

English as an International Language

(For the 7th grade)

About one hundred years ago many educated people learned and spoke French when they met people from other countries. Today most people speak English when they meet foreigners. It has become the new international language.

There are many reasons why English has become so popular. One of them is that English becomes the language of business. Another important reason is that popular American culture quickly spreads throughout the world. It brings its language with it.

Is it good that English spreads to all parts of the world so quickly? It's important to have a language that the people have in common. Our world has become very global and we need to communicate with one another. Scientists have already tried to create an artificial language. It is called Esperanto. But it is not very popular yet. Maybe the popularity of English won't last that long either. Who knows? There are more people in the world who speak Chinese than any other language. Maybe someday Chinese will be the new international language.

English Around the World

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Have you ever had the desire to wander the world and see what was out there? While some people prefer to stay in their comfortable home, others have been bitten by the travel bug and can't wait to explore the world. Exotic places call to them. "Come visit me and I will show you my mysteries," they say.

Every year millions of people put on backpacks and flock to visit the seven continents of the world. They wander through the castles and museums of Europe, and the cities and natural wonders of North and South America. Some visit the vast exotic cultures of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The great outback of Australia is a wonderland for those who go there. And a few lucky people even make to the most mysterious continent on the earth- Antarctica.

Why do people want to explore the world? It gives them a better perspective about the earth and the people living on it. It opens their minds, it gives them a feeling of accomplishment, and it makes them feel alive. So save some money, get your passport ready, and see the world. It will change your life forever.