

I personally believe that Interpersonal Communication is constantly in motion and changing over time. The more integrating cultures become, the more we begin to understand each other, allowing us to understand when one thing we say can be quite insulting or a really sweet compliment. For example, my Grandparents grew up prior to both Women's suffrage and the Civil Rights Movement. Their perspectives on both Black people and Women in politics as well as the work force were quite a bit different in comparison to my generation. As time evolves, communication *must* move with it. I will now list some important cases in point.

English today is vastly different in comparison to the English of yesterday. We have seen accents in the United States change wildly due to early colonists attempting to mimic the Aristocratic English to fit in better. At some point the accent stuck, leaving us with a relatively unique accent. The southern accent being the closest mimic of the English accent due to Slave Owners being in a higher economic status in comparison to most Northern Americans. Coincidentally, during the United States Civil War, England directly supported the South which could have something to do with the accents as well since there would be interest in the livelihood of various cotton plantations that England sourced from.

Romance languages have also significantly changed. Romance languages, stemming from Latin, have split off into various other sub-languages such as: Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, Romanian, Catalan, amongst a few other less spoken ones. After the fall of the Roman Empire, I am assuming that each of these languages evolved to fit in with their people. Because the Roman Empire lasted between 27 B.C. to 476 A.D., that was far more than enough time for many sects of the language to evolve and split.

Like Romance languages, Germanic languages have morphed quite a bit too. All Germanic languages are thought to have been descended from a proto-germanic language, which then split into quite a variety. For example: English is the most widely spoken Germanic language. However, there is also German, Dutch, Danish and other Nordic languages.

Due to intermingling between cultures over thousands of years, modern language has evolved to more or less morph into each other. Modern implementations we can see it with "Spanglish"

where Spanish and English is used within the same sentence, mostly by Mexican-Americans. However, English, being a Germanically dominant language has adopted quite a bit of Romance language itself. Olde English was very different from Middle-English, as well as today's Modern English. Olde English was exclusively Germanic, Middle English included a lot of words from Old French. Modern English has many sub-dialects itself, to include British (which itself has sub-dialects), North American (Which of course has American and Canadian English), Australian and New Zealand English, South African English, and that's just to name a few! Modern English makes use of words from Latin, French, Spanish, and even some Nordic languages like Danish (Bluetooth, a wireless technology that use nearly every day was named after the Danish King Harald Bluetooth, and the logo is Bluetooth's runic initials merged together).

There is a tribe of people in the Amazon that greatly intrigues me. They are called the Pirahã People. Their way of thinking, and thus communicating is *so* significantly different from us it's mind boggling. They, from our current understanding, have no concept of abstract thought. Everything that the Pirahã's communicate to each other with is objects that they can physically see in the here and now. A Christian missionary went over to attempt to convert some of the tribal members, and the translator found it to be impossible to translate since they could not communicate the book, or prophets since text had no meaning, nor could they see the prophet that the Missionary was trying to talk to them about. It is theorized with the Pirahãs that if you were to leave their vision, you would simply cease to exist. Mathematics have no meaning, there is not *One Item, Two Items, Hundreds of Items...* there is simply *Few Items*, or *Many Items*.