



THE ROLE OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND WAYS OF LEARNING IT

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Abstract

This article gives some important information about foreign languages, their importance and role in every country and also some types to learn it. Definitely we understand that English is the most important communication tool in the modern world.

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Today, English is one of the dominant languages in the world. However, proficiency in English was not always considered necessary knowledge. The language gained world status due to the fact that it became native to many countries across all continents of the world. They began to "export" it in the 17th century, and primarily to the countries of North America. Therefore, it owes its modern significance, first of all, to the unprecedented growth of the population in this region. Consider the features of the English language, thanks to which it can rightfully be considered the "language of the world":

1) **Simplicity** In Old English, as in Greek, words had a whole system of endings that showed the grammatical categories of number, tense, person, case, etc. However, over time, the system of grammatical forms has become much simpler, and today verbs have preserved only a few endings, and, for example, adjectives do not agree with nouns grammatically.

2) **Versatility** As a result of the loss of endings, the English language has become very versatile over the past five centuries. For example, quite often an English word can pass into another part of speech without visible changes. For example, this happened with the words swim, drink, kiss, smile. We can say water to drink and to water flowers; time to go (time to go) and to time a race (fix the duration of the race); a paper to read and to paper a bedroom (wallpaper over the bedroom). Adjectives can act as verbs: we warm our hands in front of a fire (we warm our hands by the fire), and if clothes are dirtied, they need to be cleaned and dried (if the clothes are dirty, then they must be cleaned and dried). Prepositions are also "easy to use." For example: A sixty-year old man is nearing retirement. we can talk about a round of golf.

3) **Openness of the dictionary**, This feature of the English language implies unlimited borrowing of vocabulary from other languages and the ease of formation of derivatives and complex words. At one time, many languages contributed to the creation of the lexical base of modern English. However, today this process is already going in the opposite direction, although many supporters of the purity of languages such as French, Russian, Japanese, try to resist the penetration of English words into them.

4) **The future of the language** In terms of coverage of the territories in which native speakers live, English ranks first, and in terms of the number of speakers, it ranks second, after Mandarin Chinese. It is the language of business, technology, sports and aviation. In general, the political, economic,



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scientific, sports life of the whole world "flows" in English. English is defined as the official and working language of the United Nations.

All kinds of summits and meetings of heads of state, the signing of laws and decrees, negotiations and debates - all this is conducted in English. International trade, the work of the banking system, the activities of the transport system on land, at sea and in the air are carried out in English. This language is a living instrument of communication for academicians, doctors of sciences, scientists from all over the world. After all, international conferences, the study of world experience and the exchange of information of scientific minds occur only with the use of the English language. But what can I say - the Olympic Games and all kinds of competitions between the countries chose English as the official language. The modern language in the British Isles is by no means static. The language lives on, neologisms constantly appear, some words go into the past.

However, the difference between English and many European languages is that there are no static norms in the UK. On the contrary, it is the various dialects and adverbs that are in great use. Not only the pronunciation of words at the phonetic level is different, but there are also completely different words denoting the same concept. The media and government officials communicate in British English. But the most popular is American English. There are Australian English, Canadian English and many other dialects. On the territory of Great Britain itself, several dialects are used, which are spoken by the inhabitants of a particular province. As you can see, the English language has retained its traditions of "mixing languages" in our days. The popularity of the English language was greatly facilitated by the colonial policy of Great Britain, the colonization of Australia and North America. After World War II, the importance of a country like the United States increased, which also contributed to the popularization of the English language. In the modern world, the Internet community, people of science and culture mainly communicate in English. It is difficult to name the exact number of people who speak English nowadays. The results of various studies differ by tens of percent. The figures are cited as 600 million and 1.2 billion. People who speak English can be divided into three groups: native speakers of the language for whom it is native; bilinguals who know it as a second language; as well as those people who have to use it for practical purposes (while studying or working). Every seventh inhabitant of the Earth belongs to one of these three categories.

The importance of the English language in the modern world is so great that its knowledge is not a privilege or luxury. Once upon a time, computers, as well as mobile phones, could only be afforded by people of a certain social stratum. Now such things are essential items. The same can be said for English. It is taught by everyone everywhere: in schools, universities, in courses. There are many ways to learn foreign languages. For self-study, the Internet offers us a wide selection of educational materials, online courses, smartphone applications, training channels on Youtube, special social networks, etc. In addition, now in each city there is an increase in the number of language centers with qualified local as well as foreign teachers. ... It is understood that any educated person is simply obliged to speak English, since it is he who is his key to further self-education and self-improvement. That is why there are so many organizations now offering to teach you English. However, do not think that this is so easy to do. Learning any language is a long process that requires certain costs, both mental and financial. Since the



development of mental activity is an integral part of the process of mastering both native and foreign languages, learning should not be based only on the mechanical memorization of structures, phrases, speech patterns and rules. The implementation of this task in practice is carried out through the introduction of the principle of cognitive learning.

Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy was one of the first to formulate the prototype of the cognitive principle of teaching: "It is impossible to teach students a language against their will by violent explanations, memorization and repetition. Almost always it is not the word itself that is incomprehensible, but the student does not at all have the concept that the word expresses. The word is almost always ready when the concept is ready. At the same time, the relation of word to thought and the formation of new concepts is such a mysterious, complex and delicate process of the soul that any interference is a brute, awkward force that retards the development process ... But deliberately giving the student a new concept and forms of the word ... teach a child to walk according to the laws of balance. Any such attempt does not bring closer, but removes the student from the proposed goal, like a rough hand of a person, which, wishing to help a flower to bloom, would begin to unfold the flower by its petals and crush everything around." Psychological research and teaching practice show that learning is successful when the brain creates its own mental structures, and it slows down if ready-made structures are imposed on it. Therefore, it is necessary not to impose linguistic knowledge, but to help him to be born and develop it. It can be born from the need for communication and self-expression. In this case, the study of foreign languages or their improvement through watching films, TV series in the original language is one of the most effective, because it is learning through perception. First, a person passes through his head many correct sentences, then he can reproduce them and build his own sentences. This method can be divided into several stages:

Stage 0 - viewing with translation into the native language. This stage can be called introductory, since there is a direct acquaintance with the plot. If you wish and have a certain level of knowledge of the target language, this stage can be skipped.

Stage 1 - viewing with translation in the native language and subtitles in the original language. At this stage, you can expand your vocabulary, improve grammar.

Stage 2 - viewing with translation in the original language and subtitles in the native language. Here you get used to the sound of foreign speech, the manner in which the characters speak, and the accent. **Stage 3** - viewing with translation and subtitles in the original language. At this stage, not only the language and individual words are perceived, but also there is an understanding of what exactly is being discussed, at the same time the spelling of words is remembered. **Stage 4** - viewing in the original language, without subtitles.

It is often impossible to make out and translate even familiar words in the stream of speech, since they are not audible. After this stage, it will be much easier to understand the interlocutor in real life. Watching films in the original language as a way to learn a foreign language will increase the level of the student's knowledge. Since most often the choice in favor of this method is made consciously, the benefits will be significant. In addition, films allow you to learn slang and informal words that are not



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yet in dictionaries, and improve pronunciation. Definitely, English is the most important communication tool in the modern world.

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