

English Essay Task 1: Spread of English as a lingua Franca, upsides and downsides?

There is no definition of what a global language is, but it simply means that it is spoken internationally, and people learn the language at schools from all around the world. In this way, we get a so called "lingua franca". A "Lingua franca" is Latin and means "French language", because it was used as a common language in European countries in the late 1300's. So, a "Lingua franca" is just a common language which is used to communicate between people that do not share a common native language. The history about how English spread from being a small spoken language to become a global and an official language in many other countries all around the world, have roots all back from the British Empire.

While the British Empire grew dramatically, and during the 1700's British English men settled in New Zealand, Africa, India and Australia. The colonization of these countries varied, but in Australia and New Zealand, the British English outnumbered the indigenous population, and therefore, English became a dominant language. Thereby the indigenous population used English as their mother tongue.

Small minorities from all around the world have affected the spread of English being such a popular global and common language. When minorities from all different kind of backgrounds inspires and effects other people from their culture and country as well. The main reason for the global spread of British English came with the colonization in the British Empire in the 1700's.

Both New Zealand and Australia have English as their mother tongue, but are independent from British rule today, as with the rest of earlier British colonies. When it comes to Africa and India, many of their countries still have English as an official language. English remains very much a second language for most people in India and Africa, but often used in