



The Significance of English in Today's World

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India is experiencing the joy of learning and using the English language for its well-being. It is not only a linking language but also a survival language. It is not limited to native speakers anymore but beyond the borders of a foreign land. It is now owned by every common man who wishes to exchange his thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Technology plays a very important role in connecting people through the English language. The roots of the English language especially spread through technology and we owe to it a lot. English remained to be the sole language deeply rooted and gained great prominence in Indian history though many foreign languages crept into the country. English has been the medium of communication ever since globalization started. It is accessed and in vogue in many parts of the world. It is a dominant language in the world in recent times. Globalization caused a great need for the emergence of the English language. English bridges different cultures and people across nations. It is a widely accepted truth that English does occupy an important place in the present-day world therefore, it is important to see whether students possess the ability to interact and communicate in English. Tyagi (2015) highlights a present-day challenge for the teacher, to cater to the practical needs of the learners. It is a dire responsibility of a teacher, to make learners practically interactive and develop good communicative skills.

The present-day education system allows students to be instructed in the use of the English language. A majority of courses in an academic field are widely delivered in the English language. The reason behind this is the rapid growth in the exchange of communication as well as globalization. With the rise of advanced technology and knowledge, the necessity of communication has also increased. The English language is the common platform where communication exchange can happen across all multilingual speakers as it is a global lingua franca.

English is useful and serves as a hopeful future for many people in every stream of life. It is not only a source of winning the bread and butter but also ensures confidence and assurance in miscellaneous responsibilities of our life.

In the present-day world, language is an essential tool of communication not only for business purposes but also for establishing social and business relations across nations. To understand the world and its culture we need to get adapted to the existing means of communication. It is a dire necessity for successful survival. Every person is in favour of the English language as it has become an essential need of the present generation. "Earlier everyone is considered to be literate by their degrees and diplomas, but the knowledge of the English language makes an individual literate in today's world" (UK Essays). It is true indeed. An individual is best marked and recognized by his/her knowledge of the use of the English language in the current times. It is the need of the hour at present when individuals travel across nations. The common platform for them to interact is only English. They may become mentally challenged to communicate for establishing a prestigious status in the society they live in if they cannot converse in English. They may end up in miscommunication due to a lack of English-speaking skills. This lack creates a requirement for learning English. As a result, they attempt to seek Spoken English courses out of circumstances. This is reality.

This opportunity is best utilized by companies to recruit participants. They want to hire individuals who are proficient in English. They conduct some proficiency tests like verbal ability, essay writing, and all tests on LSRW skills. Such platforms can encourage language teaching as well as language learning. This necessitates English training centers and teachers for teaching proficiency courses in English.

English is not only prominent for common individuals to transact and communicate but also for the people who wish to make their survival based on the language teaching profession. In the world today, many language centers have been established for intense training in English. The students who wish to journey across the world for various official purposes are expected and obliged to clear English online tests. It is a prerequisite and entry pass to journey abroad. The emergence of the English language can be seen in every stream of life either professionally or socially.

These are some reasons to acknowledge and analyze the emergence of the English language in the present-day world. It is beneficial to

realize English's importance and master it for better survival. It is viewed by Nishanthi (2018) that knowledge of the English language is compulsory and "it is the window of the modern world." One can indeed view the modern world through the lens of English. All foreign-based companies and local-based companies need people who can communicate effectively for smoother functioning of work.

English has become a business language too. Even an uneducated shopkeeper is articulating in English as English is well-recognized and accepted everywhere. In the good olden days, it is the elite language but now it is a layman's language too. In India at present, English is introduced in the primary classes where a five-year-old child can utter English words and sentences.

English is also the language spoken by officials and dignitaries. Any official information is often announced in English either in oral or written form. It is also a language of the law, police, medical, and all other official platforms. Earlier the mother tongue of any local region used to be the chiefly spoken language but now with the winds of change English is the widely spoken language. English has very interesting features. We can express our ideas in many words. It has a wide range of vocabulary. Rich in a variety of usages. We can express our thoughts in many words. There is no limit to the words we desire to use. It gives us a wide scope to change and use different types of sentences.

The English language is significant even in the sphere of science and technology. Access to scientific literature is mainly possible due to the English language. Srinivasa Rao(2019) English also affects the scientific world tremendously "English has been adopted as the de facto universal language of science." He acknowledges that English plays a very prominent role in the scientific community as its literature is available in English for scientists to avail. So, we can see that the English language is also catering to the needs and purposes of scientific society.

Mostly, the information from any source is informed through various sources like brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, and many other forms. Electronic media uses English as its means of expression. The availability of any information or any sort of advertisement is in English mostly. Mass media is the chief platform to promote English for different purposes.

The English language reached a top position in its status as a large population realized its essence and credibility. The government of India at the center and state levels have already started implementing

the policy of introducing the English language in schools from primary sections of schools. Many states have already started introducing English as one of the main subjects in the educational curriculum.

In this post-independent era, the value of English has risen without any doubt due to liberalization and globalization in India. With its huge impact, it has become a mainstream language available for all purposes. It is like a passport to interact with foreign nationals. As quoted in the newsletter a Romanian scientist once uttered English is no more a language of England. A time has come to rename English as 'global.' It is often utilized for commercial purposes and we observe newspaper vendors and workers of different professions communicate in English only. In order to live up to the standards of society and culture we are in we need to master the English language and get updated with the current knowledge. The impact of globalization on the post-colonial trends of teaching can be observed in language teaching. As expressed by Graddol(1997), there is no imminent threat to the English language as it is the chief language widely accepted by the world's population. It is believed by Shukla (2012), English language teaching has become a business transaction with a giving and teaching policy. In the present context, we see many English learning centers emerging for candidates who want to learn the language to communicate well for their professional benefit. All these are originating as a result of globalization in the post-colonial era. In the present teaching scenario, there have been many changes in language curriculum, teaching, and learning methods. There used to be an English medium education at the secondary school level in the past, but in the present times, one can notice a shift in the teaching policy. Sridevi (2017) draws attention to an explosion of globalization in the modern era, which paved the way for teaching English for specific purposes (ESP), and the students who are competent enough in spoken and written English are hired by many business companies. The government of India has introduced the teaching of English at the primary level of school education; these students are enjoying the luxury of learning English at the initial levels of their education. The impact of globalization on the tools of teaching materials is visible in the teaching-learning scenario. The innovations in the global world led to innovations in teaching tools. The use of web tools in a language class is an encouragement for the learners. As said by Changkija (2017), the English language not only enjoys the status of its significance but also influences and impacts other languages. The

significance and contribution of the English language are not only seen in one field but also in all other streams like Psychological, Political, Social, Science, Critical, Literature, and so on. According to Crystal (1998), English should claim global status as a global language. As pointed out by Graddol (2006) English language education is also about the concept of national identity and comes under providing social and intellectual education to our offspring. English is not only a language of one nation but a global language. Many changes have taken place in recent times with regard to the assessment, and evaluation of students' progress. A continuous evaluation of students' progress is an example of this kind, where the assessment of students' performance is checked and evaluated periodically by the teachers. This was not the situation in the past, as students' progress was checked annually at the end of the academic year, but now, the trend has changed by the winds of changing teaching methodology.

English today is a common's man language. Even young children are fluent in English as they are instructed in English from their primary classes themselves. They become good articulators in English once they turn out to be professionals in the future if they excel in their fluency. The exposure to English arose with the winds of change. We see the banners and advertisements in English. The scope is widened as we can see its roots stretched across many categories and sections in the world. Once upon a time, it was accessed only by the elite but now the bourgeois and proletariats too can access it. Though the language is not spoken accurately in its structure and sounds, it is still accessed and utilized by a person without any reservation. It has become a need for more than a course. The demand for educating and training children in the English language from childhood has become the desire of many citizens as it is universally acknowledged and accepted. It is not only a common language but also a link language that connects everyone.

The present condition of this era is language-oriented. However, many illiterates need to rise to this stage. Even though there is a wide range of awareness on English proficiency still it has to be accessed by the poorer sections of society in every nook and corner. The government of India is taking many measures to educate illiterates who cannot manage to communicate in the English language. These people as a result would equip themselves with this language tool. If they are communicative then they can be the soul winners for earning their bread and butter in their families. Knowledge of the English language

is an inevitable need of any Individual who wishes to earn social status.

Learners have many inhibitions to learning English as a result they lack good communication skills. Improper learning habits, higher anxiety levels, improper teaching methodologies, and tools, lack of exposure to English, and financial insufficiency are some major hindrances that block acquiring good English language skills. Careful attention and focused learning will rule out the problems in learning English. Interest and awareness about the English language should be created by English users and especially demotivated learners. There is enough exposure created in the present context about the necessity of English but still, there are people who are yet to gain proficiency and confidence and avail the opportunities created for them.

Brainstorming exercises, vocabulary and grammar games, riddles, and interesting tools of delivery mechanism will help learners to learn English soon. The art of teaching English is crucial. There are numerous learning and teaching methodologies available in the present-day teaching world. Language learning is easily accessible through social media and print media.

Several journals, articles, and e-books are available for free of cost. Such resources can be accessed and utilized by passionate learners. In the present setup, the world is before us due to electronic gadgets. If one could afford these gadgets then they could afford to learn the English language too.

It is a wake-up call for all teachers, learners, trainers, and others to update themselves with nuances and updated forms of the English language. In this fast-paced world, we see many miracles performed by learning and using the English language. Many wide openings are observed in every nook and corner of the world for English language teachers. Exploring the best possible methods for upgrading English language skills has been the trend of the world. Owing to many techno-developments, and heavy competition among technical sectors, there is an outcry among technical industries for the fear of vanishing opportunities in the software world on the other hand we sense languages never die but evolve perennially. As the human species evolve languages never cease to exist. This is good news for language communities. It is a dire responsibility of every language teacher to be armed with language skills for reaching out to the needs of the recipients. This burden is placed on every shoulder in the teaching community irrespective of the specialization. It has become the need

of every teacher who wishes to showcase skills and talents for building the skills of learners. Such is the context of the world. This creates wide opportunities for language teachers to equip themselves with every teaching methodology to make students communicative and industry-ready. It is also the social responsibility of every language enthusiast to bridge the gaps created due to poor communication. This dire need necessitates smart teaching and learning methods in the best possible way. Many apps in recent times direct language seekers to native speakers and teachers. This cites the need and necessity of language teaching and learning. However, this does not exclude or undermine the role of foreign language teachers or second language teachers. This reveals the intensity of increasing passion in language learners.

In this context of learning, it is good to adopt new smart teaching methods which are consumed by the recipients like hotcakes. Oral-Aural methods are quite effective for promoting quick learning. A good teacher involves the learners in learning so that they are immersed in the learning process.

It has been observed in many pragmatic conditions that a good content producer cannot draw learners' minds with his/her presentation unless he/she is equipped with oratory skills. A presenter who is also a good speaker can positively impact the listeners with good communication skills. This stirs up the fire for learning and promoting the English language in our neighborhood as well as in other parts of the region.

According to (Chaudron & Zhao, 1998) teachers speak most of the time in classrooms and it has become the typical pattern of learning-teaching method. Hence these patterns of teaching need to be changed and learners need to be given enough preference.

Hence, these reflections on the emergence of the English language would give an alarm to all the English language teaching fraternity to decipher the significance of the English language. This further establishes amicable relationships among miscellaneous and diversified communities for better social, economic, and political relationships. Language can be a barrier and also can be a carrier. It is a double-edged sword that fulfills and accomplishes the mission proposed. As it is no more an elite language but a layman's language, it hurries every individual to be well-furnished with the nuances and beauty of the English language.

These are some reflections on the English language in recent times. It voices different concerns of the passionate learner of the English language.

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