

# Why Is Learning English So Beneficial Nowadays?

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## Annotation

The English language has been the common language of the world for decades. It is now impossible to find a country where learning English has not become a norm. While there are some people who would like to stick with their native language and who would prefer not to learn English, the benefits of learning and mastering English goes beyond the four corners of one's own country.

English is the most spoken language around the world. 1 out of 5 persons understands it. It is estimated that there are 400 million native speakers and 300 million that utilize English as a second language and an additional 100 million who use it as a foreign language. It is the language of science, of aviation, computers, diplomacy, and tourism. English is the official or co-official language from 45 countries and is spoken extensively in other countries where it does not have official position because it is needed in many fields and jobs.

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Learning English as a foreign language allows you to fully appreciate the culture and its context of a country, it widens your understanding. By understanding a person's culture, for example, you can avoid situations which could cause misunderstandings. Being able to understand other cultures and through learning a foreign language you can bridge the gap between cultures, which would be a powerful tool in today's modern world. It also increases your understanding of your own culture.

If you study English and its culture, you will be able to see your own culture from another perspective. Encountering other cultures will allow you to question things that you've taken to be universal. Studying a foreign language will give you the unique opportunity of stepping outside the boundary of your everyday life. Experiences of other cultures and your personal development through the study of a foreign language will greatly shape your identity and heighten your self-awareness. If you master English, you will enjoy travelling more. You will also be able to travel around the entire world! Even if you're not going to an English speaking country, it is very likely that locals will understand you if you speak in English. Being able to travel and fully immerse yourself in the country and culture is a fantastic way to holiday. Whenever you wish to travel someplace, you have to communicate. If you don't know the language of the country where you intend to go, just try speaking English and you would be understood right away. Now imagine yourself traveling to a country, and you don't know how to speak English. The encounter with a foreigner would be a disaster if you don't know how to explain or ask questions in English. In effect, if you have already learned English, talking to a foreigner would prove to be an easy time. Having studied English you will feel comfortable in ordering food,

understanding directions, being able to fully travel on public transport and save considerable money and maybe even batter for things in shops.

Through English, you can discover entertainment from around the world. Many of the most famous movies or songs are written in English. You'll be able to understand them. If you learn English, you'll be able to visit most websites. There are so many great books, films and music from many countries around the world. A translation or dub is just not the same as many elements of language simply can't be translated literally from one language to another. To be able to access the world's great wealth of literature, music, film and theatre you should do them justice and enjoy them in their original form.

Learning English as a foreign language will certainly open your eyes to amazing things. Speaking English is a tremendous asset for your professional career. We also need to learn English especially if we will be working at firms or other companies where English is the medium of communication. Instructions would be clearly understood, and therefore the room for error is minimized. A fundamental element of business is being able to sell a product. Selling is all well and good in your own country, but what happens when it comes to selling in a foreign market? To sell you must understand the values and morals of the people you are selling to. We live in a truly global economy and companies constantly expanding overseas. A more recent development is the globalisation of countries from less developed countries, such as China and Thailand, to English speaking countries. These factors create strong demand for English speakers – businesses need you and are willing to pay for you! Despite what career you choose on, or whatever your life aims, it's obvious that learning English won't hurt you. The likelihood is that job opportunities would open up to you that wouldn't have and what's for sure is that you will have much more earning power. And at the very least, you certainly will stand out against a monolingual job candidate. In the case of an emigration, when you move to a different country or region, learning English will help you to communicate and integrate with the local community. Even if many of the locals speak your language, it's still worth your while learning English. Doing so will demonstrate your interest in and commitment to the new country. At the same time, an immigrant who would try to explain himself to his boss and co-employees would be clearly understood if he could construct his ideas into a single coherent thought. This can only be achieved by learning English seriously. For those immigrants who are in the process of looking for a job, a mastery of the English language would put them at a higher leverage compared to those who don't.

Considering that communication is an essential component in a workplace, persons who are able to communicate well using the English language would always have an advantage over others.

By learning English, you develop life skills. Learning a foreign language involves different learning skills and helps develop key skills through listening, writing and reading. This in turn will help actually help you improve in other areas too. Your general reading and mental skills improve through studying a language. In fact, if studied from a young age, there will be a very noticeable benefit to cognitive development, such as creativity, problem-solving and reasoning. But in addition to these skills, learning a foreign language will give you important life skills. You will be better able to adapt and cope with changes and to deal with unfamiliar and new

situations. You will also find that you are better able to communicate with people from all walks of life.

Research has shown that having an understanding of English as a foreign language also helps your native language development.

It has been found that students can develop better vocabularies and an improved level of literacy all through studying a foreign language.

In fact, studies have shown that students' exam scores have improved year-on-year for every year a foreign language is studied.

You will also make life-time friendships. Studying English and all the opportunities it can bring will definitely increase the number of people on the globe who you can meet and communicate with. Be it meeting international students, immigrants in your community and establishing new relationships with people overseas, studying a foreign language really can change your life for the better.

Also, if you speak English, you may stand out when applying for higher education. Why not combine your studies with travelling and find out about study abroad programmes? The benefits of studying a foreign language in a study overseas programme is that you will be practicing all the time – as soon as you step out the classroom you will be putting what you learnt into practice.

Compared to studying in a school in your own country, the benefits are two-fold: much quicker development of your language skills and the chance to study the foreign language's culture

### ***Why is Learning English is so Important?***

English is the language of science, of aviation, computers, diplomacy, and tourism. Knowing English increases your chances of getting a good job in a multinational company within your home country or for finding work abroad. It's also the language of international communication, the media and the internet, so learning English is important for socialising and entertainment as well as work!

*Let's look at the top 4 reasons why studying English is so important:*

#### ***1. English is the Language of International Communication***

English may not be the most spoken language in the world, but it is the official language of 53 countries and spoken by around 400 million people across the globe. Being able to speak English is not just about being able to communicate with native English speakers, it is the most common second language in the world. If you want to speak to someone from another country then the chances are that you will both be speaking English to do this.

The British Council projects that by 2020 two billion people in the world will be studying English. Learning English is important as it enables you to communicate easily with your fellow global citizens. When you study English at ELC schools (<https://www.elc-schools.com/about>), you will be making friends with people from lots of different countries, using English as your common language!

#### ***2. English is the Language of Business***

English is the dominant business (<https://www.elc-schools.com/english-courses/brighton/business-english>) language and it has become almost a necessity for people to speak English if they are to enter a global workforce. Research from all over the world shows that cross-border business communication is most often conducted in English and many international companies expect employees to be fluent in English.

Global companies such as Airbus, Daimler-Chrysler, Fast Retailing, Nokia, Renault, Samsung, SAP, Technicolor, and Microsoft in Beijing, have mandated English

as their official corporate language. In addition, in 2010 the company Rakuten, a Japanese cross between Amazon and eBay, made it mandatory for their 7,100 Japanese employees to be able to speak English.

The importance of learning English in the international marketplace cannot be understated - learning English really can change your life.

### ***3. Speaking English gives you Access to a World of Entertainment***

Many of the world's top films, books and music are published and produced in English. Therefore, by learning English you will have access to a great wealth of entertainment and will be able to have a greater cultural understanding.

If you speak English, you won't need to rely on translations and subtitles anymore to enjoy your favourite books, songs, films and TV shows. Watching movies and television programmes in the English language is also a great and fun way to learn it!

At ELC we encourage students to participate in the social programme (<https://www.elc-schools.com/about/elc-brighton/social-programme>) to practice English outside a class environment. Activities include watching popular English films, sports, art galleries, museums, trips and excursions to local and historical areas. The programme is designed to encourage students to use and learn English in British culture.

### ***4. Learning English gives you Access to more of the Internet***

According to a report by Education First, English is the language of the internet. An estimated 565 million people use the internet every day, and an estimated 52 percent of the world's most visited websites are displayed in the English language.

Learning English is important as it gives you access to over half the content on the internet. Knowing how to read English will allow you access to billions of pages of information which may not be otherwise available!

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