



Pronunciation Variations in the English Speaking Countries Based on the Samples of English Folks

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Abstract: A brief history of the English Language

English is a West Germanic language, part of a group of languages that developed in the area of Europe's North Sea, which includes modern-day countries such as Germany, Norway, Denmark, and the United Kingdom (among others). There are six West Germanic languages in all: English, Dutch/Flemish, German, Afrikaans, Yiddish, and the lesser-known Frisian.

English as we know it has its origin in Germanic tribes who migrated to the UK around 400-500 CE. The language they developed is typically classified as Old English, and looks very little like the English of today—particularly thanks to its different word order, now-peculiar spellings, and use of characters such as ash (æ) and eth (ð), both of which have fallen out of common use today. This language evolved into Middle English during the twelfth-fifteenth centuries, influenced by Latin, Old Norse, and French. Middle English is much more readable to the modern eye, though the spelling is often still unusual and the th-sounding letter thorn, now written as þ (not to be confused with p) had not yet been replaced by Y (as in "Ye Olde Shoppe" and which, in turn, was later replaced by th).

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Origins of the English language

Despite today's worldwide distribution and its designation as a world language, English is a Germanic language and used to be spoken exclusively in England — the south-eastern part of Great Britain. The Angles and Saxons had a great influence on the language, which is why English is still occasionally referred to as "Anglo-Saxon." The language has changed several times since the middle of the first millennium over several stages of development and has been influenced by Danish, Norwegian and French, while retaining its essential West Germanic traits.

From the British mainland, it initially displaced the Celtic languages on the surrounding islands. The British colonial rule over numerous overseas territories in all parts of the world has spread the English language since the 16th century — albeit initially only in very limited regions. Due to the British Empire and the increased settlement of North America, Africa and Australia, English became increasingly important. Today it is the most widely spoken language when second and school languages are taken into account.

English is the official language in many countries and for some decades was also in international organisations such as the European and African Union, ASEAN and the United Nations.

Varieties and mixture of languages

English is now the first foreign language taught in many countries. In many countries, so-called varieties have developed that use English as a basis, but mix it with national language characteristics. The best known example of this is the difference between British and American English. Although most words sound identical, words are sometimes pronounced or written in different variations depending on the region, like "grey" or "gray." Examples like this can be found in almost all countries.

Therefore, one can say that there are a total of 75 English speaking countries in the world. While some may argue about the criteria, you could go to any of the countries listed above and speak English with confidence. On the other hand, if you visit a country that is not on this list, you may struggle to find people who speak English.

It's also important to remember that every country has its own dialect, accent, and euphemism. In the United States alone, there are dozens of different American accents and regional ways of speaking. The same is true of many other countries, especially those that adopted English as a result of colonization. Many countries blend English with other native languages, producing completely unique terms and colloquialisms. For example, people in Singapore — a small country that is home to many different cultures and languages — use the word "blur" to refer to someone who is feeling confused or not paying attention. Alternatively, in American English (and most other forms of English), "blur" refers to something that cannot be seen clearly.

English Speaking Countries in Europe

While the list above may constitute all of the "official" English speaking countries, there are still many countries and territories in which English is an important and commonly-spoken language. This is especially true in the European Union (EU), which has 24 official languages, but just three primary or "procedural" languages: English, French, and German. Of the roughly 450 million people who live in the EU, there are approximately 370 million English speakers. This means that if you walk up to a random person in the EU, there's about an 80% chance that they will speak English!

So, even though these countries don't recognize English as an official language — with the exceptions of Ireland and Malta — English is still widely-spoken amongst the 27 members of the EU:

The English language has taken on an increasingly important role in the world today. It is the most widely spoken language in the world, used by more than one billion people globally. It is now the official language of many countries and international organizations, such as the United Nations. English is also a major focus for international business and commerce, with a large number of documents and contracts written in English across multiple industries. In addition, English has become a major factor for education, particularly higher education. Students from many countries travel to places such as the United States and United Kingdom to get their degrees due to these countries offering courses in English. Furthermore, it has become an invaluable tool for communication between cultures and nations, allowing people from different backgrounds to easily communicate with each other. As a result of all this, English has become essential for both social interaction and success in many aspects of life today. This makes it clear that knowing the English language is now an invaluable asset that can open doors to opportunities worldwide. Great Britain, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are English speaking countries. They are situated in different parts of the world and differ in many ways. The nature of these countries, their weather and climate and way of life of their people differ. Each country has its own history customs, traditions, its own national holidays. But they all have a common language. English, the language of the people who left England to make their names in new countries. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland consist of 4 parts: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland. The British Isles are group of islands lying off the north-west coast of the continent of Europe. There are no high mountains, no very long river, no great forest in U.K. The population of the U.K. is almost fifty-six million. Great Britain is a capitalists country. The USA is situated in the central part of the North American continent. The population of the USA is more than 236 million people. The USA is a

highly developed industrial country. In the USA there are two main political parties, the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. Canada has area of nearly 10 million square kilometres. Its western coast is washed by the Pacific Ocean and its eastern coast by the Atlantic Ocean. The population of Canada is over 26 million people. Canada is a capitalist federal state and a member of the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth of Australia territories are the continent of Australia, the island of Tasmania and number of smaller islands. Australia has an area of nearly eight million square kilometres. The population of Australia is over sixteen million people. The Commonwealth of Australia is a capitalist self-governing federal state. New Zealand is situated south-east of Australia. The country consists of the large islands called North Island, South Island and Stewart Island and also many small islands. The population of New Zealand is over three million people. New Zealand is a capitalist self-governing state and a member of the Commonwealth.

English-speaking countries in the Americas

As we mentioned above, the United States does not actually have an official language, but the majority of the population speaks English and it is the language used for education and government affairs.

Canada is the other main English-speaking country in the Americas, though French is the country's second official language and much of the population speaks both.

There are a handful of countries in Central and South America where English is an official language. Many countries in the Caribbean speak English, as well.

Here are the countries and territories that speak English as an official or predominant language:

Anguilla	Canada	Puerto Rico
Antigua and Barbuda	Cayman Islands	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bahamas	Dominica	Saint Lucia
Barbados	Grenada	Trinidad and Tobago
Belize	Guyana	The United States
Bermuda	Jamaica	The Virgin Islands

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