

English – a world language

There is almost a billion people in the world who can speak, read and write English. In addition, there are new people learning English every day. Is this a positive thing or a negative thing?

Let us discuss this a little, shall we? Well, for starters, if we all spoke the same language, we would be able to understand each other much easier. There would not be as much misunderstandings and insecurity.

On the other hand, for us who speak more than one language, would we lose a bit of our nationality if we were not allowed to speak one of them? If we “lost” our language, would we feel less like a country? Would we feel like we lost a part of our culture? Besides, I am convinced that you can never fully translate something. If you cannot express something the way you want, it would probably create a lot of frustration.

But then again, if we did not speak English – a language many people can speak. We would not understand each other. We are not able to learn everyone’s native language. Then we would not be able to communicate verbally at all. I bet this would create a lot of frustration too.

If we were forced to only speak English, I believe that would be a very bad thing. Not only would we lose something we have spoken our whole life, we would also lose our freedom of speech. That is a violation of the human rights.

Another thing to consider is that in the 21st century people are traveling more and more. Both across seas and across borders. To have a global language is very helpful. Because when you are in other countries, there is a high possibility that their culture and way of doing things are different from what you are used to. Maybe you have to ask where the supermarket is. Body language goes a long way, but to talk the same language is much easier.