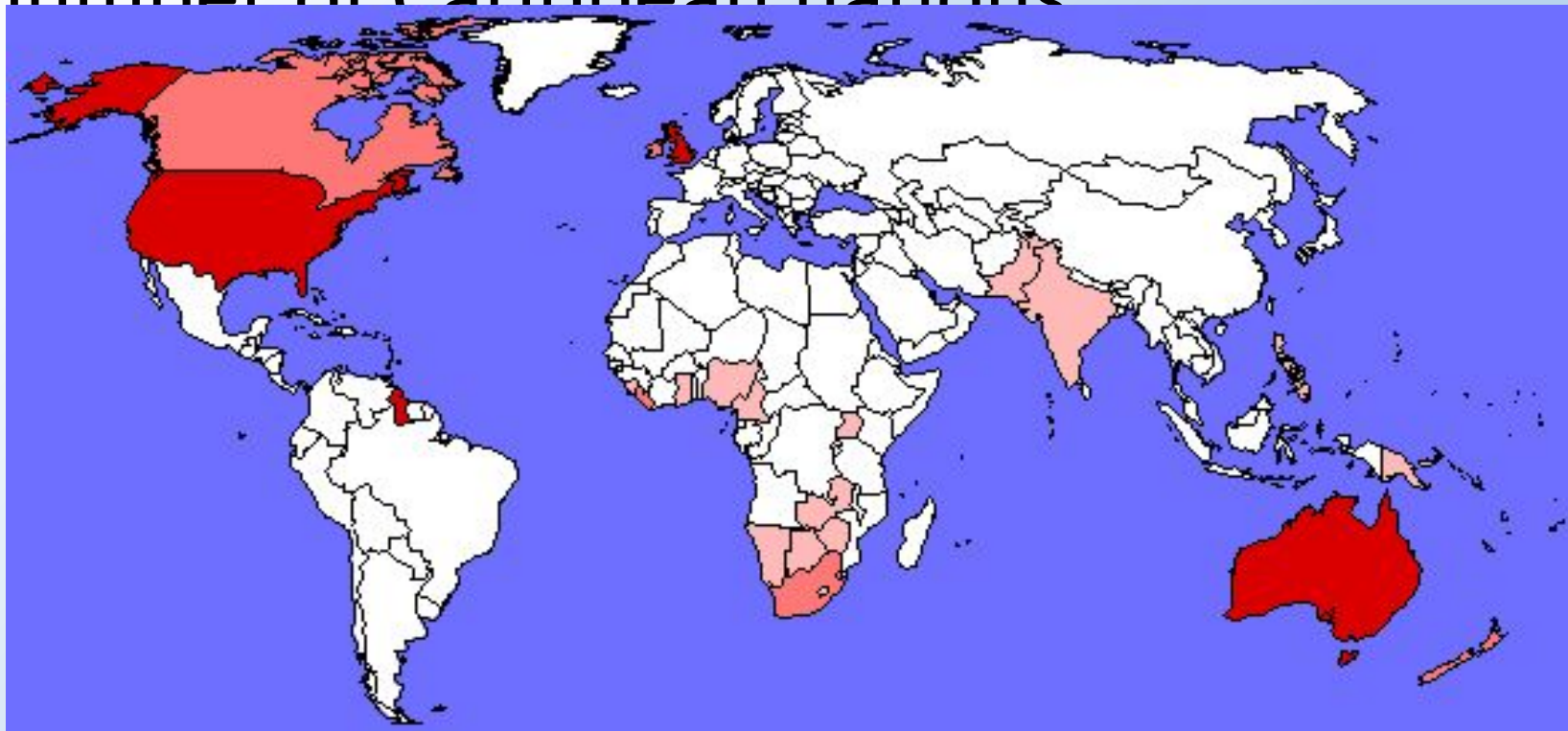


English



English is a West Germanic language that was first spoken in Anglo-Saxon England in the early Middle Ages. It is now the most widely used language in the world.

It is the first language of the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand and a number of Caribbean nations.



English Language Day

English Language Day is a United Nations (UN) observance that people celebrate on April 23 each year. It coincides with William Shakespeare's birthday and World Book and Copyright Day.



Interesting facts about the English language

- 1. 'E' is the most commonly used letter in the English language. In fact, as many as one in eight of all the letters written in English is 'e'.**
- 2. More English words begin with the letter 'S' than any other letter of the alphabet.**
- 3. 'I am.' is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
"Go!" is the shortest grammatically correct sentence in English.**
- 4. The longest English word that can be spelled without repeating any letters is 'uncopyrightable'.**
- 5. Do you know what is special about the following sentence? 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog'. This type of sentence is called a 'pangram' as it uses every letter in the English language.**

- 6. The longest word in English has 45 letters: 'pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis'! It is a type of lung disease caused by inhaling ash and sand dust.**
- 7. There is no word in the English language that rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.**
- 8. 'Queueing' is the only word with five consecutive vowels (five vowels in a row). This is a great word to use when you play hangman!**
- 9. Due to a printing error, there was a word in the English dictionary from 1932 to 1940 which didn't have a meaning. The word was 'Dord' and it became known as 'ghost word'.**
- 10. English is the official language of 67 countries.**

11. English is the official language of the sky! It doesn't matter which country they are from, all pilots speak in English on international flights.

12. The most difficult tongue twister in the English language is "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick".

13. Approximately one new word is added to the English language every two hours and around 4,000 new words are added to the English dictionary every year.

**14. The shortest, oldest, and most commonly used word is "I."
Medieval manuscripts reveal that some of the oldest words in English were "I," "we," "two," and "three." This makes "I" one of the shortest and oldest words in the English language. It is also the most commonly used word in English conversations.**

**15. Girl used to mean small boy or girl.
The word "girl" was not initially used to refer to a specific gender. It used to mean "child" or "young person" regardless of the gender.**

- 16. The word 'set' has the highest number of definitions.**
- 17. 'Pronunciation' is the word which is most mispronounced in the English language!**
- 18. Etymologically, Great Britain means 'great land of the tattooed'.**
- 19. Only two modern English words end in "-gry": "angry" and "hungry".**
- 20. The only word in English that ends with the letters "-mt" is "dreamt" (which is a variant spelling of "dreamed") - as well of course as "undreamt"**

**"Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo
Buffalo buffalo"**

The sentence uses three distinct meanings of the word buffalo: the city of Buffalo, New York; the uncommon verb to buffalo, meaning "to bully or intimidate" or "to baffle"; and the animal itself, buffalo.

Paraphrased, the sentence can be parsed to mean,

"Bison from Buffalo, which bison from Buffalo bully, themselves bully bison from Buffalo."

There are many reasons to learn English. It is very important and so interesting language.

