



ENGLISH IS A GLOBAL LANGUAGE: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

This project aims to show us why the English known as a global language and why other languages do not have this ability. Also introduce some other languages such as Chinese that can be replaced with English and their capability of being a global one.

KEY WORDS: English, Global Language, Capability, Global communication tool, Lingua Franca.

INTRODUCTION

Across the globe, domestic and international communication has expanded, and that's the reason why there is a need for a global language English which has become the lingua franca in major parts of the world. English is one of the world's most dominating language, having an impact on every field of work. Although with the positive outcomes, the negatives outweigh them to some degree as it means that many languages will perish out as a result.

MEANING OF GLOBAL LANGUAGE

Meaning of a global language is a language spoken internationally and is learned by several people as a second language. English is known to be the global language in that context

MAIN REASON FOR ENGLISH BECOMING A GLOBAL LANGUAGE:

There are arguments that languages have a strong link between dominance and cultural power. The main factor that the languages exist is because of a powerful power-base, political and military or economic. The language itself was derived from languages such as German, Latin, French and other European countries. Linguists argue whether the simplicity of the English language is the main reason for it becoming a global language.

ENGLISH IS A VERY EFFECTIVE LANGUAGE

English is a very effective language, and that it's proved by the many native and non-native speakers worldwide. Statistics show nearly a one-fourth of the world is already fluent or content in English. Though the number of native Chinese speakers are greater, Chinese is still not the global language is because

of its complicated letter system, grammar and spellings. Thus, for a language to become a global language has little to do with the number of native speakers.

Furthermore, English helps to express various meanings. It has a lot of words with different meanings and different types of syntax, helping the speaker to express with great accuracy. Another factor that makes English efficient is its compact letter system. It's unlike Chinese with 10000 letter writing system which is very difficult for most people. Moreover, the English language is very phonetic, rather than character-based. Hence it can help to describe the actual sounds of words or phrases.

A POOR FEATURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A poor feature of the English language is, there could be words with similar sounds but with a different meaning, which can confuse non-native speakers. Another difficulty in English is different regions of native English speakers have their accent, which makes a non-native or a beginner learner of the language, not to understand them clearly. Non-native speakers also have their specific accents.

Since English is so widely spoken, many have taken up English as their second language. English has allowed a common communication means between people of different backgrounds. Hence, English has helped to diminish certain cultural barriers between nations. However, there are cultural differences between countries and nations. In India, which has thousands of local languages, English is used as the official language as a smooth communication mean.



ENGLISH IS AN IMPORTANT LANGUAGE:

- English is considered as a global language.
- Many non-native English countries have English as their second language.
- Though Chinese has the most numbers of native speakers, English is spoken in different parts of the world.
- English is derived from Latin, French and some other European languages.
- In India, English is the official language.
- English is a relatively easy language for most learners.
- The English language has a simple letter system which is based on phonetics.
- English has a vast vocabulary that helps one to express things accurately.
- The source of English to become a global language is from the British colonialism and American Imperialism.
- English is used as a global communication tool.

CONCLUSION,

we should never assume that its superior to other languages. Each nation should consider their language as being important to them. To sum up, English can be regarded as a global language, but it cannot be considered superior to other languages. Every single language has its special characteristics, ways of expression and it should be preserved and celebrated.

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