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## **WHY AMONG OTHER LANGUAGES ENGLISH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE WORLD AND FOR HOW LONG IS IT?**

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In the twenty-first century, the entire world has become narrow, accessible, sharable and familiar for all the people living on this earth as English is used as a common language even though there are some variations in habits, cultures, traditions, regions and idiosyncratic aspects. As English has got the common qualities, it has been accepted as the global language among the speakers of thousands of different languages. Since science and technology is progressing, there are tremendous changes taking place in the lives of the human beings everywhere in the world. As a result, the whole world has become a global village and the people have to maintain good relationship with the others. Moreover, business, trade and commerce have become international and most of the business organizations have their offices in most of the countries. In order to maintain international relationship in science, technology, business, education, travel, tourism and so on, English serves the purpose as a common language and a global language. It is the language mostly used not only by the scientists, business organizations and the internet but also in higher education, and tourism sectors. As English plays a dominant role in almost all the fields in the present globalized world, there is a need to discuss its role as a global language [1, 87].

The first thing I would like to start with is that the title of my thesis really corresponds to my real opinion. I will not lie if I say that I sincerely consider English to be the language of the first place in importance. Even with its already established leadership, The English Language is becoming more and more common in the world. Moreover, this process will not stop soon and why and how much - we will now analyze these aspects [2, 152].

As English is a lingua franca, most of the native and non-native speakers of English are using English as their mode of communication in their business matters or business organizations. English has become the fastest increasing language in this modern world and it occupies the status of a commercial language by connecting the East and the West and the North and the South.

English language is spread all over the world into almost all the fields such as science, engineering and technology, medicine, trade and commerce, scientific research, education, tourism, internet, banking, business, advertising, film industry, transportation, pharmacy and to name a few. Undoubtedly, English occupies a unique place as it is the language that is so extensively used and so firmly established as a dominant global language in the above mentioned fields and the dominance of English has become like a snowball that is too big to prevent.

Though English was originally considered the language of the British, it has become a second language of many former British colonies such as the US, Australia, Canada, Nigeria, South Africa and India due to the historical efforts of the British Empire. But today, English has become the principal language of the countries influenced by the British colonialism and it is also the main language used in business, trade and commerce and cultural spheres dominated by these countries. There is no hesitation to say that English has been used as the de facto language in the field of science and technology. Even most of the Hollywood movies and TV programmes are made in English and a majority of the newspapers in the world are published in English. It is also the language of scientific research and the common language used in the tourism department. Moreover, most of the students who go to foreign countries to pursue their higher studies should know this language as almost all the books of science, engineering, information technology, medicine, tourism, and business and so on are written only in English. Almost all the courses are taught in English in foreign countries. Furthermore, English has become an essential tool for those who wish to work in a foreign country or in any multi-national company. It is also the language mostly used on the internet and in the electronic media and press. English is the only language where 85% of the scientific journals are published in that language. Even the Chinese language, Mandarin, is spoken by a majority of people in the world, English has got its status as a global language only because Mandarin is limited to a part of the world whereas English is spread all around the world. Even though Mandarin has the highest number of speakers in the world, now the Chinese are learning English in order to expand their business in all regions of the world [1, 133].

Although English was the first West Germanic language spoken in medieval England, now it has become a global lingua franca. It has been the first language for a majority of the population in several countries, such as the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and a few Caribbean nations. Around 375 million people speak it as a first language and more than 750 million people speak it as a second language. Moreover,

English has official

or special status in almost 70 countries. By observing these statistics, one can easily understand why English occupies such an important role as a global language. Giddens (2000) asserts, "Globalization is a separation of space and time, with instantaneous communications, knowledge and culture could be shared around the world simultaneously". Primarily, globalization has been viewed as an economic phenomenon by involving more interaction or integration of national economic systems through the progression of the international trade, capital flow and investment. Now the term of globalization expands to cross-border technological, political, social and cultural exchanges between nations, particularly, between people. States and territories in which English is the first language of the majority of the population. States and territories in which English is an official, but not the first language.

English is the language of world communication. A language that unites millions of people around the world. Why is English considered an international language? I suggest to start with a little plunge into the history of how the language came to this status. English has not become an international language as quickly as it seems. It all began in the distant XVII century, when England ceased to be a country that is being conquered, and became a conquering country, having succeeded very well in this matter. The English navy was one of the strongest in the world. All sea routes were subject to the British. Most of the land-half of the territory of North America, many countries in Africa and Asia, Australia, India — was under the rule of the British crown. The English language has penetrated to all corners of the globe. At that time, the most important task for England was to establish trade relations. Naturally, the language of the dominant and more developed country has pushed local languages into the background. The golden rule has worked here — whoever has gold rules, he chooses which language to speak. England gave an impetus to the birth of the world economy and the development of international relations in the XVIII century, it was English that was used for trade [1, 98].

Even when the colonized countries gained independence, trade relations with Great Britain continued to develop, and the English language remained. Firstly, because the languages of the conquered countries lacked the right words: there were no terms for trade. Secondly, because English has already taken root in this area and the locals knew it well. Those who wanted to earn their bread had to communicate in English. As the British writer, Jerome Klapka Jerome said: "Did the English-speaking races make it their rule to speak anything else than English, the marvelous progress of the English

language throughout the world would stop”, which proves that initially the English language came to world significance due to the influence of England at that time.

But there have been examples of leadership in other languages in history. Let's remember when people learned French because of the influence of France, and German because of the influence of Germany. But it didn't last long. Which makes a lot of sense—the main thing is not only the influence of the country. Yes. English came to this status thanks to the historical influence of England, but it has remained at this level and is still being maintained—thanks to its uniqueness, simplicity in explanation, logical, not complicated grammar structure and convenience. My opinion is that English is the most convenient language by itself [4, 101-102]. In addition to all of the above, English is beautiful, melodious and easy to learn. English has one of the richest vocabularies in the world, but at the same time it has a simple grammar. The words themselves are attracted to each other, forming concise and understandable sentences. The international language should be simple and understandable to everyone. Perhaps we are very lucky that it was such a simple language that united the world. English has become the language of the XXI century — the century of technological progress and information technology. Today, all instructions and programs for new gadgets are written in English. Scientific reports, articles, reports are published in English. 90% of Internet resources are in English. The vast majority of information in all fields — science, sports, news, entertainment — is published in English. English has become the language of youth culture. American actors, actresses, and musicians have been and remain the idols of more than one generation of people. Hollywood is still undisputed leader of the film industry today. Iconic American action movies and blockbusters are watched in English all over the world. Jazz, blues, rock and roll and many other styles of music that are still popular came from America [5, 56].

The informational and cultural influence of the United States has also become one of the most important factors in the consolidation and development of the status of the English language. The era of globalization is going on all over the world. And the "new world" is being built by young people growing up on TV shows and songs in English, phrases, slang, favorite word [3, 89]. It all remains in the thinking, which means that it is at the root of each of us and manifests itself in actions. The influence of the United States will not subside soon, according to the global situation at the moment, as well as according to the forecasts of many politicians. At least in the cultural mass media—for sure. In conclusion, I want to summarize that English became worldwide due to the influence of the countries in which it was spoken, but

remained so due to its natural melody, simplicity, accessibility in learning. Trade, science, mass media prefers English. Knowing English, you can go to almost any country in the world and find those who will understand your speech. You can make a friend from anywhere in the world. It's all thanks to one language.

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