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## **THE VALUE OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN OUR LIFE**

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Today, English is one of the dominant languages in the world. However, proficiency in English was not always considered necessary knowledge. The language received world status due to the fact that it has become native to many countries on all continents of the world. They began to "export" it in the 17th century, and first of all, to the countries of North America. Therefore, it owes its modern importance, first of all, to the unprecedented growth of the population in this region.

Consider the features of the English language, thanks to which it can rightfully be considered the “language of the world”:

### 1) Simplicity

In Old English, as in Greek, words had a whole system of endings that showed the grammatical categories of number, tense, person, case, etc. However, over time, the system of grammatical forms was greatly simplified, and today only a few endings have survived for verbs, and, for example, adjectives don't agree with nouns grammatically.

### 2) Universality

As a result of the loss of endings, English has become very versatile over the past five centuries. For example, quite often an English word can pass into another part of speech without visible changes. For example, this happened with the words swim, drink, kiss, smile. We can say water to drink (water for drinking) and to water flowers (water the flowers); time to go (it's time to go) and to time a race (fix the duration of the race); a paper to read (paper to read) and to paper a bedroom (wallpaper the bedroom). Adjectives can act as verbs: we warm our hands in front of a fire (we warm our hands at the fire), and if clothes are dirtied, they need to be cleaned and dried (if the clothes are dirty, then they must be cleaned and dried). Prepositions are also “easy to use”. For example: A sixty-year old man is nearing retirement (Every man who is sixty years old is approaching retirement age); we can talk about a round of golf (we can talk about a round of golf).

### 3) Dictionary openness

This feature of the English language implies unlimited borrowing of vocabulary from other languages and the ease of formation of derivatives and compound words. At one time, many languages contributed to the creation of the lexical base of modern English. Today, however, this process is already going in the opposite direction, although many supporters of the purity of languages such as French, Russian, Japanese, are trying to resist the penetration of English words into them.

#### 4) The future of the language

In terms of coverage of territories in which native speakers live, English ranks first, and in terms of the number of speakers it is second, after Mandarin Chinese. It is the language of business, technology, sports and aviation. In general, the political, economic, scientific, sports life of the whole world “flows” in English. English is designated as the official and working language of the United Nations. All sorts of summits and meetings of heads of state, the signing of laws and decrees, negotiations and debates - all this is held in English. International trade, the operation of the banking system, the activities of the transport system on land, at sea and in the air are carried out in English. This language is a living communication tool for academicians, doctors of sciences, scientists around the world. After all, international conferences, the study of world experience and the exchange of information of scientific minds takes place only with the use of the English language. But what can I say - the Olympic Games and all kinds of competitions between countries have chosen English as the official language. [1]

The modern language of the British Isles is by no means static. The language lives, neologisms constantly appear, some words become a thing of the past.

However, the difference between English and many European languages is that there are no static norms in the UK. On the contrary, it is various dialects and adverbs that are in great use. Not only the pronunciation of words at the phonetic level differs, but there are also completely different words denoting the same concept.

Media and government officials communicate in British English. But the most popular is American English. There are Australian English, Canadian English and many other dialects. On the territory of the UK itself, there are several dialects spoken by the inhabitants of a particular province.

As you can see, the English language has retained its traditions of “mixing languages” to this day.

The popularity of the English language was greatly facilitated by the colonial policy of Great Britain, the colonization of Australia and North America.

After the Second World War, the importance of such a country as the United States increased, which also contributed to the popularization of the English language.

In the modern world, the Internet community, people of science and culture mainly communicate in English.

It is difficult to name the exact number of people who speak English in our time. The results of various studies differ by tens of percent. The figures are 600 million and 1.2 billion.

People who speak English can be divided into three groups: native speakers, for whom it is native; bilinguals who know it as a second language; as well as those people who have to use it for practical purposes (during study or work). Every seventh inhabitant of the Earth belongs to one of these three categories. [2]

The importance of the English language in the modern world is so great that its knowledge is not a privilege and luxury. Once upon a time, computers, as well as mobile phones, could only be afforded by people of a certain social class. Now these things are essential. The same can be said about English. It is taught by everyone and everywhere: in schools, universities, courses. There are many ways to learn foreign languages. For self-study, the Internet offers us a wide range of educational materials, online courses, smartphone applications, Youtube educational channels, special social networks, etc. In addition, now in every city there is an increase in the number of language centers with qualified local as well as foreign teachers. It is understood that any educated person is simply obliged to speak English, since it is he who is his key to further self-education and self-improvement. That is why there are now so many organizations offering to teach you English. However, do not think that this is so easy to do. Learning any language is a long process that requires certain costs, both mental and financial.

Since the development of mental activity is an integral part of the process of mastering both the native and foreign languages, training should not be based only on the mechanical memorization of structures, phrases, speech patterns and rules. The implementation of this task in practice is carried out through the introduction of the principle of cognitive learning. One of the first to formulate the prototype of the cognitive principle of learning was Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy: "It is impossible to teach students the language against their will by forced explanations, memorization and repetition. Almost always it is not the word itself that is incomprehensible, but the student does not have at all the concept that the word expresses". The word is almost always ready when the concept is ready. At the same time, the relation of word to thought and the formation of new concepts is such a mysterious, complex and tender process of the soul that any intervention is a brute, awkward force that delays the process of development ... But to consciously give the student a new concept and form of the word ... is just as impossible and futile as teaching a child to walk according to the laws of balance. Any such attempt does not bring the student closer, but removes him from the proposed goal, like a rough hand of a person who, wanting to help a flower bloom, would begin to unfold the flower by the petals and would knead everything around. Psychological research and the practice of learning show that learning is successful when the brain creates its own mental structures, and it slows down if ready-made structures are imposed on it. Therefore, it is necessary not to impose linguistic knowledge, but to help it to be born and develop it. It can be born from the needs for communication and self-expression. [3]

In this case, the study of foreign languages or their improvement through watching films, serials in the original language is one of the most effective, because this is learning through perception. First, a person passes through his head a lot of correct sentences, then he can reproduce them and build his own sentences.

This method can be divided into several stages as shown in Table 1:  
Table 1.

<b>Stage 0</b>	<b>viewing with translation into the native language. This stage can be called introductory, since here there is a direct acquaintance with the plot. If you wish and have a certain level of knowledge of the language being studied, this stage can be skipped</b>
<b>Stage 1</b>	viewing with translation in the native language and subtitles in the original language. At this stage, you can expand vocabulary, improve grammar
<b>Stage 2</b>	viewing with translation in the original language and subtitles in the native language. Here there is getting used to the sound of foreign speech, the way the characters speak, the accent
<b>Stage 3</b>	viewing with translation and subtitles in the original language. At this stage, not only the language and individual words are perceived, but there is also an understanding of what exactly is being discussed, and the spelling of words is remembered at the same time
<b>Stage 4</b>	viewing in the original language, without subtitles. It is often impossible to parse and translate even familiar words in a stream of speech, since they are not perceived by ear. After this stage, it will be much easier to understand the interlocutor in real life

Watching films in the original language as a way of learning a foreign language will increase the level of knowledge of the student. Since most often the choice in favor of this method is made consciously, the benefits will be significant. In addition, films allow you to learn slang and informal words that are not yet in dictionaries and improve your pronunciation [4].

For sure, English is the most important means of communication in the modern world.

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