# The power of English

**Script:**

So, in ……. years' time, will English still be a …….. language? We could all be speaking Martian by then. To ask about the future of ……. is to really ask about ……. of society. Because language, you see, is global for one reason only, and that is …….. of the people who …… . Power always drives language, there is ……. to speak somebody else's language other than you want to …….. your …… , or you want …… them in some way or whatever it might be. I mean the tradition in English, of course, English became global for a whole variety of …….. . First of all, the power of …… , later the power of …….. , later the, in the 17th century, the power of the …… …… which meant that the language of science and technology became English, predominantly. In the …… century the power of …….., money talks. And then in the …… century …….. power, as you all know, because every aspect of culture you've encountered has some sort of history in the English language like pop songs …… …….. . So, what's going to ……. next? English will stay a …… language …… certain things happen, first of all that …….. that others recognize as the most powerful nations in the world …… and all the other nations …….. , or want to interact with them, or want to sell things to them and so on. And so English will stay like that for as long as those nations retain that kind of power, we're talking mainly ……. here, aren't we, predominantly.

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