

THE ESSENCE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ITS ROLE IN MODERN SOCIETY

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Abstract

This article analyzes the role of the English language in the modern world, emphasizing its essence not merely as a tool for communication, but as the main driving force of global integration, science, technology, and business. It highlights the historical development stages of the language and the reasons for its rise to the status of a "lingua franca" (universal language of communication). Furthermore, the positive impact of learning English on personal and professional development is demonstrated.

Keywords: lingua franca, global language, communication, digital economy, intercultural communication, integration.

Introduction

In today's era of globalization, languages have ceased to be just a means of exchanging thoughts and have become important factors in geopolitical, economic, and social development. At the peak of this process undoubtedly stands the English language. No matter where you are on the planet, English acts as a universal key that opens doors to new opportunities. So, what is the true essence of the English language, and why has it been able to unite the whole world into a single point?

1. The "Lingua Franca" Phenomenon and Historical Essence

Although the roots of the English language trace back to ancient Germanic languages, over the centuries it absorbed elements from Latin, French, and Scandinavian languages, turning into a highly adaptable and rich language. The colonial policy of the British Empire and, subsequently, the economic and cultural hegemony of the United States spread this language across the globe.

Today, English is a global phenomenon that has broken through artificial borders. More than 1.5 billion people worldwide speak this language, but the most interesting aspect is that for the majority of these people, English is not their native language, but a second or foreign language. This indicates that the language has transcended purely national boundaries and become a global asset.

2. The Language of Science, Technology, and the Internet

The heart of modern science beats in English. Approximately 80-90% of articles in prestigious international scientific journals are published in this language. Any new discovery in medicine, space exploration, engineering, or nuclear physics is first announced to the world in English. The digital world and

information technology (IT) cannot be imagined without English. More than half of the information on websites is in English, and all programming languages (such as Python, JavaScript, C++, etc.) are based on English syntax and rules.

3. Economic and Professional Essence

In the labor market, English is not just an "additional skill" on a resume, but a primary requirement. International business, aviation, tourism, and diplomacy are conducted entirely in English.

Field	The Role of English	Subsequent Impact
Business & Trade	Transnational contracts, negotiations	Access to the global market
Education	International grants (IELTS/TOEFL), foreign universities	Becoming a world-class specialist
IT & Startups	Documentation, communication with investors	Attracting capital and investment

Conclusion

The essence of the English language lies not only in its grammatical rules or vocabulary, but in the **limitless field of opportunities** it creates. It is a bridge that unites representatives of different cultures for a single purpose and universalizes knowledge. Learning it expands an individual's worldview, fostering global thinking and laying the foundation for becoming an active participant in global processes.

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