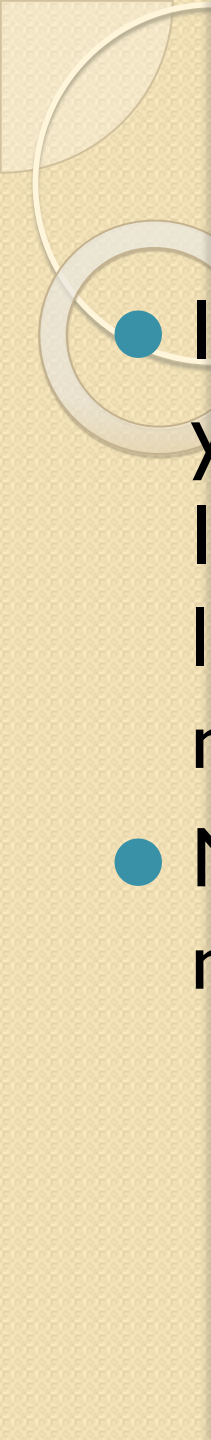



English is a global language



The history of the English language really started with the arrival of three Germanic tribes who invaded Britain during the 5th century AD. These tribes, the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes, crossed the North Sea from what today is Denmark and northern Germany. At that time the inhabitants of Britain spoke a Celtic language. But most of the Celtic speakers were pushed west and north by the invaders - mainly into what is now Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The Angles came from Engaland and their language was called Englisc - from which the words England and English are derived.



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- It is only in the course of the last hundred years that English is become a world language. In Shakespeare's time it was a provincial language of secondary importance with only 6 million native speakers.
  - Nowadays English has become the world's most important language in politics, science.

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- **People who speak English fall into one of three groups:**
  - 1) those who have learnt it as their native language;
  - 2) those who have learnt it as a second language in a society which is mainly bilingual;
  - 3) those who are force to use it for a practical purpose - professional or educational.

- It is spoken as a native language by around 377 million and as a second language by around 375 million speakers in the world. The number of second-language speakers may soon exceed the number of native speakers, if it has not done so already.



- English has an official or a special status in 75 countries with a total population of over 2 billion.

- It is the official language of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the United States of America, of Australia and New Zealand.

English is used as one of the official languages in Canada, the Republic of South Africa and the Irish Republic . It is also spoken as a second language by many people in India, Pakistan.





- The domination of the English language globally is undeniable. English is the language of diplomacy and international communications, business, tourism, education, science, computer technology, media and Internet. Because English was used to develop communication, technology, programming, software, etc, it dominates the web. 70% of all information stored electronically is in English.

- The working languages of the United Nations are English and French. All documents are written only in the working languages. English has become now the language of international communication.








- ***To know English today is absolutely necessary for every educated person, for every good specialist. Learning a language is not an easy thing. It's a long and slow process that takes a lot of time and patience but it's a must.***

- In our country English is very popular: it is studied at schools (sometimes even at nursery schools), colleges and universities.



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- At present no other language on Earth is better suited to play the role of world language.