Chapter 1 : Background

1. What is English language?

**English** is a [West Germanic language](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germanic_languages) that was first spoken in [Anglo-Saxon](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglo-Saxon) England in the early [Middle Ages](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Ages). It is spoken in many [countries](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Country) around the world. [Anglophone](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglosphere) countries include the [United Kingdom](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom), the [United States](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States), [Canada](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada), [Australia](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia), [Ireland](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Ireland), [New Zealand](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand) and a number of [Caribbean](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caribbean) nations. There are about 375 million [native](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native) [speakers](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speech) (people who use English as their first language),[[4]](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_language#cite_note-4) which is the largest after [Mandarin](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandarin_Chinese) and [Spanish](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_language). About 220 million more people use it as their second language. It is often used in work and travel, and there are at least a [billion](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billion) people who are learning it. This makes English the second most spoken language, and the most international language in the world.

1. How important English language is?

Speaking English allows you to actually broaden your world, from job opportunities to the ability to relate to people from every country.

Knowing the language makes it much more interesting every trip. Anywhere you want to go in the world you can find someone who speaks English. If we account only the country where the English language is the official language, the United Kingdom, Australia, U.S.A., Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and the Caribbean countries, there are more than 400 million native English speakers.

Simply put, we must recognize that English is an international language, the main language of this planet.

The statistics reveal that more than a quarter of the world’s population speaks English that means that about 1.6 billion people understand and relate with the help of the language of Shakespeare. To not mention that most of the films are in English, the largest film industry, Hollywood, is produced in English. Most of the international trade agreements are concluded in English, and is the most widely used language for international business meetings.

Good English is not only classy but a possibility to continue studies and specializations in the best universities in the world, which are in fact, in countries where they speak English.  
Education is very important to improve yourself but learning English also improves the quality of life. You have access to jobs that you could not even take into consideration, you can evaluate an international career and you can live in many countries with the ease of being able to go shopping or negotiate a rent for the house.

The benefits they bring in the life of a person’s knowledge of the English language are countless. What is important to understand is that the English language is able to knock down a lot of barriers, including cultural ones.

Knowing the habits and customs of other countries allows us to understand ourselves and others. By better understanding our fellow man around the world we are always surprised at how we are different and similar at the same time.

The English language allows us to relate and therefore to understand each other.

1. What are the advantages of learning English language in future?

* **Cognitive Flexibility or Stretching Your Brain**

One of the greatest benefits of learning any second language is cognitive flexibility or, in other words, **how stretchy your brain is**.

People who speak two languages must learn to identify which language they need to speak and when should speak it. They must be able to easily switch between the two languages.

* **Cultural Awareness and Traveling the World**

Learning a second language can also teach you about a second culture, as language is a key aspect of culture.

When you begin learning English, you will **immerse yourself in the culture** of English speaking countries.

* **Confidence, Life Improvement and Long-term Learning**

Language learning boosts confidence. The beginning stages of learning English may be challenging, but they will help you **improve your confidence**

* **Creativity and English Entertainment**

Learning a second language can help you **think** **more creatively**. As we mentioned before, learning English can help your brain become more flexible. This flexibility can lead to increased creativity in problem-solving and in the way you interact with the world around you.

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