

THE ROLE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN THE PROCESS OF GLOBALIZATION

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Abstract: This article analyzes the process of globalization and its essence, the role of the English language in this process, the importance of language on an international scale, and the position of English in science, education, technology, and culture. The spread of English and the integrative processes it facilitates are examined, including its prospects in Uzbekistan. The study aims to draw conclusions about the stable position of the English language in the global arena and its future role.

Keywords: globalization, English language, international communication, education, technology, culture, integration.

Introduction

The 21st century marks a new phase in human development. The defining feature of this era is globalization — the deepening of political, economic, cultural, and scientific ties between nations, the openness of borders, freedom of information, and continuous communication between people. This wide-scale transformation has created the need for a universal language. English has become one of the most essential tools of globalization.

The concept of globalization and its socio-cultural impact

Globalization is one of the most complex and profound processes in human history, encompassing economic, political, educational, cultural, and other areas. It leads to cultural integration, rapid information exchange, the growth of multinational companies, and the formation of international standards. In this process, a common means of communication — language — plays a crucial role.[1]

Today, English serves as that global communication tool. People of different nationalities use English to communicate, acquire knowledge in science and

technology, and establish business relationships. The language also influences the shaping of global culture.

The international development of the english language

Although English originally developed in the territory of England, it spread worldwide during the 17th to 19th centuries through British colonial expansion. In the 20th century, with the rise of the United States as a global power, English became even more dominant. It is now an official or working language in major international organizations such as the UN, NATO, and UNESCO. According to statistics, more than 1.5 billion people worldwide speak English. It is an official or semi-official language in over 70 countries and is widely taught as a second language in many others.[2] The role of english in science, education, and technology Scientific activity has become global in nature, and most scientific publications, dissertations, and academic literature are in English. Leading academic platforms such as Elsevier, Springer, and JSTOR host primarily English-language content. Innovations and technological advances are disseminated through this language. In the field of education, English holds an even stronger position. Prestigious universities such as Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, and MIT conduct education in English. Thousands of students around the world take standardized tests like IELTS and TOEFL to gain admission to these institutions. English is also essential in the technology and IT sectors. Programming languages (e.g., Python, Java, C++) use English-based syntax, and major online platforms such as GitHub and Stack Overflow operate in English. Without knowledge of English, achieving success in technological fields is nearly impossible.[3]

The influence of english in mass media and culture

Global media networks have played a key role in popularizing English. Major news agencies such as CNN, BBC, and Reuters broadcast in English across the world. Social media, blogs, and most internet content are also predominantly in English.[5]

In addition, Hollywood productions, Netflix, Spotify, and YouTube serve as vehicles for spreading English-language entertainment content, contributing to the

formation of a global culture. This has particularly increased interest in the language among youth.[6]

The role and prospects of the english language in uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is paying increasing attention to the development of English language learning. Presidential decrees and government resolutions have strengthened English language education at all levels — from preschool to higher education.[4] International testing systems are being introduced, cooperation with foreign universities is growing, and international Olympiads and scholarship programs are becoming more widespread — all of which emphasize the growing significance of English in the country. In the future, the global competitiveness of Uzbekistan's youth will depend significantly on their mastery of the English language.

Conclusion

In the era of globalization, the English language has become an integral part of international communication, education, science, technology, and culture. It connects the world and serves as a vehicle for the dissemination of knowledge and development. Today, knowing English is a necessity for a modern individual and a foundation for future progress.[7] For this reason, every country, including Uzbekistan, pays special attention to the development of the English language. It is a key to participating in the global arena and accessing knowledge and innovation. Mastering it is both a personal and national investment in the future.

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