

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: AMERICAN VS BRITISH ENGLISH

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English is one of the most important languages in the world. It can even be said the single most important language. It is widely learned as a second language and used as an official language of the European Union and many Commonwealth countries, as well as in many world organisations. It is the third most natively spoken language in the world, after Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. It is the most widely spoken language across the world.

At the moment there are 508 millions of people that speak English: 309-400 million of people speak it as their native language, and 199 millions are the others. The English is the official language in 53 countries in the world, like: USA, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, South Africa, Egypt etc.

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The future of English as a language is very guaranteed. In this era of consolidation and trying to unify various aspects of life, it will not be long before English can be made as a single second language of the world like the single currency and the union of various nations.

In this project you will find the path that English has followed to get to this situation as the main language in the world. You will also know why there are differences between American English and British English as we will go through the past of each country and study the course of each language in detail until the definite separation. Once we have found out about the consequences of this separation related with historical events, we will go through the main differences from three main points of view: Grammar, Pronunciation and Vocabulary, and, we will check if these differences are real in the practical part of the project by interviewing different people -some Americans and some English.