

# THE FEATURES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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## Abstract

The goal of this essay is to provide a thorough overview of the traits and qualities of the English language. Learn the distinctive qualities that have contributed to English's widespread recognition as a language. It attempts to respond to the following queries :

1. What are some of the main causes for the English language's current standing internationally?
2. How did English grow to be a language that freely borrows vocabulary from other languages over time?
3. What distinguishing characteristics of English make it stand out from other languages?

## Introduction:

The majority of individuals are familiar with and speak English, as we all know. The majority of people on Earth speak and write English, as opposed to other languages. There are explanations for the language used here. This language is mostly utilised for political, economic, and historical purposes. In addition, it possesses unique attributes that have contributed to the English language's recognition. This article's goal is to help readers recognize and comprehend the traits and attributes that have given the English language its current global relevance.

While there are undoubtedly many more traits and attributes of the English language besides those covered here, these are mostly the salient features.

### **1. The language's extra-ordinary responsiveness and adaptable heterogeneity:**

This is the primary factor that has given English its current international status. English has freely adopted vocabulary from various languages. It has then changed it, and made it uniquely as its own. In the fifth and sixth centuries, English faced limitations as a language during the Anglo-Saxon era in England. Actually, it was a pure, unadulterated language. However, as a result of its heterogeneous nature, English eventually began to absorb foreign terms from almost anywhere in the world.

Because of this, English is now widely recognised over the globe.

## 2. Simplicity of inflexion:

The English language's simplicity of inflexion is its second noteworthy feature. English has permitted words to have the fewest possible form changes in sentences. English has minimised the use of inflexions in its sentences. An enormous benefit has been given to English by this decrease in inflexions.

## 3. Relatively fixed order:

The English language's relatively fixed order is another significant characteristic. In contrast to most other languages, word ordering in English are fixed. This is because English has lost and reduced its inflections. Other languages, such as Latin or Russian, allow for more flexibility in word placement inside sentences. A sentence's overall meaning is not correctly conveyed when the word order in an English sentence is altered. Therefore, in order for the user of this language to communicate effectively, he must adhere to this precisely

## 4. Periphrases:

The increasing usage of periphrases is the English language's fourth quality. This implies phrasing things in indirect ways. Prepositions are meant to be used in place of lost inflexions in order to maintain proper usage. With the introduction of periphrases, the complex system of tenses that was previously used in English has been condensed and made simpler

## 5. Intonation:

The emergence of new intonation variants is the English language's next noteworthy feature. This allows us, the speakers, to give our words a range of meanings. Pitch and intonation intensity are important factors. Only the speaker's tone leaves an impression on the listener during their conversation

## Conclusion:

It is insufficient to only state that the aforementioned characteristics were solely responsible for the English language's widespread popularity. However, we cannot completely ignore the significant influence these have had in moulding and defining the language. The key factors in this regard have been the inflexion's simplicity and flexible receptiveness.

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