

English as a World Language

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Introduction

English is the most important world language today. No language is so widespread as English. The number of people who speak English now exceeds 400 million all over. In most of the developing countries in Asia and Africa, English is the medium of instruction. They also translate famous English books into their language. They know that to the diffusion of knowledge and for the progress of their countries in various fields, English is indispensable. English provides the readiest access to the cream of world scholarship and to the bulk of world trade. English is the key which opens doors to scientific and technical knowledge indispensable to economic and political development of vast areas of the world. An increase in the knowledge of English can contribute directly to greater understanding among nations. It can also be the mean of assuring access to a treasure house of man's knowledge about himself, about his political experiments, his philosophies and his inner human needs. English is one of the richest languages in the world; its vocabulary is very large. About seventy percent of the world literature is in English. Two thirds of world's correspondence