

## Importance of English.

India is a country with 22 official languages in different regions; however, English is the language of the Government, public administration, the legislature and law courts. It is the language of commerce and largely of business; it is the medium and the only medium of communication between the educated men and between the various language areas. This article is about the value and importance of English in India.

With the drawn of independence a controversy began about the place, importance and study of English. People like C. Rajagopalachari favored its retention at this place. However, there were persons who under the influence of nationalism. They argued that English being a foreign language was responsible for a very great waste of student's time and energy. They declared that students could learn and express their ideas more easily in their mother tongue. What the nationalists said had some reason in it. In free India, English could not be allowed to occupy the position of privilege. All the persons acknowledged this. Consequently, it was decided that regional languages should be developed and that Hindi should replace English. Nothing can be said against these things. Independent India must have its own national language.



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# Revolt against English:

In independence, Indian a revolt against English has set in motion. For this, a number of causes are responsible:

1. Feeling of nationalism and patriotism
2. Love of our own languages
3. Compulsion for the study of English
4. Lack of utility of English of teaching English
5. Defective methods of teaching in English
6. Defective educational policy of the British, whose aim was to produce English-knowing clucks.

# Criticism of Anti-English views:

The anti English views may be based on a solid foundation. It may have numerous strong supporters as it accurately has. However, we cannot ignore the fact that by being learnt and spoken for the last 150 years. English has become the language of Indians largely. Moreover, English has served Indians in several ways. It has taught them to love freedom and democratic ways of life. It has knit them into a single community. It has enabled them to take an advantage of western scientific researches and inventions.

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**Pundit Nehru** was certainly correct said, *"English is our major window on the modern world"*. More can deny its importance as an international language, it is only through English that we can establish social economic cultural and political relations

# Value and importance of teaching English:

Whatever arguments may be advanced for doing away the teaching of English, its value and importance for us cannot be underestimated. For this, our reasons are as follows.

1. English is the lingua franca of the world
2. It is the language through which we can exchange our views with the people of other countries
3. Its study facilitates the establishment of international contracts between different nations of the world
4. Its study gives opportunities to Indians to get employment not only in India but also in other countries
5. Its very long association with Indian life has made it a language of many Indians.



6. It has given us the opportunity to study English literature, which is so vast and so rich.
7. It has opened the gates of western science and technology for us. If these subjects are taught through regional languages we will lag behind in scientific knowledge
8. It has exercised a very healthy influence of Indians on Indian languages. It has developed and refined them in many ways.
9. It serves as common language of Indians and thus it brings closer the people residing in different parts of India. It is only through the medium of English that a man from the far north can talk to a man from the remote south of India.
10. It is a language of trade and industry in India. At the same time, Indian businessperson can correspond with foreign businessperson only through the medium of English.



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11. It has already United Indians. It can help them further is destroying the boundary of provincialism.
12. Almost all our great leaders, famous scientists, renowned philosophers and well-known authors are the product of English education.
13. English "is one of the most developed languages of the world. As such, it has always been a source of development is all the spheres of human activities.
14. We may be able to translate English medial scientific and technological terms into Hindi and regional languages. Nevertheless, if we give up the study of English we cannot keep place with the scientific progress of the western countries.



On the basis of the arguments advanced above, we can say that the value and importance of the teaching of English in India cannot be denied by anyone, we have to bear in mind these words of H. Champion: English literature in quantity and quality is second to none in the world.

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