

“Status of English speakers in the Countries of the World”

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Abstract

To fulfill our needs in the world, it is very necessary to have an understanding of feelings from each other. If we are not able to exchange our ideas, then we will not be able to fulfill our needs. In such a situation, English is such a language that is being spoken and understood in almost all the countries of the world. Since English is the only language that has been accepted as an international language in the world, the importance of English is increasing day by day. Countries which have been under the influence of the United Kingdom or have been under their suzerainty, their countrymen have little knowledge of English.

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Research methodology :- The present research work is related to the linguistic study of the countries of the world. This research work has been completed on the basis of data and information from many sources. This research work has been completed with the help of library study method. The data obtained has been tabulated and generalized so that it can be better understood that how is the situation of the English language at the world level.

Preface :- Today is the era of progress and development. Every human being is doing his social, economic, political and cultural development according to his capacity. More than that, man is paying more attention towards technological development. Science has come in front of humans in the form of such a helper that man can easily do any work in a blink of an eye. Now man has started working less.

There is no dearth of amenities now with man. Food, there, clothes, means of commuting and modern means of talking are all the product of technology and science. But it is not possible that any country can solve all its problems alone.

On the other hand, there is no country which has abundant availability of technology and resources. Not only India, the richest countries like Russia, America, China etc. are also not in a position to fulfill their needs on their own. Therefore, one country exchanges its technical and knowledge-science with another country, this is called interdependence.

Language is needed to communicate feelings from one country to another. There is no other language in the world that is understood by all other than English. Wherever the people of Britain left English, they went on making unique changes in the language. Since the British have ruled over most of the countries of the world, their language i.e. English is prevalent in many countries of the world. English is also the most spoken language in the world.

Status of English language in the big countries of the world: - All the big countries of the world have been under the influence of English language, while there was a need for these big countries to establish coordination with other small countries and to fulfill the process of the market. Advance the knowledge and use of the language. Let us try to know what is the level of English language in big countries. The following table details the use of the English language by the main major countries.

Table No.-1

The status of the usefulness of the English language in the major countries of the world

| No. | Country | Population | English speaker | % |
|-----|----------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | China | 1439323776 | 10000000 | 0.6 % |
| 2 | India | 1380004385 | 128539090 | 9% |
| 3 | United state | 331002651 | 316107532 | 95% |
| 4 | Indonesia | 273523615 | 10940944 | 3% |
| 5 | Pakistan | 220892340 | 19094773 | 8% |
| 6 | Brazil | 212559417 | 10542000 | 4% |
| 7 | Nigeria | 206139589 | 178198040 | 86% |
| 8 | Bangladesh | 164689383 | 19838772 | 12% |
| 9 | Russia | 145934462 | 17574303 | 12% |
| 10 | Maxico | 128932753 | 15686262 | 12% |
| 11 | United kingdom | 64000000 | 62912000 | 98 % |

It is clear from the above table that the most populous country in the world, the use of English language near China is in a very low condition. It is also clear from this that the British rule over China must have been little or no. In China, the language of China is spoken the most, from this it is also clear that the people of China give more importance to the language of their nation.

India which is the second largest country in the world in terms of population. The British ruled this country from 1600 AD to 1947. For this reason the influence of the English language is seen here. But if the level of usefulness and knowledge of English language is seen, then it is very less in India too. Only 9% of the people have knowledge of English language. English is an international language, knowing about which is very residential, knowing this fact, such a small population in India has knowledge of English.

Certainly India will have to face difficulties in the areas of technical exchange and science. Believe that under the new education policy, Hindi should be given priority in India, but it should not be forgotten that India is still not self-sufficient. In order to fulfill its needs, India will also have to make trade relations with other countries. This relationship can be established only when the knowledge of English language comes from good.

The linguistic study of America, out of the two great powers in the world, has shown that more than 95% of the population there uses the English language. This means that either because of the British occupation of the United Kingdom, or because of the proximity of the English language, almost the entire population in America is using the English language. There would be no error in calling America a country of full-fledged English language. On the other hand, America will not have any difficulty in establishing contact with any country of the world because America has the knowledge of English language and almost all the countries of the world know about this language.

Indonesia is the largest country of Muslim communities in the world. For this reason the Islamic language ka prayog jyada kiya jata hai. Perhaps more importance is given to the Urdu language in Islam. For this reason the usage and knowledge of English language is very less in Indonesia i.e. 3%. The important thing is that 94% of franca language is used here. This is the reason that the English language has not developed in Indonesia.

Pakistan is also an Islamic country. But in this country Punjabi language has got priority rather than Urdu. Punjabi language is the first language of Pakistan which is used by 39%. The condition of the English language is very pathetic, only 8% of the people speak using the English language. In this sequence, only 4% of the language is spoken in Brazil. There are 86% English language speakers in Nigeria, this proves that Nigeria is an English language country, that is, the position of English language is very strong in Nigeria.

Bangladesh, whose population is more than Russia, in this country, only 12% use English, this means that the expansion and status of English is still not in Bangladesh. Russia and Mexico, whose population is less than that of Bangladesh, here only 12% speak English.

It is a matter of pride that the English language of Russia, the second largest power in the world, is only 12%, this does not prove to be meaningful. Russia, which is considered to be the world's superpower, in such a country, such a great lack of knowledge of English makes it confusing that how will we have to coordinate with all the countries of the world.

Now if we talk about the United Kingdom, then almost all the people around 98% of the total population there use the English language. The emergence of the English language also probably took place in this area, so it is

inevitable that the knowledge and practice of the English language will be maximum the knowledge and use of English language of all the above countries gives information that the position of English is still weak in big countries. Leaving aside the situation in America, the position of all the big countries, even China and India, is very weak.

We consider the position of Russia to be more weak because Russia is a world power, it has to make relations with whole countries. However, the situation in India is very bad. Let's finish the study of small countries. Countries that are small but the position of the English language is very strong. The status of English language in small countries is as follows-

Table No.-2

The status of the usefulness of the English language in the major countries of the world

| No | Country | Population | English speaker | % |
|----|------------------|------------|-----------------|------|
| 1 | Palau | 20000 | 18500 | 92% |
| 2 | Nauru | 12000 | 11600 | 96% |
| 3 | Anguilla | 13000 | 12000 | 92% |
| 4 | Gibraltar | 28875 | 28875 | 100% |
| 5 | Marshall Islands | 59000 | 58000 | 98% |
| 6 | Dominika | 67000 | 63000 | 94% |
| 7 | Bermuda | 65000 | 63000 | 96% |
| 8 | Isle of man | 80058 | 80000 | 99% |
| 9 | Grenada | 110000 | 100000 | 90% |
| 10 | Barbudas | 279000 | 275000 | 98% |

All the above mentioned small countries which are very small in population and area, but the knowledge of English language and development of English language is very high i.e. the entire population is aware of English language. It would be fair to say that the population of these small countries can talk to the population of any country in the world. Gibraltar is a country where 100% of the population speaks English.

It is the only country in the world that has the largest population in the world. The influence of English is more interesting than the country in which English originated. Apart from this country, there are small countries like Palau, Nauru, Anguilla, Marshall Islands, Dominika, Bermuda, Isle of man, Grenada and Barbudas etc. About 90% to 100% of the population of English is English speaking. Such a high population, almost the world's largest population is the English language speaking countries. Overall, the expansion of the English language is increasing gradually.

There are 1500 million speakers of English language in the world, along with English is the largest international language in the world¹. In its way, if we go to the country, then the English situation is not so bad. Slowly the situation in English is developing. The position of the Chinese language is strong after English. Chinese language is the second most spoken language in the world after English. About 1100 million population speaks the Chinese language. In third place the language of our country India is Hindi. About 602 million population are Hindi speaking people. So it is clear that the position of English is stronger than the language of all the countries of the world. The population of Spanish language is 548 million and the population of French language is about 274 million. It is the fifth largest language in the world. In fact, the use of English language is very important for the solution of market and international issues². Whereas in many countries the position of the English language is still weak. Knowing the English language is very important for those countries to fulfill their needs and to establish cooperation and coordination at the global level.

Since the English language is spoken in most countries of the world, it is appropriate to call English a global language. Anyway, such a language has not yet been developed, whose expansion and knowledge is available to all countries. English is the only language, knowing about which you can go to any country in the world and have your conversation³. A citizen of any country can fulfill his needs by living in his own country, but by going to another country, he cannot fulfill his needs in his own language. Therefore, English language is the only language that is eligible for global language⁴. Any citizen has a good knowledge of the language of his country, but if it comes to talking to other people in another country, then English is chosen for the second major language in the world⁵. Realizing the usefulness of

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²Dr. kamal bhattacharya Spoken English In India" 27 april 2021

³David Graddal "The Future of the English" the british council 19 february 2007 .

⁴Crystal David "English as a global language" cambridge university press 4 february 2015

⁵Crystal David "Two thousand millions" cambridge university press 2008 page- 69

the English language in the world, the entire 15% of the global population of 775.28⁶ crores is a linguist of the English language today. This clearly shows that English has a special utility. English language is the most useful and needed language today⁷

Conclusion :- English is the most widely spoken language in the world. More than 15% of the people in the world use the English language. At the national level, any person can converse with any local language, but at the international level, no such language has originated which becomes easy and accessible for conversation. In such a situation, English is the only language that exists as a useful language in almost all the countries of the world. In international relations, the English language is an essential language for international markets. Therefore, knowing its important position, there is a need to do more publicity. In countries where there is a shortage of English education, English education should be given in more and more schools in those countries. The English language should be promoted at the national level of Russia. In India's language, only 9% of the people know English language, so little English education is not enough to make its presence globally as an English linguist. However, English language still has 15% of the population in the world.

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