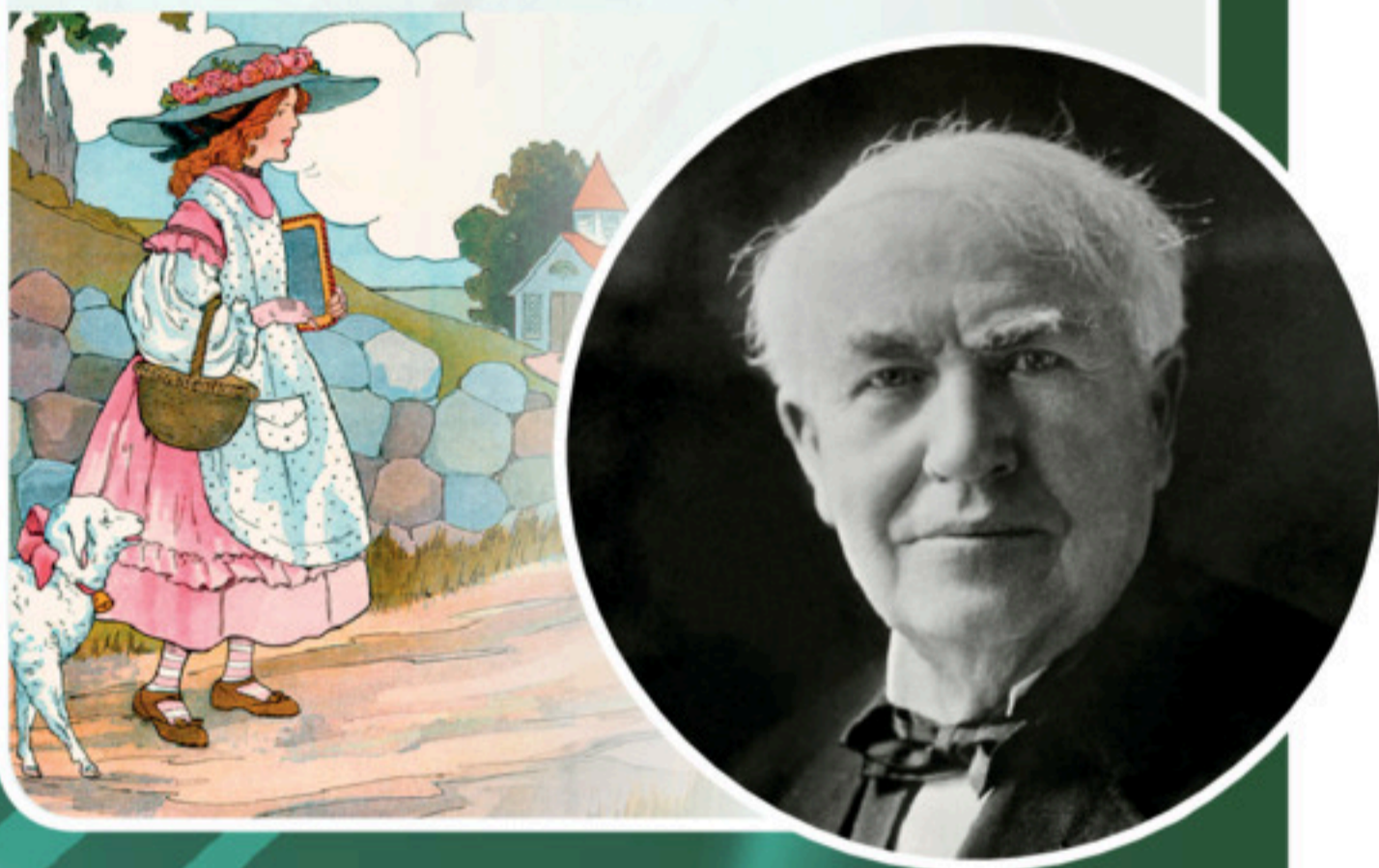


7 English has taken words from different languages, including gendered nouns (masculine and feminine). Why **didn't** English **keep** the gender?

- a Because English never had gendered nouns.
- b Because the different languages had a different gender for the same nouns.
- c Because gendered nouns were difficult to pronounce.

8 What **was** Thomas Edison **doing** when he recited the nursery rhyme, 'Mary had a little lamb'?

- a making the first telephone call
- b making the first sound recording
- c making the first moving pictures



9 The *Chicago Tribune* newspaper **has** often **tried** to simplify English spelling. Which of these examples **have become** standard American English?

- a bureaucrat and definitely
- b iland and det
- c catalog and program

10 How long **have** people **been using** the acronym OMG (Oh My God!)?

- a since 1917
- b since 1985
- c since text messaging began

11 How many new words **are added** to the Oxford English Dictionary every year?

- a 500    b 1,000    c 3,000

12 What language **was** commonly **spoken** by well-educated Ancient Romans?

- a Latin    b Greek    c Hebrew

## Practice

### No, they don't!

1 Correct the information in the sentences.

- 1 A Brazilians speak Spanish.  
B **No, they don't speak Spanish! They speak Portuguese!**
- 2 A The Pope lives in Madrid.  
B **No, he doesn't live in Madrid! He lives in Rome, in the Vatican!**
- 3 Shakespeare wrote his plays in Latin.
- 4 The world is getting colder.
- 5 The Americans didn't land on the moon.
- 6 Cinderella was going to the ball when she lost her shoe.
- 7 The UK has never had a female Prime Minister.
- 8 The 2016 Olympics were held in London.

2 2.2 Listen and compare. Notice the stress and intonation. Practise making the corrections with a partner.

### 's = is or has?

3 Is 's in these sentences the auxiliary *is*, or *has*?

- 1 What's making that buzzing noise? **is**
- 2 He's learned Spanish really well.
- 3 Plastic's made from oil.
- 4 Who's been eating my chocolates?
- 5 I think Jack's worried.
- 6 What's produced in your country?

4 2.3 Listen to more sentences with 's. Say if they mean *is* or *has*.

### Talking about you

5 Complete the questions with the correct auxiliary verb and name the tense. Then ask and answer them with a partner.

- 1 What time \_\_\_\_\_ you usually get up at weekends?
- 2 What time \_\_\_\_\_ you get up this morning?
- 3 How long \_\_\_\_\_ it usually take you to get to class?
- 4 Who \_\_\_\_\_ sitting near you? What \_\_\_\_\_ he/she wearing?
- 5 How long \_\_\_\_\_ you known the teacher?
- 6 What \_\_\_\_\_ you doing when the teacher came into the classroom?
- 7 What \_\_\_\_\_ (not) you like doing in English lessons?
- 8 Which school subjects \_\_\_\_\_ (not) you like when you were younger?
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ you studied any other foreign languages?
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ English spoken by many people in your country?

Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

### Funny grammar

➔ **Extra Material p155** Look at the cartoons. Why do the wrong tenses make them funny?

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