

Why should we learn English?

1. **English is the most preferred language on earth today and is considered the Lingua Franca of the world today.** English came in to prominence about 200 years back. As a language English assumed great importance after the **Industrial Revolution** and more pronouncedly after the Second World War. **Colonization** by the British enhanced the reach of English across the globe. Emergence of **US as super power** has further increased the importance of English. **One billion people speak English today.** An estimate proclaims that every seventh person in the world speaks English. **About 400 million** people around the world have English as their mother tongue. About **700 million** people have it as the second language. English is spoken as the mother tongue in US, British Isles, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Nigeria, Singapore, and Caribbean Islands etc. English is the official language in at least **100 countries.** Infact every single country in the world is trying to learn English. These statistics reveal the popularity of English. With the kind of popularity that it has earned, learning English is the best things that you can do.
2. **English is a vibrant and living language. It is most flexible and most receptive.** It has taken words from almost all the leading languages in the world. German, French, Latin, Greek, Spanish, Italian, African, Persian, Sanskrit, Hindi to name a few. It is rich and has produced some of the best literatures in the world. As of now English has about 500,000 words and the vocabulary keeps changing according to the changing needs of the modern world. Who can afford to ignore Shakespeare, Bernard Shah, Charles Dickens, Oliver Goldsmith and such great poets as Keats, Shelly, Dryden, Wordsworth, Longfellow etc? You will be deprived of the writing of these great writers if you do not learn English.
3. Compared to all the European Languages, English is the easiest in terms of its grammar, syntax, construction and vocabulary.
4. Learning a second language is said to delay the onset of dementia. Considering other advantages as well, why not learn English.
5. Learning English is a rewarding experience. Knowing good English enhances your prospects of getting a job. It boosts your career. Good communicative abilities take you a long way in your career. For a marketing executive knowledge of English is imperative.

6. It is said the knowledge is power. The best source of knowledge comes in the form of books, journals, periodicals or the web; but most of them in English. About 80% of the information that the web provide comes in English. 50% of the scientific journals are produced in English. There are about 1,000,000,000 pages of information available in the web and all in English.
7. Business today is global and international business is done only in English. Countries like China and Japan have commenced learning in a war footing. China particularly sought to learn the coveted language directly from England.
8. Global competitions, world conferences, scientific seminars, world political meetings are all held in English. English is the official language at UNO, NATO, SAARC and all such international events. It is the language of the diplomats.
9. If you know English, you can travel through out India and through out the world.
10. Learning English makes you confident and knowledgeable. It provides you the most satisfying and rewarding experience.

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