

English connects people

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In the twenty-first century, the whole world has become accessible to all people. Since science and technology progress there have been huge changes in people's lifestyles around the world. As a result, human beings have to maintain a relationship with one another. Language is our primary source of communication. It is how we relate to people and share ideas. With the world's development in science, technology, business, education, travel, tourism, and everyday life, the need for a common language to communicate has become significant. English has been accepted as a global language among speakers from all over the world. Being able to speak English helps to make a real connection with people and to know more about diverse cultures, places, and lifestyles.

These days the English language is an international common tongue or *lingua franca*¹. About 350 million people around the world speak English as a first language. About 430 million speak it as a second language giving 20% of the global population. There are English speakers in most countries around the world.

Historically English was used on the territory of the British Empire but today became a principal language of the countries influenced by former British Colonies. Currently, it is used in business, culture, international banking, technology, and entertainment also in countries not touched by British imperialism.

Furthermore, English is essential and important as an academic language in education. Pupils and students are taught English as a second language even in countries

¹ *Lingua franca* is also known as a bridge language, common language, or trade language (...), is a language or dialect systematically used to make communication possible between groups of people who do not share a native language or dialect, particularly when it is a third language that is distinct from both of the speakers' native languages.

where it is not an official language. There are many schools where the classes are taught in both native and English language simultaneously. It lets students for better language comprehension and gives an opportunity for more beneficial and higher education. Because English is the dominant language in the international scientific fields and research, many of the world's best universities are English speaking schools.

Without one common worldwide language, social media, the Internet and the press wouldn't fulfill their role. On the Internet over 50% of the content of websites uses English. Many sides, apps, and social media often give the option to translate the content. English is a primary language of the press, as well. The majority of newspapers and books are written in English more often than in any other language, so you can be anywhere in the world and have an access to nearly every subject of your interest.

English plays a vital role as travel and tourism are related to both national and international levels. Being able to communicate in English makes traveling much easier. You can get to every corner of the world and receive help and assistance no matter where you are. English is a common language for foreigners, it is used at online travel booking sides, hotels and accommodations, restaurants, and tourist attractions. Airports and transportation hubs navigate tourists in English as well. Besides tourism, English is useful when people attend international conferences, competitions, and events that are held in English too. For example Olympics, The Academy Awards – Oscars or Grammy Awards.

Nowadays English is commonly used for international business trade and commerce. The latest technologies in business such as emails, documentation, and phone calls use English as a main mode of communication. Many local companies expand their careers to the international scale becoming multinational, so the prevalence of English as a global language serves their purposes. Most business organizations have their offices in most countries, so to maintain international relationships English plays a dominant role in almost all the fields in the modern globalized world.

In today's world multilingualism is becoming more and more important. There are a lot of evidence given to prove that English is the only internationally spoken and accepted language. English enables us to relate and interact meaningfully with people of all nations and backgrounds. By communicating with a common tongue, we open

ourselves to the world's diversity. English knocks down barriers, including cultural ones. It is highly likely that if you meet someone from another country, you will both be able to speak English. It gives you an open door to the world and helps you communicate or even make friends with global citizens. The more proficient you are, the better you can express yourself. It may help us embrace our differences and resonate with our similarities. Being able to speak English expands our worldview and broadens our perspective of what life has to offer.

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