

English in the world: A very brief history of a global language



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English in the world. The English language [] existed for a little over one and a half thousand years. [], in the grand scheme of things is just a blip in the history of human language. [] an even smaller blip in the history of humankind.

The language is called English because of [] associations with England. Which sounds straightforward enough, although it's actually a bit more complicated than this.

English had its roots here in the north of []. Although of course, it wasn't called English then. There were a number of Germanic tribes. The Angles, Saxons, and the Jutes, [] crossed the channel; it wasn't called the English Channel until the 18th century.

And found out across the [] of Great Britain which at the [] was inhabited by Britons who spoke Celtic languages, the ancestors of Welsh, Scottish Gaelic, and Cornish [] the Anglo-Saxons arrived the Romans had also colonised large parts of the island along with [] from various parts of the Roman Empire.

Later the Vikings came and then the Normans. All speaking [] own languages and also mixing their languages [] English.

It wasn't until the 14th century that English became properly established as the language of England and was used for the [] time in parliament and in the [] .

The first king of England to [] English as [] native language was Henry IV.

Henry came to the throne in 1399 almost a thousand years [] the Anglo-Saxons arrived but once English was established, [] also began to spread or more accurately it began to be spread.

The most important driver for this was colonialism in lots of [] , English pushed out the local language, and indigenous forms of English developed in other countries, English existed alongside the local languages and [] forms developed.

In the 20th century, it continued to spread through the entertainment industry, politics, the media, and technology, so that today [] a truly global language.

Throughout its history, it's [] changing, and we'll continue to do so far into the future.