

English as a global language for communication

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Global language is referred to that language which is learned and spoken internationally [1], and is characterized by the number of its native and second language speakers along with the geographical distribution, and its use in diplomatic relations. It acts as a "lingua franca" which helps people of different background and ethnicities to communicate on an equal basis.

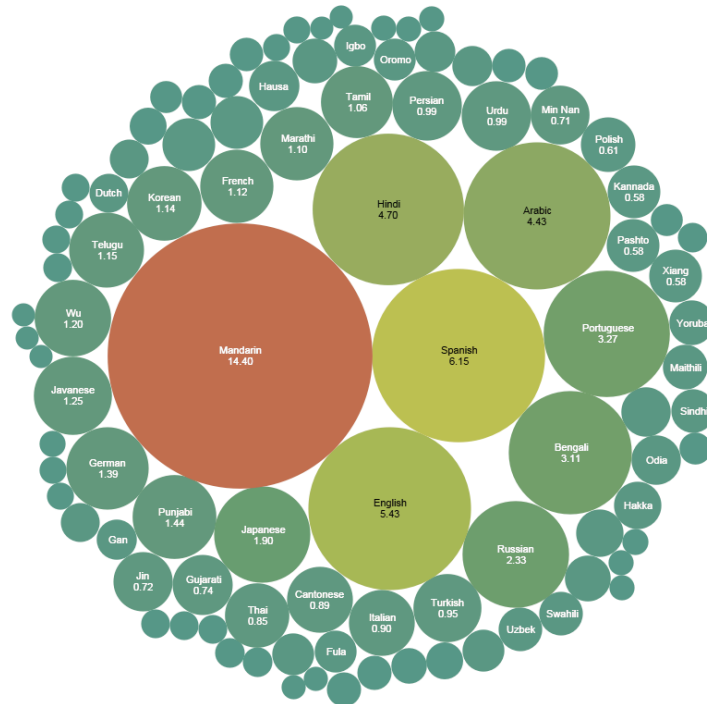


Figure 1: List of languages by number of native speakers [3]

English is the third most widely used language in the world [2], comes after Mandarin and Spanish as shown in Figure 1. It is the most widely used second language spoken over 898.4 million speakers [2] over the world. It seems clear that English is very easy to learn since it has only 26 alphabets

compared to the Mandarin language; it is also very easy to communicate in English. It is one of the essential tools used for communication which can't be neglected. Some of the best educational program are taught in English as compared to other language. It is a standard for communication for its lucid pronunciation.

The main reason for communicating in English is to foster a seamless blend in trade and arts. Most of the literature that are written in native languages are converted to English so that it could cater the large audience of the world. A global language is needed in case of trade, for better communication and setting the standards, else there will be a two-way translator that would be needed for communication. Google is working to create a translator [4] which can translate any language to any other language in real time. This might be a very helpful tool and maybe considered as a science fiction work a few years back, but with the help of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence technology they have created a very sophisticated system which can blend seamlessly in human life. Though there are many loopholes in the system which are needed to be addressed and it is very close to being the perfect system, but for now English comes to our rescue. Learning English can help us communicate and understand a wide variety of people easily.

When travelling in a foreign country, thanks to technology now we have Google maps and Google technologies, but unfortunately if we don't have the proper access to internet, then English might come to rescue. English numeral is the standard for money and arithmetic and is itself so algorithmically powerful system, that symbol can itself describe algorithms intuitively. There is a story that Greeks were unable to perform calculations using their system of Roman numerals easily until our Devanagari scripts came, which were translated to English, which helped in evolution of mathematics. It is very hard to do calculations in Roman Numerals and it is not intuitive. So English numerals plays a major part in creating mathematical entities which can help in research and development to a different level.

Language as a whole can used to demonstrate ideas, tone and feelings, and English is competitive as other language. It is easy to write and is the standard in digital world. It is the most widely used language to communicate information in the web and comprises of about 59.7% of the total internet [5]. Whether you are a journalist or a scientist, you need to have a good grip of the English language, since journals and conference are communicated through English [6]. Journalist, businessman, etc., who are non-native speakers are getting a good grasp over the English language. In case of a career in travel, English is the absolute essential. These gives a background of people's knowledge and communication skills. Most of the non-native speakers are learning English and most of the academic institution are getting a good grasp of English to benefit everyone.

There are various debatable topics relating to the disappearance of minority languages when everyone will follow the lingua franca, but it is not sure

whether it will happen in the future. There are still some countries which doesn't follow English, since it is needed by the country too to accept the language and make it as a part of their system. The language which will be a lingua franca will give a sense of pride to their native speakers that they are the dominating beings of the world, and there are several side effects too. For the case of India, the majority of English language adoption is contributed by the colonization of India, a gift from the Britishers. Most of the school follows British English rather than American English and their pronunciation is a bit different. Though English is kind of adopted as a global language, the native speakers should treat this as their second language rather than first language, since in this way the culture of native languages shall be preserved in the future generations.

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