

## Why has English developed as a world language ?

Today, English is used as ..... , and this status of English is primarily the result of two main ..... . The first is the expansion of the ..... between the ..... and the .....th centuries and the second is the emergence of the United States of America as the ..... in the ..... . Let's look at the first factor, which is the ..... of the British Empire. This consists of two main ..... . The first phase started from the XXVIIth century when large scales of ..... of English ..... from England, Scotland, Ireland to North America, Australia and New Zealand ..... . And the ..... which travelled with these migrants gradually developed into the ..... varieties of English such as American English and Australian English with differences in for example vocabulary, pronunciation and grammar. The second phase took place during the XVIIIth and XIXth centuries when Britain expanded its ..... in Africa and Asia. This colonisation led to the development of many ..... of English or what is often called new ..... such as ..... English and ..... English. These two phases of the expansion of the British Empire built a foundation for the further spread of English which was propelled by the ..... of the United States of America as the world political and economic power. The dominant role of English today can largely be explained by the ..... which America has been playing since the ..... .