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INTRODUCTION

The relevance of this work lies in the fact that we are studying English and we are interested in the question about the globalization of the English. The popularity of English around the world is growing, but not all people, who are learning, understand why the language is international.

This language is spoken in many countries on several continents. The language is thought as a foreign language at school.

We will try to explain how and why English has become a world language. We shall speak about the history of the language, the reason of its growth and spread.

Is English a global language? - Especially in the 21st century English is spread by most all over the glob. And if a language achieves special role and is recognised in every country we can say that it has global status. This status is most evident in countries where large number of people speak the language as a mother – tongue – in the case of English, this would mean the USA, Canada, Britain, New Zealand, South Africa, several Caribbean Countries, etc. No mother-tongue used by itself can give a language global status. A language has to be taken up by other countries around the world.

The language can be made the official language of the country and can be used as a medium of communication in government, law courts, media and educational system. And English is used as an official language in Nigeria, India, Singapore and etc. . In these countries English is considered the second official language, leaving the “first place” for mother – tongue. As a foreign language it is taught at schools and universities receiving of course government support.

People speaking the language doesn't play role for becoming it global. It is much more to do what those people are. Latin was an international language once but not because the Romans were numerous than the people they subjugated.

There is the closest of the links between language dominance and economic, technological and cultural power, too, and this relationship will become increasingly clear as the history of English. Without a strong powerbase of whatever kind, no language can make progress as an international medium of communication. Language has no independent existence, living in some sort of mystical space apart from people who speak it. Language exists only in the brains and mouths, and ears and hands and eyes of its users. When they succeed, on the international stage their language succeeds. When they fail, their language fails.

A language has traditionally become an international language for one chief reason: the power of its people – especially their political and military power.

But international dominance is not solely the result of military might. It may take a military powerful nation to establish a language, but takes an economically powerful one to maintain and expand.

It is not to deny that lexical and grammatical expositions have their own role to make the language internationally appealing.

International dominant language is the result not only of number of speaking or because its lexico-grammatical structures, but with economic developments beginning to operate on a global scale, supported by the new communication

technologies. The growth of competitive industry and business brought an explosion of international marketing and advertising. Technology, fueled new mass entertainment industries which had world-wide impact. The drive to make progress in science invireoment which gave scholarship and further education a high profile.

Any language at the centre of such an explosion of international activity would have found itself with a glob stutus. And English is not exception.

Translation has played a central role in human interaction. When representatives of government met on the international stage ,there would invariably be interpreters present. In communities where only two or three languages are in contact bilingualism (or thriligualism) is a possible solution, for most young children aquire more than one language with unselfconscious ease. But in communities where there are many languages in contact, such a natural solution doesn't readily apply.

The problem has traditionally been solved by finding a language to act as a 'common language'.

The advantiges of a global language are conciderable. The need of a global language is particularly appreciated by the internation academic and business communities, and it is here that the adaptation of a common language or a single lingua-franca is most in evidence. It is needed in lecture rooms and board rooms, in individual contacts, in conversations over the Internet between the scientists or businessmen.

Most people consider English to be a global language. Because it is the one language that is spoken and understood by the majority of population in almost every region of the world. There is no official definition for a global language. So we can say it is a language that is learned and spoken internationally by native and second language speakers. There are approximately 360 million native English speakers and almost twice as many speaking it as a second language, making English one of the topmost spoken language in the world. English is undaubtadly in about every sector wether it is in education, medicin, business, technology, tourism, communication and so on. It is perhaps this world wide acceptance and usage of English language that propels it as an extremely essensial global language. English is the international language of business and people need to speak English if they want to enter a global workforce. Learning English will increase chances of getting hired and be provided with greater oportunites to further their career. With each day that passes by more and more companies all over the world are now mandating English as the official corporate languge. Not only in US but also in European universitys students who speak English can receive the best training to progress not only in their careers but also throughout life in general.

Thus studying the status of English we can say that it is adopted as a world language in most countries on several continents.

How English Became Global Language

English is a west Germanic language of the Indo-European language family, originally spoken by inhabitants of early medieval England (Anglo-Saxon English 5 to 11 century). English is the most spoken language in the world and the third most spoken native language in the world after Standard Chinese. It is the most widely learned second language and is either the official language or one of the official languages in 59 sovereign states. People learning English as second language are more than native speakers. As of 2005 it was estimated that there were over 2 billion speakers of English.

What makes English the magic catch all language that every one wants to speak fluently. How did it become so important and widespread? The answer lies not just in the history of language, but politics, culture and technology. Here are following reasons **why English has become today's global language** :

1. The first and the most obvious reason that English became widespread in the first place is because of the British Empire. Before colonizing around a quarter of the world Britons were the only ones speaking English. But when they started doing trade with places like Asia and Africa, colonizing and setting around the globe and the language naturally spread. It was mainly used in administration and business. It became the language of those who were educated in literature, poetry and philosophy.

2. The second reason is as follows. After the first two wars American businesses were blooming and started doing trade all over the world. This bolstered the use of English as the language of global trade. At the same time culture was being exported through music, film. So English became language of entertainment for the masses.

3. Cool factor – English is the most common language used in film and music industry. Most of favorite films are produced in English. Its role has also sports – many of the best athletes in those fields are English speaking – even if they are recruited from abroad.

4. Technology – At the same time that USA was becoming the world's superpower, the internet was also invented in the USA. This created an entire lexicon for computers and technology that was invented in English. Computer keyboards are suited for writing languages using Latin alphabet and the hardware

for all our smart technology uses English words, which are used around the world. The world of science is also dominated by English for the same reasons: historically, any serious publication were done and must be done in English. Science and technology play an important role in our lives.

5. Now English is widespread across internet, on radio in schools and business world. It is well known that in order to get a good job in today's global market English speaking is becoming requirement more often. That's why students and more adults are interested in studing English and speaking more fluently.

You can't neglect English if you are interested in scinse or medicine. Much of technical terminology is based on English words, and if you want to be informed about the latest developments and discoveries from around the world, you will read about them in journals, research reports published in English, no matter what nationality the auther is. Besides, with good conversational English, you will able to make impotant contacts at conferances and seminars.

English will give you the opportunity to study in western universities. It's very attractive, but common working language in at these universities is English. As well as studing, teaching, learning, attending conferances and seminars, you will need excellent English.

Why it is Important to Learn English ?

There are many, many reasons why learning a new language is a good idea. It allows you to communicate with people. It helps you to see things from different perspective, or get a deeper understanding of another culture. It helps you to become a better listener. It even has health benefits as studies have shown that people who speak two or more languages have more active mind later in life.

Those are all reasons to learn any foreign language – but why English among 6.500 still spoken in the world today? Here are some reasons that learning English can improve your life.

It is the official language of more than 60 countries. That is a lot of new people you can communicate with just buy improving one language.

It is the most wildly spoken language in the world. It's the rest of the world's "second language". Most people in the world choose to learn some English after their native language. In fact , one in five people on planet speaks or understands at least a little bit of English.

It can help you to get better job. Companies are becoming more international, and English is listed as an essential skill for more and more jobs. There are some organisations that conduct all their business in English, no matter where in the world they are based. If you want a good paid opportunities, learning English is great.

It makes easier to travel. English makes it easier to travel anywhere you want. For example, aeroplane announcements, train timetables, emergency information and street signs are often translated into English, particularly in countries that use a different type of alphabet. And even if you don't find others or local people that speak your mother tongue, you'll find somebody who understands some English.

It's the language of media. Most of contact on the internet is written in English. Many of the world's biggest news outlets, including TV, newspaper, magazines and radio are produced in English. Go to any international film festival in the world and you will see that all films are either in English or have English subtitles.

English is the international language of media, arts, music and so on. It is the most popular language you can learn today.

English is the language of science. Most medical schools English is required as part of students course work. Science research is primarily published in English, so that international scientists can read them.

There is hardly any person who doesn't wish to learn a foreign language. It's a skill that everyone would like to add to their resume. Your ability to help and communicate with people will help you earn respect. You will be more interesting and you'll feel special and confidence.

Importantly being able to speak English fluently opens up countless opportunities for students to study all over the world.

Nowadays, more and more people are dedicating time to studying English as a second language. Many countries include English in their schools syllabus and children are starting to learn English at younger age.

If you speak English you won't need to rely on translations and subtitles anymore to enjoy your favourite books, songs, films and TV shows.

English is also a particularly important language online with the highest percentage of content on the internet written in English. As well as this, some of the world's largest tech companies are based in English speaking countries.

Generally speaking, English is one of the easiest languages to learn with its simple alphabet. And once English is mastered you will have developed abilities and practices that you did not have as a native speaker, chances are that English will still be used as a tool for communication.

Good knowledge of English will allow you to access films, music and literature from hundreds of countries around the globe. Not to mention the fact that numerous books from across the world are translated into English.

Therefore, by understanding English, you are unlocking the door to the whole world of new information and knowledge.

What is the true value of learning English? Studying English can help you progress in life both personally and professionally. You can compete in the job market, increase your career skills and start to meet people around the world.

English is the language of global communication. Learning English will help you with your career path.

English is a key that unlocks a world of possibility.

Conclusion

People often call English the international language of business, and it's true as international trade expands every year, bringing new countries into contact. Speaking English can put you in a position to get the best training and credentials. Most multinational companies require a certain degree of English proficiency from potential employees in order to get a position with a top company, more and more people study English .

To sum up, today English is the language of

- trade and business,
- science and technology,
- news and entertainment industry,
- travel industry,
- better understand culture of other nations,
- education,
- youth culture,
- it is the language of sea and air,
- it is the opportunity to get higher education in abroad,
- and it is easy to study the language

How long will English hold this status? No one can say, but it seems that its dominance will last for several more decade.

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