

2nd PLACE

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English has become the language of the globe.

What do you think are the positive and negative aspects of a global language and why?

English is the language of the globe

In the present climate, English has become a global language. English has reached high status world-wide because of several factors; as the mother tongue of millions of people, as the language that millions of children learn at school and the language which is used in international relations, for global communication. The significance of a global language has become major, in some contexts e.g. in communication, on the Internet, etc. Furthermore, English is used to establish connection and relationship between people with different languages.

The historical movement of English around the world began with the expeditions to Asia and America and continued with the colonial developments in Africa and the South Pacific. When numerous colonies became independent during the mid-twentieth century, they kept English as their official language or semi-official language. This led to a major step forward for the English language; it is represented on every continent making the label “global language” a reality.

I made my own survey amongst my friends so as to find out positive and negative aspects of the global language. From my angle, learning a new language has its benefits. The global language helps people to communicate with each other even if they are from different countries. People will have something in common as well. All the news, books, etc. will also be translated to the common language. Henceforth it will be easier to recite the foreign media. On the other hand, it has some disadvantages like the loss of the national languages and cultures. It is possible that if we acquire solely one language we would forget our own and life might become monotonous as everyone speaks the same language.

In conclusion, despite its disadvantages, learning English as a second language may be beneficial for us.