

English is, nowadays, considered a *lingua franca*, that is to say, an international language. Thanks to the British Empire's colonisation policy during its history, it has been spread throughout the world. After WWII, the USA became the centre of the western economic landscape, making English a must-know for companies around the globe.

Thanks to the creation of the UN, the language has seen an increase in its speakers, since it is the language which the countries' representatives choose in their meetings. English is also the language for scientific research, allowing scientists of every nation to understand each other. When a discovery is made, it is immediately translated into English. So, for every scientific paper, there are at least two versions: in the native speaker's language and in English.

In addition, it is also the most prominent language used on the Internet. Around 50% of every piece of content on the Internet is done in English. Thanks to this, English came hand-in-hand with globalisation, bringing the tongue to even more people as the Internet became more available to the general public.

It is this globalisation of English that made it the main speech used by tourism companies. It is strongly recommended knowing English if you are travelling abroad to a country that does not speak your mother tongue. It is argued that it is this fact that has made the industry thrive over the last decades; because it allows people from any country to communicate virtually everywhere where English is spoken or taught.

In an interconnected world, English impacts every aspect of our lives. If you are able to communicate fluently in English, it is highly likely that you will be able to travel almost anywhere and convey your message.

1) Mark true (T) or false (F). Correct the statement if it is false.

A) The UK's expansionism brought English to many countries. T - F

B) The USA's rise into the economic landscape after WWII did not change business worldwide. T - F

C) Every scientific paper is written in only one language: English. T - F

D) Around a 70% of all of the Internet's content is published in English. T - F

E) It is said that globalisation brought about an increase in international tourism. T - F
