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## **THE IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN THE MODERN WORLD**

It is well-known that studying languages promotes mutual understanding, a sense of global nationality and personal engagement. Students learn to perceive different countries' cultures, communities and people. By making comparisons, they gain insight into their own culture and society. The ability to understand and communicate in another language is a lifelong skill for education, employment and leisure in this country and throughout the world. Learning languages fascinate opportunities to develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills and to express themselves with increasing confidence, independence and creativity. They explore the similarities and differences between other languages and English, and learn how language can be manipulated and applied in different ways. The developments of communication skills, together with understanding of the structure of language, lay the foundations for future study of other languages and support the development of literacy skills in a pupil's own language.

No one denies the importance of English language in the present time as global language. It is clear that English has become prevalent around the world. In some countries it is used as the mother tongue and other countries learn it as second language in schools. This is made English widespread. In addition, there are many reasons which contributed to spreading of English.

Modern English, sometimes described as the first global lingua franca [1], is the dominant language or in some instances even the required international language of communications, science, information technology, business, seafaring, aviation, entertainment, radio and diplomacy [2]. Its spread beyond the British Isles began with

the growth of the British Empire, and by the late 19th century its reach was truly global [3]. Following British colonisation from the 16th to 19th centuries, it became the prevailing language in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The growing economic and cultural influence of the US and its status as a global superpower since World War II have significantly accelerated the language's spread across the planet. English replaced German as the dominant language of science Nobel Prize laureates during the second half of the 20th century. English equalled and may have surpassed French as the prevalent language of diplomacy during the last half of the 19th century.

English is an international language and one of the most popular, most spoken in the technology world. We need to know English language in order to study any science subject or any computer language. We need to know English to communicate effectively with many developed countries. English is very important in our life; it is necessary in each and every field. If we know English we never feel tongue-tied in front of others. It's a widely spoken language. People take pride in speaking English. If we don't know English, we will lag behind the others.

First, with English you can always communicate with business partners to participate in international conferences, read international newspapers and magazines about business. Secondly, travelling. Everyone knows that modern man is curious personality seeking in his life to visit as many different countries as possible to get acquainted with the culture and customs of other nations. And how is this possible without English language? In tourist countries everyone who works with tourists speak English. This improves the quality of service visitors and, hence, attracts more tourists. And the tourists themselves, being in a foreign country, feel much more confident, knowing that they will always be able to talk with the locals, ask for directions, to clarify the location of something, etc. Thirdly, the study itself. Knowledge of the English language gives the opportunity to study at prestigious universities abroad, since it is one of the most important selection criteria for admission. With a diploma, for example, of Oxford University a graduate has an opportunity to get a job around the world, because this diploma is really valuable.

Books, magazines and newspapers written in English are available in many countries around the world, and English is the most commonly used language in the sciences [2] with Science Citation Index reporting as early as 1997 that 95% of its articles were written in English, even though only half of them came from authors in English-speaking countries.

Thus, the role of English language in the world can talk endlessly. The undoubted fact is that English is an important part in modern life, and everyone can find for himself a reason for studying it and improving his skills.

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