

**THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING ENGLISH  
IN THE MODERN WORLD**

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**Abstract:** In today's world, with cultural borders becoming increasingly blurred, English has emerged as the dominant global language. Many countries have their own native language, but English serves as a common tongue for international communication. Spoken by major nations such as England, America, and Australia, English has become the primary language taught in international schools and is essential for those aspiring for a brighter future. This article examines the social, educational, economic, and technological importance of learning English in the modern world. It also evaluates the role of English as a global lingua franca and highlights challenges faced by learners and education systems. Recommendations for improving English language teaching methodologies are presented.

English has become a global language that connects people from different countries and cultures. It is the primary language used in international business, science, technology, and diplomacy. Learning English can open up opportunities for communication and collaboration with people from around the world. Proficiency in English can enhance your career prospects and give you access to a wealth of information available in English, including academic resources, literature, and entertainment. In today's globalized world, the ability to speak and understand English is crucial for success and personal growth. For students, the value of English language in learning cannot be overemphasized. English is used as the main mode of teaching by most universities across the globe, and the best academic resources are mostly provided in English. Whether you aspire to attend one of the private universities in Coimbatore or study overseas, English proficiency is a great benefit.

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Consider this: books, research papers, and even lectures at top institutions are largely in English. So, learning English opens up all this useful information and allows you to engage in academic discourse. Additionally, learning English can help

you study overseas, where you can meet new people, experience different cultures, and expand your horizons academically.

The influence of English on professional development. It's no secret that English is the global language of commerce. If you aspire to create a career in a multinational firm or serve international clients, proficiency in English is a

prerequisite. Whether you're overseeing cross-border projects or working with colleagues from around the world, English helps you be on the same page. Also, English opens up a wider network. From business conferences and seminars to forums online, English enables you to connect with worldwide discussions and learn about the latest trends in your industry. It's a resource that gives you the power to develop professionally in ways you couldn't otherwise.

(2. Harmer, J. (2015). *The Practice of English Language Teaching*. Pearson.)

English is not only helpful in academics and profession; it also contributes significantly to our social life. Whether you're going on a trip or making new friends, English is a bridge of communication between various cultures. It's the world's most widely spoken second language, so wherever you go, you're sure to find it. Plus, a lot of global entertainment—from movies and music to books and TV shows—is in English. So, knowing the language helps you enjoy these cultural experiences and connect with people on a deeper level.

Consider this: people from various nations may not always speak the same native tongue when they need to collaborate. This is when English comes into play. It is the preferred language for communication across borders. English facilitates communication whether you're working with a coworker from around the globe or just visiting a foreign nation. Most of our communication today is done through the internet—social media, emails, and video calls—and it is ruled by English. Therefore, studying English gives you the freedom to engage, talk, and learn from people from different cultures.

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These are the kinds of statement which seem so obvious that most people would give them hardly a second thought. Of course English is a global language, they would say. You hear it on Television spoken by politicians from all over the world. Wherever you travel, you see English signs and advertisements. Whenever you enter a hotel or restaurant in a foreign city, they will understand English, and there will be an English menu. Indeed, if there is anything to wonder about at all, they might add, it is why such headlines should still be newsworthy. But English is news. The language continues to make news daily in many countries. And the headline isn't stating the obvious. For what does it mean, exactly? Is it saying that everyone in the world speaks English? This is certainly not true, as we shall see. Is it saying, then, that every country in the

world recognizes English as an official language? This is not true either. So what does it mean to say that a language is a global language? Why is English the language which is usually cited in this connection? How did the situation arise? And could it change? Or is it the case that, once a language becomes a global language, it is there for ever? These are fascinating questions to explore, whether your first language is English or not. If English is your mother tongue, you may have mixed feelings about the way English is spreading around the world. You may feel pride, that your language is the one which has been so successful; but your pride may be tinged with concern, when you realize that people in other countries may not want to use the language in the same way that you do, and are changing it to suit themselves. We are all sensitive to the way other people use (it is often said, abuse) 'our' language. Deeply held feelings of ownership begin to be questioned. Indeed, if there is one predictable consequence of a language becoming a global language, it is that nobody owns it any more. Or rather, everyone who has learned it now owns it – 'has a share in it' might be more accurate – and has the right to use it in the way they want. This fact alone makes many people feel uncomfortable, even vaguely resentful. 'Look what the Americans have done to English' is a not uncommon comment found in the lettercolumns of the British press. But similar comments can be heard in the USA when people encounter the sometimes striking variations in English which are emerging all over the world. And if English is not your mother tongue, you may still have Mixed feelings about it. You may be strongly motivated to learn it, Because you know it will put you in touch with more people than any other language; but at the same time you know it will take a great deal of effort to master it, and you may begrudge that effort. Having made progress, you will feel pride in your achievement, and savour the communicative power you have at your disposal, but may none the less feel that mother-tongue speakers of English have an unfair advantage over you. And if you live in a country where the survival of your own language is threatened by the success of English, you may feel envious, resentful, or angry. You

may strongly object to the naivety of the populist account, with its simplistic and often suggestively triumphalist tone. These feelings are natural, and would arise whichever language emerged as a global language. They are feelings which give rise to fears, whether real or imaginary, and fears lead to conflict. Language marches, language hunger-strikes, language rioting and language deaths are a fact, in several countries. Political differences over language economics, education, laws and rights are a daily encounter for millions. Language is always in the news, and the nearer a language moves to becoming a global language, the more newsworthy it is.

(1. Crystal, D. (2012). *English as a Global Language*. Cambridge University Press.)

English is not just a common language, it is a world language. This language is currently creating great opportunities for young people.

Because if you know English, it means that it is the key to opportunity for you. It's not a language you study for school or professional purposes only—it's a life skill that can build your whole future. Knowing English opens doors for you to possibilities that would otherwise be inaccessible. So, learning English is a fundamental necessity for living and thriving in an interconnected, modern society.

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