

GENERAL ENGLISH

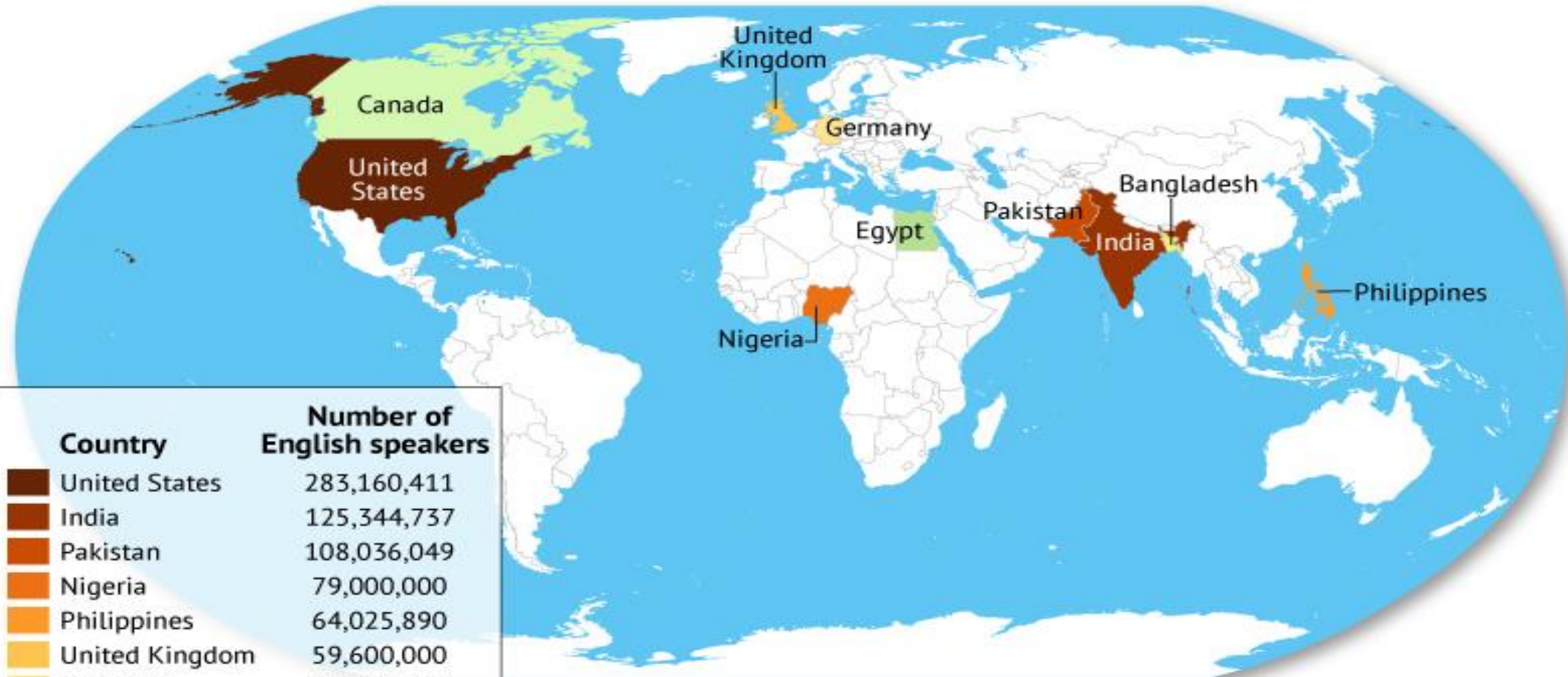
UNIT 4

ENGLISH AS A LOCAL AND GLOBAL LANGUAGE.

In this lesson you will be able to learn the reasons why you should learn English.



Top Ten English Speaking Countries



Country	Number of English speakers
United States	283,160,411
India	125,344,737
Pakistan	108,036,049
Nigeria	79,000,000
Philippines	64,025,890
United Kingdom	59,600,000
Germany	45,400,000
Bangladesh	30,108,031
Canada	29,748,265
Egypt	28,101,325

0 1,500 3,000 Miles
0 1,500 3,000 Kilometers



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In some countries majority of people speak English.

Eg. US

UK

Canada

Australia



In some countries minority of people speak English.

Eg. Colombia

Swaziland

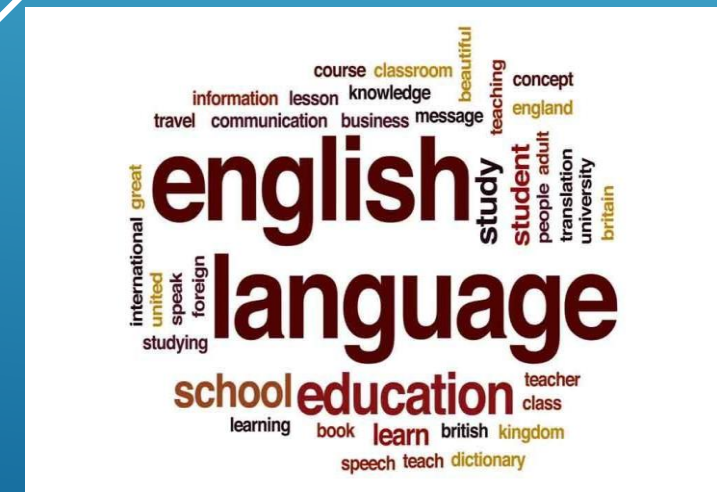
Algeria

Uganda



WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL STATES OF ENGLISH IN OUR COUNTRY ACCORDING TO OUR CONSTITUTION?

- English is a national language.
- English is an official language.
- English is a link language.



BEFORE READING

ACTIVITY 1

MATCH THE WORDS WITH THEIR MEANING.

1. Welcomed and tolerated-
2. Letters-
3. A person who only speaks one language-
4. Cannot be cured-
5. A speaker of two languages-
6. Suitable and ready to be hired for a job-
7. Opportunities, chances-



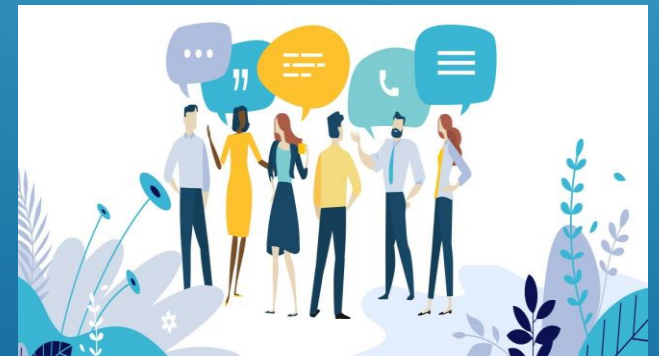
WHY SHOULD YOU LEARN ENGLISH?



1. ENGLISH IS SPOKEN ALMOST EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

English is an official language in more than 50 countries in the world.

You can travel to most places and communicate with people in English.



2.KNOWING ENGLISH WILL MAKE YOU MORE EMPLOYABLE.

Most large companies around the world prefer English speaking employees.

In the USA English speakers usually earn more than non-English speakers.



3. ENGLISH WILL HELP YOU TO BECOME MORE EDUCATED.

If you want to enter the best universities in the world you should know English.



Top 10 Universities in the World

HARVARD
UNIVERSITY



Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



Caltech

PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE



Stanford University

THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



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4. ENGLISH WILL GIVE YOU MORE INFORMATION.

55% of the information on the internet is published in English.

95% of scientific articles are written in English.

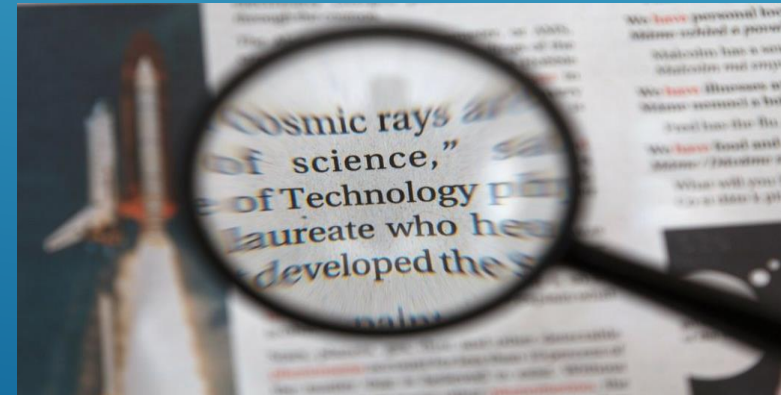
If we know English we can learn about different cultures more easily.



5. ENGLISH IS THE LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE.

If you wish to study Science,
you have to know English.

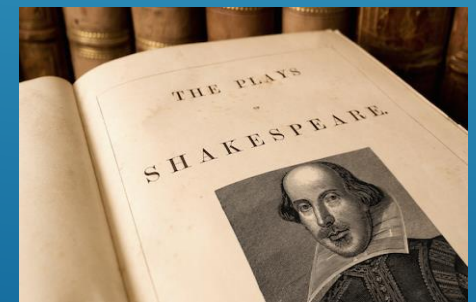
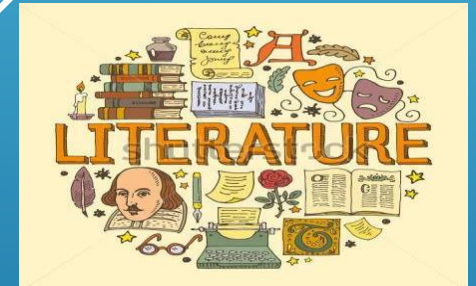
And also you can improve
your knowledge about
science if you know English.



6. YOU CAN READ LITERATURE IN ENGLISH.

Most of the greatest books and plays in the world are written in English.

You can entertain most popular cartoons, films and songs if you know English.



7. IN POWERFUL ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES YOU ARE EASILY ACCEPTED.

US and UK are some examples
for those countries.

You are easily accepted despite
differences in ethnicity, colour or
social background if you know
English.

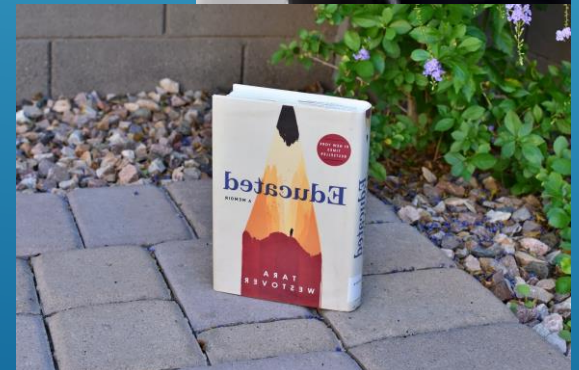


8.SPEAKING ENGLISH WILL GAIN YOU RESPECT.

Speaking English will boost
your confidence.

People think that you are
educated if you can speak
English.

Your marriage prospects will
be improved.



9. ENGLISH IS EASY TO LEARN.

The English alphabet has only 26 letters unlike in Mandarin.

The spoken language and the written language are not very different like Sinhala or Tamil.

Everything does not have a gender like in French or German.

English : It's Easy !



10.LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE IS GOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN.

It can make you more clever.

Bilingual students perform better than monolingual students.

Switching between two languages keeps our brain active.



WHILE READING

ACTIVITY 2

MATCH THE EXAMPLES WITH THE REASONS YOU LEARN ABOVE.

No.of the reason	example
.....	I found an article on photosynthesis in English which was very useful for my studies.
.....	I began learning Mandarin six months ago, and I'm still learning the characters.
.....	I love the book To Kill a Mockingbird and the film too.I also love to watch cartoons in English too.
.....	IELTS is the test of English that we have to sit if we wish to study abroad after A/levels.University of Oxford requires and IELTS score of 7.0.

No.of the reason	example
.....	It is easier to get a visa to a western country, and to enter the country, if you can speak English. In countries like France, Germany and the Netherlands, many people speak English and are happy when you do too.
.....	My grandfather speaks fluent English and Tamil. He is still working as a translator,even though he's 75 years old. He's also very good at chess.
.....	English is an official language in India, Nigeria and in the Philippines.
.....	I began learning Mandarin a year ago, and I still don't know the 2000 characters I need to know to read a newspaper.

No.of the reason	example
.....	We can read about current affairs, and about people's lives all over the world on the internet.
.....	In South Korea, top companies like Samsung and Hyundai prefer to hire English speaking employees.

THANK
YOU

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