

# The Importance of English in the Globalised world

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**Abstract** -The most widely used language on globe is English, also called as "Global English." English is one of the most significant languages in the world and is used by millions of individuals daily for speaking, writing, and communication. It is a recognized official language in most countries. Today, English is generally considered to be the language of the average person and it is the best language to learn for international travel. Many nations have included English in their curricula so that their pupils can communicate with the other parts of the world easily. This paper enables a deeper knowledge of perspectives towards the English language and its role not only in a certain nation but also in another continent within the framework of globalization. This paper aims to consider the role of English language in globalization processes It is determined that English is a language utilized for communication throughout the globalised world and that knowing English gives people access to more educational resources.

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## INTRODUCTION

We need something to deliver what we're about to say to others, and that something is language. Language is considered as a medium used by particular group of people for exchanging thoughts, views and opinions. Languages are carriers of history and culture and they can blend in, give and take, and coexist, each as rich as the other. Language develops and changes as per the culture of society. "Language is the most direct expression of culture; it is what makes us human and what gives each of us a sense of identity." says the adopted Action Plan for the promotion of language learning and linguistic diversity by the European Commission. (Demirbilek, 2009, p.1-21)

## LANGUAGE AS A TOOL FOR COMMUNICATION

Language is a tool of communication. Communication is a process of transferring messages. The faster the

communication, the faster will be the development. As an international language English has stepped widely throughout the means of communication. English can give us fast communication throughout the countries of the world. The learning of English language provides us with many opportunities in home and abroad. So, the role of English language for globalization is a very time concerned demand now.

## A WORLD THAT SPEAKS ONE LANGUAGE

Everybody was separate and spoke different languages in the old days. This world is filled with billions people from many countries and each one has their own language. Many of these people could not communicate with each other, and first French and Spanish, and then English became the language of communication and international commerce. English was the language of the British Empire. They went to other countries and conquered them, Christianized them and traded with them. There were many countries which became the colonies of Great Britain and since the day they came under British rule, English has been taught and used as a medium of communication there. The phrase "the sun never sets over the British Empire" was a literal truth. In countries like India, Ceylon, Singapore, Pakistan, Nigeria, Zambia etc., English is still used.

The language is called English and not British Though English originated in Great Britain, it is used as first and native language in different countries. The native speakers of English are not confined to Great Britain alone, but are spread over three continents of the world. Americans, Canadians and Australians too have become the native speakers of English. English is also used as second language in many countries in the globe. Thus the English language no longer "belongs" to its native speakers but to the world. According to David Graddol1, there will be two billion people speaking or learning English within a decade. Everywhere, anywhere today and most certainly

tomorrow, English is to be present in the life of every citizen around the globe. It is the main tool for operating in most fields.

### ENGLISH IS THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE

English is the International Language and is widely spoken and written all over the world. English is the only language that truly links the whole world together. It is an official language of almost 105 sovereign states and it is the third most common native language in the world, after Mandarin and Spanish. English has been playing a major role in many sectors including medicine, engineering and education. Most of the universities worldwide include English as one of their major subject. English is world's language and used as a official language throughout many societies in the world, including Asian countries. Currently, around 80%of the information stored in the world's computers is in the medium of English, and the Internet is often regarded as a flagship of Global English. (Graddol, 1997). It is an official language of the United Nations, of the European Union, and of many other world and regional international organizations.

#### The Definition of Globalisation

Globalization initially emerged as the term dedicated to the discipline of economics. But now globalization covers all aspects of human life such as language, culture, polity, media, entertainment, education or lifestyle. Globalization is the word used to describe the growing interdependence of the world's economies, cultures, and populations, brought about by cross-border trade in goods and services, technology, and flows of investment, people, and information. It has created immense opportunities for trade, research, and development. It interconnects people in all domains of contemporary life around the world. Globalization can be defined as "the interconnections of global economic, political, cultural and environmental processes that continually transform present conditions" (Steger, 2003, p.7-8).

Globalization is an attempt to create a world without boundaries in which people of this world can communicate with each other and know their culture, tradition and political, social, economical developments. In a world with hundreds of popular

languages and dialects, it's natural to need a common universal language, especially for people from different ethnicities, to communicate with each other. This process of globalization is made possible because of English communicative language. English is now a global lingua franca. Globalization has become a reality of modern life. With the fast changing economic scenario in the twenty first century, English is primarily becoming the language of the global village.

### THE ROLE OF COMMUNICATION AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Communication is an essential ingredient of globalization. Communication in English is the major requirement in the day-to-day selection process. There is a need for improved communication among countries to enhance these interconnections. The English language is a powerful tool for communication and for promoting international trade and investment. It is also a tool for promoting cultural understanding and for promoting peace and stability around the world. It is the prominently used language in almost every field of study. It is used as an international language for communication in many countries and so it could be used as the global language too. Crystal (2003) argues that 'to achieve a global status, a language has to be taken up by other countries around the world either as an official language or as a priority in a country's foreign language teaching'. Evidently, English is the medium of instruction at many school and colleges all over the world. It is also extensively used language in the field of research, internet communication, business, social domains and personal relationships. Graddol (2006) remarks that "English is regarded as a gateway to wealth for national economies, organizations and individuals ".

### THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GLOBALIZATION AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE

The English language plays a very important role in globalization. Globalization was made possible due to English. English is a global language today and it is the language of business, science, technology, and diplomacy. Globalization has had a major effect on the English language as it is now the global lingua franca. As a result, English is being used as a second or third

language in countries outside of its origins for both written and oral communication. and proficiency in speaking the language is being considered as a pre requisite tool for success in the world market. Globalization has tremendously changed the English language and the life style of human beings. Due to Globalization the companies are using English language as a medium to sell their products across the globe. There are constant advertisements in print and electronic media English language sweeps all the advertisements.

#### WHY IS ENGLISH THE “GLOBAL LANGUAGE” OF TODAY?

The number of people using English is growing fast. English is in the present times, important not just in an education, but in areas such as technology, computing, medicine, entertainment and diplomacy. The issues of social and technical interdependence among the countries are resolved by implementing Globalization of English Language. Business and legal documentation are produced in English. English is the language of the Internet. More than half of the world's websites are in English. People who can speak, read and write in English can find more information on the Internet than those who can just speak their own language.

English is also the language of international communication. It is the language of the media, and it is the language of international organizations such as the United Nations, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. English is the language of education. Many universities around the world use English as the language of instruction. In many countries, English is the only language of instruction in universities. Parents want to talk to their kids in English instead of local languages. People prefer only English movies/music/books. A sense of inferiority or superiority is based completely on knowing the English Language.

English has quite a big role in day to day life. It is used in banks, railway stations, bus stops, airways, educational sector, medical, private sector, etc. It is a trade language with other countries. Many students fly abroad for education and jobs. If their mode of communication is English they can manage their communication with the local people. And students are prime learners of English because if they want to

build up a good career, they have to have good English speaking skills and confidence to face many people in interviews. Without English it is very tough to manage in this ultra-modern world.

In many countries, children are taught and encouraged to learn English as a second language. Almost 90% educational subjects are written in English. Number of scientific innovations and books are written in English Language. It is the primary language of the press, more newspapers and books are written in English than any other language. It will also help in any business venture. Every large company will employ their professional staff after confirming whether employing people with good knowledge of English or not. Companies that they want to work at the international level will consider their staff well educated only if they are speakers, writers and good readers of English.

Communication is necessary to make deals between the parties. Today's globalization uses English as the primary language, because the strongest economy also uses English. Recent reports from around the world are increasingly showing that English is spreading as the language of business success. It can be called today Global English. This global English is regarded as the key to the store house of production and productivity English makes easy to promote cultural and traditional aspects across the globe. Globalization has changed the scenario of the use of English language drastically.

#### CONCLUSION

This paper has presented some recent definitions of globalization and described how it is related to English language of communication. It has the purpose to argue and try to prove that globalization has serious and permanent influence in the field of use of English language for communication purpose all over the world. English Language has made globalization more easy and effective. English language is the very lifeline of globalization; and vice versa, without globalization, there would be no development of English as a world language. English with a wave of globalization creates awareness among people about similarities amid cultures, instead of difference. Globalization successes in connecting people from every corner of the world into a common thread by the use of Global English. It certainly can help us move forward towards the promising future. It is a crystal clear now that English is closely tied to processes of

globalization and globalization leaves its impact on the use of this dominant international language. Indeed, globalization promotes English language which considers as the starting index of radical changes in our life.

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