

# Why Language Matters in the 21st Century

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It's almost as if we woke up one day and the entire world had changed. People began walking around in unfamiliar clothes, the aroma of cultural dishes cascaded through the street, and the beautiful sounds of many languages sang like a cohesive melody. We had arrived in the 21st century, the place where my generation and those who came before us referred to as the future. In the future, all types of disruptive activities happen. Students explore new curiosities with the arrival of foreigners, employees learn to balance cultural working differences and establish new ways of working, governments learn the importance of equal representation and begin to design programs to help new arrivals assimilate into the country, and businesses begin to train and hire employees to accommodate a larger population of travelers and customers. At the core of this disruption is communication, the ability for other humans to express themselves clearly in a foreign language and often in a particular context or situation. Early on we struggled with this and were afforded much compassion and empathy during the "learning curve."

Then the world caught on and those of us living in capitalist societies learned to capitalize on this opportunity - English became a universal language for business and often travel. While this may have pissed some people off, it encouraged many others, who commonly live in developing countries, to learn this language of opportunity.

## What Can The English Language Do For You?

  
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There are so many reasons why learning a new language is a good idea.

1. It allows you to communicate with new people.
2. It helps you to see things from a different perspective or get a deeper understanding of another culture.
3. It helps you to become a better listener.
4. It even has health benefits, as studies have shown that people who speak two or more languages have more active minds later in life.

Those are all reasons to learn any language – but did you know that there are over **7,000 languages** spoken in the world today? With such an enormous number to choose from, why pick English?

**Here are 5 reasons why you should learn to speak English, in particular**

**1. *It's the most widely spoken language in the world.***

One in five people on the planet speaks or understands at least a little bit of English. There are about 375 million, English as a first language, speakers and 750 million, English as a second language, speakers. English has official or special status in at least 70 countries. Just hearing the numbers must have given you an inkling of how important English is. English is the fourth most widely spoken native language in the world, and in terms of the sheer number of speakers, it is the most spoken official language in the world. It is the primary language used in international affairs. The English language has official status even in nations where it is not the primary spoken language. English is indisputably the primary language of global trade and commerce. In many countries, most tourism authorities and other officials in contact with the public speak English to interact and engage with tourists and immigrants. Simply put, we must recognize that English is an international language, the main language of this planet.

**2. *To Get a Better Job***

Companies are becoming more international, and English is listed as an essential skill for more and more jobs. There are some organizations that now conduct all their business in English, no matter where in the world they are based. If you want the best-paid opportunities, learning English is a great idea. Effective communication in English is one of the most sought-after skills in an employee in all workplaces. Interpersonal communication at workplaces includes public and



Most of the content on the internet is written in English. The primary language of the ubiquitous and all-influential World Wide Web is English. English is typically the language of latest-version applications and programs and new freeware, shareware, peer-to-peer, social media networks, and websites. Software manuals, hardware-installation guides, and product fact sheets of popular consumer electronics and entertainment devices usually are available in English first before being made available in other languages.

Many of the world's biggest news outlets, including TV, newspapers, magazines, and radio, are produced in English. Some of your favorite films, TV shows, and pop music are probably in the English language. Go to any international film festival in the world and you will see that all films are either in English or have English subtitles.

English is the international language of media and arts and so, if you want to access as much as possible for yourself, without relying on translations, it's the most powerful language you can learn today!

English is one of the most dominating languages in the world which has an impact on every field of work. English has become the global language for communicating in all streams such as politics, finance, education, entertainment culture, and international relations in almost every country of the world. Undoubtedly, English plays such a great role in the world across facets that it is inevitable for people to ignore it. In fact, ignoring it or not adopting it, or not being able to communicate in it may lead to professional hara-kiri.



small group communication through which we can communicate our needs and requirements in different situations. It does not matter if you are a junior-level employee, salesperson, manager, or something else. If you are a salesperson, then most probably you will have to speak to customers efficiently or if you are a manager, you are expected to communicate in English in the most effective way. One can face enough difficulty in networking if one cannot communicate in English proficiently. Proficient English speaking skills can give you liberating confidence and the ability to express yourself in English at work. It gives added benefits and more opportunities to expand your career prospects. A study indicates a steep growth in the number of companies throughout the world that require employees with excellent English speaking skills. Even if the job or course you are applying for is technical and doesn't need language as the main requisite, presenting yourself well will give you an edge over others. It will improve your chances of climbing the ladder. In short, an individual with command over this global language will prove to be an asset to the organization and will have guaranteed career growth.

### ***3. For Higher Learning***

In universities and colleges in Great Britain, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore, which attract the most number of international students, the primary language of instruction is English. In all the top business schools, medical centers, and advanced-study institutes in the country and outside, English is the language used in every activity at these institutions of higher learning. Most peer-to-peer journals and technical periodicals that give international acclaim to scientists, engineers, technologists, and technocrats are printed in English.

If you want to move to an English-speaking region or work in one—a student visa can get you there. Or you may simply want to take a few classes abroad. A successful English test will show colleges and universities that you're ready.

### ***4. It Makes It Easier to Travel***

As I said before, English is the world's second language. This means that learning English makes it much easier to travel anywhere you want. For example, airplane announcements, train timetables, emergency information, and street signs are often translated into English, particularly in countries that use a different type of alphabet. Plus, even if you don't find other travelers or local people that speak your mother tongue, you are practically guaranteed to find someone who understands some English.

### ***5. It's The Language of the Media***

