

# The Unique Place of English in the Current Situation

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**Abstract**—One of the most valuable languages in the world, English is in high demand right now and is simple to study, write, and communicate in. As an international language, English is spoken as a first, second, or foreign language in many nations. Millions of individuals speak it as their first or second language. Nowadays, a lot of people speak the English language. In the current era, it has become a common language. Around the world, it is most frequently taught as a second language. English is the language that Indians use to communicate with the outside world. Because of its benefits, English is the most widely used language in the world, having communicative and educational values. English has become a global language since it contains the majority of the world's knowledge. Because of its rich literary heritage and expressive potential, English is a progressive, dynamic, adaptable, and widely recognized language. The present article focused on the special position of English in the present scenario.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

English can be regarded as a "bridge" language since it is necessary for communication between states. Because of its benefits, English is used all over the world. The 'Lingua Franca' of the world is English. The necessity for written and spoken English communication has increased as a result of the IT industry's revolution, which has produced English-language operating systems and applications. Because of its benefits, English is the most widely used language in the world, having communicative and educational values. English has become a global language since it contains the majority of the world's knowledge. Because of its rich literary heritage and expressive potential, English is a progressive, dynamic, adaptable, and widely recognised language. Raja Ram Mohan Roy spearheaded a reform effort in Bengal in the early 19th century. Additionally,

Macaulay took the initiative to strengthen the nation's intellectual standing, which led to the establishment of schools and colleges as well as the gradual adoption of English practices in Indian administration and law. English is currently the most popular language in India since it is seen as a sign of superior intelligence, culture, and education.

Because of globalisation, nations are now dependant on one another. No nation can continue to be distant in the current situation. The Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Commission on Education states that "English is the only way to keep us connected to the outside world, and if we let ourselves be engulfed in a dark veil of ignorance, we will act foolishly." Because of the need for a common language to communicate across nations due to scientific and technological advancements, English became a universal language, with its foundations built in significant colonial-influenced regions of the world.

With their extensive grasp of this global language, Indians have established new partnerships and connections with nations that share their objectives. English has emerged as a potent communication tool that is boosting our nation's wealth and development. Because English is a unified language, it links communities around the world. Indians had a negative experience during the colonial era because of their misgivings and opposition to learning English. At the time, few people thought that learning English would endanger our old languages, but this was later disproved. India quickly became known for its enormous population of English-literate people who were letting go of their inhibitions. Indians studied English and gained knowledge of the arts and sciences. In order to create a class of people who are Indian by blood and colour but English in taste, morals, and intelligence, the East India Company

established a huge number of Christian schools that taught English.

It could be considered the turning point in the English language's entrance to India. Indians studied English and gained knowledge of the arts and sciences. Great Indian writers like Raja Rao, RK Narayan, and Tagore are well-known worldwide due to their ability to communicate their views in English. With their command of the English language, Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, BR Ambedkar, and others developed a global perspective. Because of language, which acts as a window to the outside world, Swami Vivekanand was able to teach Indian religion to the world, CV Raman was a great scientist, and Tagore could become a literary giant.

Because English is a common language, despite certain differences in customs, cultures, and habits, the entire world has become familiar and shareable in the modern day. English's shared characteristics have led to its acceptance as a global language. The globe has become a global village as a result of the enormous changes occurring in people's lives worldwide due to scientific and technological advancements. Due to the globalisation of trade and business, commercial organisations must set up offices in the majority of nations. In order to preserve worldwide contacts in business science education, travel, and other areas, English is used as a universal and common language.

English dominates most fields in the modern world since it is utilized by scientists, commercial organizations, the internet, and the education and tourist sectors. In summary, English has become the primary language of communication and is used for the majority of global communication. The United States, Canada, South Africa, India, and other former British colonies adopted English as a second language after it was first used by the British. The primary language of the nations that were affected by British colonization is English today. English is now the language of commerce, trade, business, science, technology, and travel. Since the majority of science, engineering, medical, and computer technology publications are written in English and the majority of courses are taught in that language, students who want to continue their education abroad today must be proficient in the language. Additionally, proficiency in English is a must for employment in a multinational corporation or in a foreign nation.

The majority of people speak Mandarin, or Chinese, yet it is only spoken in a small portion of the world, while English is spoken all over the world and is therefore considered a global language. In order to grow their businesses, even Chinese people are now learning English. The internet and e-business both use English. WHO, UNESCO, UNICEF, ASEAN WTO, INTERPOL, and others all speak it. Since individuals speak different languages in different parts of the world, a common language that is spoken by the majority of people worldwide is necessary in the age of globalization.

Thus, English has spread over the world and is now widely spoken by people in many nations. Giddens (2000) states, "Globalization is a separation of space and time with instantaneous communications, knowledge and culture could be shared around the world simultaneously." Prior to its expansion to include technical, social, and cultural interactions between countries, globalization was thought to be economic phenomena involving the integration of national economic systems to promote international trade.

English's globalization can be attributed to both American imperialism and British colonialism, as well as to the language's adaptability and flexibility. According to Kachroo (1983), "English became the most dominated and most powerful language in the world that motivated many linguists and language researchers to call it an international language." English has the status of an international language since speakers from different parts of the world utilise it as both their mother tongue and their second language. As a communication tool, language is used to exchange ideas, emotions, and expressions.

The human communication system is well-organized, despite the existence of other communication networks. With 1.3 million native speakers, Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world, although it is only found in China; English is spoken in the majority of the world's nations. English is the language used in science and technology. The only language that significantly influences scientific communication is English. With an understanding of English, scientists from all over the world may interact with scientists in other parts of the world and use the scientific material that is available.

Proficiency in English is essential for jobs and professions including research, health, computers, etc. In nations like France and Germany that do not speak English, English has taken over as the primary language. English is the primary language used in scientific publications. Scientists are demonstrating their abilities and making progress in their endeavours with the help of this universal language for communication. Since the majority of scientific literature is available in English, learning the language is essential for researchers worldwide.

English is very widely used in the sphere of education. Since the majority of higher education textbooks are written in English, learning the language becomes essential. English is the primary language used by researchers, educators, and students worldwide in a variety of educational contexts. The content is exclusively available in English and is kept in printed and electronic books and periodicals. Students are mostly drawn to studying abroad since English will be a huge asset when they look for better job prospects worldwide. Students are encouraged to learn English in order to advance their skills in fields such as science and technology, engineering, medicine, tourism, and so forth. The English-language writing of higher education materials aims to make them accessible to teachers and students worldwide. Since the majority of books are written in English, studying the language is crucial in the field of education.

The globalisation of English and the introduction of the internet as a communication tool are drastically altering the current situation. The advent of the internet has significantly altered how people communicate and acquire the English language. English has achieved the status of a worldwide language, and the internet is no exception. English is the most extensively used language on the internet. English is used in the design of the majority of websites. English is the international language used for website creation and internet browsing. English is used by every department that deals with foreign travel and tourism. When visiting a foreign nation, it is important to be able to communicate in the local language. English is a frequent language used by travellers. People with strong English communication skills are sought for by international travel organizations. In this case, it expands job prospects.

The most popular newspapers, periodicals, and television news shows are all in English. English is improved via TV shows like National Geographic, Animal Planet, Discovery, and others. Watching the shows on these networks helps learners expand their vocabulary. To get better at the language, younger generations watch these English-language networks. Children learn English more quickly when they watch these English-language channels.

Hollywood in the United States, where English is the primary language of communication, is the birthplace of the well-known and largest film and television industries. There, English is the main language utilised to promote their shows or films to people all over the world. Movies and other shows are produced in English to amuse viewers. Children are entertained and their English language abilities are enhanced via programs such as English-language moral stories, movies, and cartoons. TV and music are essential for keeping people entertained, educating them, and improving their English language proficiency.

## II. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it may be claimed that English is becoming more and more common. More functionalities are being acquired by English than ever before. The primary language used in government, science, technology, education, and the media is English. English has become a global language that is being utilised more and more in communications and commerce. English is 'the language of progress and upward social mobility' and is our 'window to the world'. In addition to having access to professional literature in English, our scientists, technologists, engineers, physicians, and other researchers must be able to contribute to it and interact with colleagues around the globe.

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