

## 1.1 English as a Lingua Franca

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### Activities

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#### Activity 1: Use of English

Think about your own experience as a user of English, as well as the discussion in the 'Using English' main section of the Course.

- In what contexts is English used around the world, for what purposes and among whom?
- Why would you say English is a global language nowadays? In your opinion, do we actually need a global language?

Write your views in the text box below.

## Activity 2: English as a global language

Watch the videos “How English became a global language” and “Global English with David Crystal”. You can find the links in the “Supplementary Materials” part of this Section.

Both speakers highlight that English is a global language due to the power of people who speak it.

- In your opinion, does this power refer only to native speakers (e.g., British soldiers, American businessmen)?
- What has been the role of non-native speakers in the global spread of English?

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### Activity 3: What do you enjoy most about the English language?

Watch the video “David Crystal - What do you most enjoy about the English language?”. You can find the link in the “Supplementary Materials” part of this Section.

Crystal says that what he likes most in English is that it is changing as people ‘play’ with it creatively.

- In your opinion, in what ways can English change (e.g., in grammar) as non-native speakers use it as a lingua franca? How do you personally feel about those changes? Why?
- What do you like most in English? Why?

Write your views in the text box below.