

# A Portrait of Global English

China, not the United States, tops the list of countries with the largest population of people with some knowledge of English. China introduced English as a mandatory grade school class, and the results are an estimated 300 million new English users on the global stage. Perhaps even more surprising, Ireland comes in at number 30 on the list, and New Zealand at number 32, below Tanzania and Turkey among others.<sup>2</sup>

